Texas State University's new Master of Science program in Civil Engineering prepares students for careers in academia or industry. The program integrates traditional civil engineering principles with technology-enhanced infrastructure (TEI) and entrepreneurial skills, equipping students to address critical infrastructure needs and advancing Texas State's commitment to innovative research and development.

Application Requirements

Application requirements consist of institutional and program requirements for applicable semesters of entry during the current academic year. Additional information and changes to admission requirements for semesters other than the current academic year can be found on The Graduate College's website (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/).

Unless otherwise noted on The Graduate College program page, AI tools can only be used to correct spelling and grammar errors in application materials.

Institutional Requirements

Institutional requirements are the minimum standards for admission to any graduate program at Texas State. These include:

- Completed online application
- Nonrefundable application fee
  - Degree Programs (Doctoral and Master's)
    - $55 fee, or
    - $90 for applications with international credentials
  - Post-Baccalaureate Programs (Certificate, Certification, Non-Degree, and Visiting)
    - $20 fee, or
    - $60 for applications with international credentials
- Official transcripts from each institution where course credit was granted. Final transcripts showing degree completion are required before the student may register for their second term of enrollment.
- GPA requirements (a higher GPA may be listed in the Program Requirements)
  - Doctoral programs require a 3.00 overall GPA or a 3.00 GPA in your last 60 hours (https://www.gradcollege.txst.edu/admissions/policy.html#gpa) of undergraduate course work (plus any completed graduate courses).
  - Master's and Specialist programs require a 2.75 overall GPA or a 2.75 GPA in your last 60 hours (https://www.gradcollege.txst.edu/admissions/policy.html#gpa) of undergraduate course work (plus any completed graduate courses).
  - Post-Baccalaureate programs require a 2.50 overall GPA or a 2.50 GPA in your last 60 hours (https://www.gradcollege.txst.edu/admissions/policy.html#gpa) of undergraduate course work (plus any completed graduate courses).
- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university. (Non-U.S. degrees must be equivalent to a four-year U.S. Bachelor's degree. In most cases, three-year degrees are not considered. Visit our International FAQs (https://www.gradcollege.txst.edu/international/faqs.html) for more information.)

Approved English Proficiency Exam Scores

Applicants are required to submit an approved English proficiency exam score that meets the minimum requirements below unless they have earned a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or the equivalent from a country on our exempt countries list (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/international/language.html#waiver). Some programs may restrict acceptable tests or require higher scores than the institutional scores; this will be noted in the Program Requirements.

- official TOEFL iBT scores required with a 78 overall if taken on or before January 21, 2026
- official TOEFL iBT scores required with a 4 overall if taken after January 21, 2026
- official PTE scores required with a 52 overall
- official IELTS (academic) scores required with a 6.5 overall and minimum individual module scores of 6.0
- official Duolingo scores required with a 110 overall
- official TOEFL Essentials scores required with an 8.5 overall
- official Texas State Intensive English Program score of 90% or higher in the highest-level course (level 5)

The institution does **not** offer admission if the scores above are not met.

Program Requirements

- baccalaureate degree in Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, or a closely related field from a regionally accredited university (Non-U.S. degrees must be equivalent to a four-year U.S. Bachelor's degree. In most cases, three-year degrees are not considered. Visit our International FAQs (https://www.gradcollege.txst.edu/international/faqs.html) for more information.)
- 3.00 overall GPA or a 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work (plus any completed graduate courses)
- official GRE (general test only) with competitive scores in the verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning and writing sections is preferred. Texas State University students are exempt from this preference
- resume/CV detailing prior work experience, research experience, awards, scholarships, and other related qualifications
- statement of purpose (two pages) conveying research interests, plans for graduate study, and professional aspirations
- two letters of recommendation from non-related individuals familiar with the student's scholarly work and/or relevant work experience

Additional Information

Non-credit (leveling) course work may be required prior to admission into the program if the student lacks sufficient background course work. Any required leveling course work must be completed with grades of B or better prior to admission.

Degree Requirements

The Master of Science (M.S.) degree with a major in Civil Engineering requires 31 semester credit hours, with either a thesis or non-thesis

option. Non-credit (leveling) course work may be required prior to admission into the program if you lack sufficient background course work. Any required leveling course work must be completed with grades of B or better prior to admission.

For the thesis option, all students will have a faculty advisor and a graduate committee composed of a minimum of three graduate faculty members (including the faculty advisor). The faculty advisor will provide technical direction for the student's project, and the graduate committee will be responsible for approving the project proposal, receiving project progress reports, and approving the final project presentation and written report. The oral project presentation will serve as the comprehensive examination.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
CE 5100	Civil and Environmental Engineering Seminars	1
Prescribed Electives		18
Select 18 hours from the courses below		
CE 5320	Water Quality Management	
CE 5331	Computational Methods in Civil Engineering	
CE 5340	Advanced Infrastructure Materials	
CE 5350	Highway Bridge Design	
CE 5360	Pavement Design	
CE 5370	Urban Stormwater Management	
CE 5390	Infrastructure Systems Analysis	
CE 5391	Advanced Mechanics of Materials	
ENGR 5321	Environmental Chemistry	
ENGR 5322	Low Impact Development and Green Infrastructure	
ENGR 5323	Soil and Groundwater Remediation	
ENGR 5324	Water Reuse	
ENGR 5330	Advanced Soil Mechanics	
ENGR 5332	Earth retaining structures and slopes	
ENGR 5333	Ground Improvement Techniques	
ENGR 5334	Advanced Foundation Engineering	
ENGR 5341	Advanced Bituminous Materials	
ENGR 5351	Advanced Reinforced Concrete Members	
ENGR 5352	Advanced Prestressed Concrete	
ENGR 5353	Earthquake Engineering	
ENGR 5361	Pavement Asset Management	
ENGR 5362	Advanced Traffic Engineering	
ENGR 5363	Road Infrastructure Safety	
ENGR 5372	Water, Climate, and Disasters	
CE 7336	Discrete Element Methods for Granular Materials	
CE 7364	Non Destructive Testing and Forensic Studies	
CE 7366	Advanced Statistical and Econometric Modeling	
CE 7371	Remote Sensing in Hydrology	
CE 7395	Computational Methods in Civil Engineering	
CE 7396	Life Cycle Assessment of Infrastructure	
Open Electives		6
Select 6 hours from any graduate level courses based on advisor's recommendation		
Thesis		
ENGR 5399A	Thesis	3
ENGR 5399B	Thesis	3
Total Hours		**31**

Master's level courses in Civil Engineering: CE (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/science-engineering/ingram-school/civil-engineering-thesis-ms/#CE), ENGR (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/science-engineering/ingram-school/civil-engineering-thesis-ms/#ENGR)

Civil Engineering (CE)

CE 5320. Water Quality Management.
This course is an advanced study of the processes used to monitor, measure, and manage water quality for municipal, commercial, or industrial use. The use of technology to enhance water quality management processes is also investigated. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CE 5331. Computational Methods in Civil Engineering.
This course is an introduction to numerical analysis and computational methods as applicable to civil engineering. A survey of finite element method with a review of differential equations, boundary conditions, integral forms and numerical integration will be covered. This course particularly focuses on application of numerical techniques to simulate and solve steady-state and transient solid and fluid problems in civil engineering.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CE 5340. Advanced Infrastructure Materials.
This course provides a comprehensive presentation of advanced infrastructure materials including cement concrete, asphalt concrete, wood, steel, etc. Emphasis is placed on a fundamental understanding of the raw ingredients of cement concrete and how these ingredients affect concrete fresh and hardened properties. A brief introduction of other common infrastructure materials is also included in this course.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CE 5350. Highway Bridge Design.
This course covers the design of highway bridge structures, including both the super- and sub-structure. Design is in accordance with current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) specifications. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CE 5360. Pavement Design.
This course covers the design of concrete, asphalt, and pervious pavements. Included are highway pavements, urban streets, airport pavements, industrial pavements, and roller compacted concrete. Design is in accordance with current FHWA specifications. Common construction methods are also addressed.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CE 5370. Urban Stormwater Management.
This course examines the planning, design, operation, and maintenance of urban stormwater management systems. Political, social, economic, and environmental influences on such systems are examined. The impact of extreme events on stormwater systems and the urban landscape are also considered. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CE 5390. Infrastructure Systems Analysis.
This course is an advanced study of the planning, operation, and maintenance of municipal and commercial infrastructure assets. Political, social, economic, environmental, and engineering influences on infrastructure systems are addressed. Use of technology to enhance the safety and economic value of the infrastructure is also investigated. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

CE 5391. Advanced Mechanics of Materials.
This course is an advanced study of stress, strain, and deformation in elastic bodies. Topics covered include torsion, unsymmetrical bending, nonlinear beams, stress concentrations, beams on elastic foundations, Mohr's circle, and an introduction to the theory of elasticity.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Engineering (ENGR)

ENGR 5100. Seminar in Engineering.
Graduate students attend seminars by invited speakers presenting relevant topics in academia and industry. The schedule of speakers will be developed each semester with strict faculty supervision. This course may only be taken for credit one time.
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ENGR 5101. Academic Instruction for Engineering Graduate Assistants.
This course is seminar based and covers topics related to teaching and employment responsibilities. Completion of this course is required as a condition of employment for graduate assistants. This course does not earn graduate degree credit.
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Graduate Assistantship|Exclude from Graduate GPA
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

ENGR 5105. Engineering Internship.
This course is a faculty-supervised, experiential, work-integrated learning course intended to help the student acquire engineering curriculum-related industrial experience and hence successfully make the transition into the workforce. Course cannot be counted toward graduation. Course may be repeated once. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.
1 Credit Hour. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ENGR 5198B. Project.
This course represents a student's continuing project enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the project is completed. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ENGR 5199B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ENGR 5201. Academic Instruction for Engineering Graduate Assistants.
This course is seminar based and covers topics related to teaching and employment responsibilities. Completion of this course is required as a condition of employment for graduate assistants. This course does not earn graduate degree credit.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Graduate Assistantship|Exclude from Graduate GPA
Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

ENGR 5298B. Project.
This course represents a student's continuing project enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the project is completed.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ENGR 5299B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ENGR 5310. Probability, Random Variables, & Stochastic Processes for Engineers.
This course develops theory underlying analysis and design of systems. Fundamental distributional concepts, applications of statistical methods, and theory of stochastic processes are introduced to create a mathematical foundation for engineering analysis of physical systems involving randomness. Applications to engineering topics are taught, including estimation, control, and systems theory.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5321. Environmental Chemistry.
This course introduces environmental chemistry, emphasizing aquatic resources and engineering. It also examines fundamental geochemistry and atmospheric chemistry principles relating to pollutant impacts on aquatic ecosystems.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5322. Low Impact Development and Green Infrastructure.
This course covers the principles and practices of Low Impact Development and Green Infrastructure (LID/GI) for sustainable development and water sustainability through rain harvesting, small systems, resource recovery, and technology-enhanced innovation.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5323. Soil and Groundwater Remediation.
This course covers various remediation technologies to clean up contaminated soil and groundwater. Topics include, but are not limited to, subsurface hydrology, contaminant fate and transport, physicochemical and biological remediation, monitoring, and brownfield redevelopment. Significance of subsurface contamination and the importance of environmental health will also be addressed.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5324. Water Reuse.
This course explores the critical role of water reuse in sustainable resource management, addressing both the engineering principles and interdisciplinary challenges involved. Students will examine water treatment technologies, regulatory frameworks, and the environmental and economic impacts of water reuse across various sectors. Case studies will highlight applications in agriculture, industry, and urban environments, with a focus on emerging technologies and innovative solutions. This course fosters cross- disciplinary collaboration and provides the technical and scientific foundations needed to advance water reuse initiatives in diverse contexts.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5330. Advanced Soil Mechanics.
This course is a fundamental graduate-level geotechnical engineering course, covering the physical, mechanical, hydraulic, and electrical properties of soil. The mandatory laboratory component will provide hands-on experience with characterizing soils for engineering purposes (stress-deformation and strength characteristics) and help to familiarize students with ASTM geotechnical laboratory testing procedures and standards.
3 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5332. Earth retaining structures and slopes.
The course will cover the design and analysis of various earth retaining structures as well as slope stability analysis. Fundamental lateral earth pressure theories will be taught, followed by application through design for gravity walls, cantilever walls, mechanically stabilized earth walls, soil nails, and tiebacks. Slope stability analysis will include infinite methods, methods of slices, chart methods, and finite element methods with commercial software. Additional topics include slope remediation techniques and geosynthetics for slope stabilization.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5333. Ground Improvement Techniques.
This course presents advanced topics in ground improvement for challenging sites to remediate seepage and/or strength issues. Students will learn to assess and implement techniques such as deep soil mixing, jet grouting, compaction, stone columns and rigid inclusions. Emphasis is placed on mitigating issues like liquefaction, settlement, hydraulic conductivity and stability. The course integrates practical field investigation methods, design principles, and performance evaluation, preparing students to address complex engineering challenges in both natural and reclaimed land environments.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5334. Advanced Foundation Engineering.
This course examines advanced topics in foundations design including design, analysis and construction of shallow and deep foundations. Deep foundations include driven piles, drilled shafts, micropiles, and auger cast in place piles. The course will cover bearing/axial capacity, settlement, pile group effects, and lateral capacity of the various foundation types. Additional topics include subsurface exploration and analysis of pile behavior using wave equation analysis.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5341. Advanced Bituminous Materials.
This course provides a comprehensive presentation of bituminous materials, mix design procedures, and construction techniques. Emphasis is placed on a fundamental understanding of asphalt cements and aggregates, and how these materials affect mixture design and pavement performance. Modern asphalt pavement design and construction practices are also introduced.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5351. Advanced Reinforced Concrete Members.
This course covers advanced topics related to reinforced concrete materials and specifications, and the behavior and design of reinforced concrete members. The topics includes the following: flexural behavior and design of reinforced concrete, behavior and design of slender columns, design of structural components, frame joints, and walls, serviceability and durability issues, and anchorage design using splices, hooks, and mechanical devices.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5352. Advanced Prestressed Concrete.
This course covers the theories, principles, and concepts of prestressed concrete, including analysis and design of prestressed components for axial, flexure, shear, and torsion. This course will also introduce the applications of prestressed elements in various types of infrastructure.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5353. Earthquake Engineering.
This course covers the theories, principles, and concepts of earthquake waves and wave equations, structural dynamics, and the effect of earthquakes on structures, including modal analysis and linear and nonlinear analyses of single- and multi-degree of freedom systems. Additionally, different earthquake-resistant design principles (e.g., force-based, displacement-based, and energy-based) will be discussed.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5361. Pavement Asset Management.
This course is about applications of pavement condition evaluation technologies, pavement distress data analysis and modeling, and pavement maintenance and rehabilitation decision making in the management of pavement systems. The course covers methods of evaluating field performance of rigid and flexible pavements by measuring surface distresses, profiles, friction resistance, and structural integrity. In addition, the course also discusses pavement performance evaluation models, and ranking and optimization methods for decision-making of pavement maintenance and rehabilitation strategies.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5362. Advanced Traffic Engineering.
This course is an introduction to basic components of transportation systems and fundamentals of transportation engineering. Topics include geometric design of highways, study of warrants for traffic control devices, analysis of traffic flow theory and characteristics, levels of service, capacity of urban and rural highways, design and analysis of traffic signals and timing plans, and analysis of urban and highway traffic characteristics using simulation software.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5363. Road Infrastructure Safety.
This course will cover topics including an introduction to road infrastructure safety, fundamentals of road safety analysis, highway safety management systems, count data modeling, crash severity modeling, highway safety design, basics of artificial intelligence and machine learning, human factors, and safe system design.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5372. Water, Climate, and Disasters.
This course introduces the interactions between water and climate systems and their relationship with occurrences, magnitude, and frequencies of natural disasters with a focus on climate impacts on hydrology, water resources, and extreme events (e.g., floods, drought, heat waves, landslides, and wildfires). This course covers disaster risk management and adaptation strategies for a sustainable and resilient natural environment and human society against weather and climate extreme disasters.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5384. Problems in Engineering.
Graduate students investigate a special topic by developing a technical problem, researching the topic, and presenting the findings. Plans will be developed on an individual basis with strict faculty supervision. This course may be repeated once for additional credit with permission of the School Director. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

ENGR 5398A. Project.
This course represents a student's initial project enrollment. No project credit is awarded until the student has completed the project in ENGR 5x98B. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ENGR 5398B. Project.
This course represents a student's continuing project enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the project is completed. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ENGR 5399A. Thesis.
This course represents a student's initial thesis enrollment. No thesis credit is awarded until the theses is completed in ENGR 5x99B.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ENGR 5399B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ENGR 5598B. Project.
This course represents a student's continuing project enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the project is completed. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.
5 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ENGR 5599B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.
5 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ENGR 5998B. Project.
This course represents a student's continuing project enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the project is completed. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.
9 Credit Hours. 9 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

ENGR 5999B. Thesis.
This course represents a student's continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding.
9 Credit Hours. 9 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit