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BS MS Information Session Fall 2027 Admission Cycle

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BS MS for Fall 2027

- Allows undergrads to complete an MS degree in one year, in the same program, after completing the BS
- Broaden background, equip practicing engineers with fundamental knowledge in their particular fields
- Apply in junior/3rd year, MS admission decision prior to senior year (over the summer)
- GRE not required (last few years, GRE was not required)

What is needed to apply?

- Submit application for BS MS Fall 2027
- Online application is open, <https://grad.ucsd.edu/admissions/index.html>
- 3 letters of recommendation from instructors or faculty
- Complete the full application, which includes Statement of Purpose
- Application Deadline: Friday, June 12, 2026



Eligibility

- Apply in junior/third year
- Complete final undergraduate year in 2026-27
- Submit Degree and Diploma Application (DDA) in Spring 2027
- BS degree conferred before Fall 2027
- 3.0 GPA: Overall & Upper Division STEM Courses
- If GPA not met, opportunity to apply for MS in senior year

BS Degree Conferral

- In order to officially begin the MS program, students must receive the BS degree conferral in Spring in order to start the MS in the Fall.
- Students must submit their DDA's as soon as possible. This can be done by working and coordinating with your college to ensure it is submitted as necessary.
- Please note that your BS conferral must be received and completed before the beginning of Fall quarter, before beginning the MS program. You cannot begin without confirmation of this first.





MS Degree Plans

Thesis v. Comprehensive Plan

Plan I: MS Thesis Plan

- 36 course units
 - 5 core courses
 - 12 units of research (299)
 - 1 STEM elective
- Pass Thesis Dissertation Exam
 - Requires a faculty advisor and thesis committee for exam
 - May take up to 2 years depending on thesis research and defense

Plan II: MS Comprehensive Exam Plan

- 36 course units
 - 5 core courses
 - 4 STEM electives
- Pass Comprehensive Exam
 - Exam is incorporated into each core course
 - Minimum 60% exam score for MS students
 - Minimum 70% exam score for PhD students

MS Degree Requirements

Enrollment

- 3 Quarter Residency Requirement: Fall, Winter, Spring
- Full-Time = minimum 12 units
- Good Academic Standing (3.0+ GPA, ≤ 8 units U/F)
 - Meeting all program requirements
 - No holds, Meet Health and Admissions Requirements
- Summer enrollment is not required
- Seminar courses are required every quarter (NANO 200 / CENG 205)
- All degree fulfilling courses must be taken as a letter grade (C- or better)

First Year Enrollment - NANO

Fall

- NANO 200
Graduate Seminar
- NANO 201
Foundations of NanoEngineering I
- NANO 202
Intermolecular and Surface Forces
- Elective

Winter

- NANO 200
Graduate Seminar
- NANO 203
Nanoscale Characterization
- NANO 205
Nanosystems Integration
- NANO 206
Nanomanufacturing

Spring

- NANO 200
Graduate Seminar
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective

First Year Enrollment - CENG

Fall

- CENG 205
Graduate Seminar
- CENG 221A
Heat Transfer
- CENG 252
Chemical Reaction Engineering
- Elective

Winter

- CENG 205
Graduate Seminar
- CENG 210A
Fluid Mechanics
- CENG 221B
Mass Transfer
- CENG 251
Thermodynamics

Spring

- CENG 205
Graduate Seminar
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective

Graduate Tuition and Fees

<https://students.ucsd.edu/finances/fees/registration/2025-26/graduate.html>

	Fall 2025	Winter 2026	Spring 2026	Annual Total
Registration Fees				
Registration Fee Payment Deadline	9/24/2025	12/19/2025	3/20/2026	
Systemwide Tuition and Fees				
Student Services Fee	\$430.00	\$430.00	\$430.00	\$1,290.00
Tuition	\$4,380.00	\$4,380.00	\$4,380.00	\$13,140.00
Total for California Residents	\$7,224.48	\$7,124.48	\$7,124.48	\$21,473.44
UC San Diego Nonresident Fees				
Nonresident Supplemental Tuition	\$5,034.00	\$5,034.00	\$5,034.00	\$15,102.00
Total for California Nonresidents	\$12,258.48	\$12,158.48	\$12,158.48	\$36,575.44

UCGPC Systemwide Fee: (\$7.00 annually, effective Fall 2023) fee assessed \$3.00 Fall quarter, \$2.00 Winter quarter, \$2.00 Spring quarter

International Student Visa Administration Fee: All first-time enrolled international first-year, transfer and graduate students will be assessed a one-time visa administration fee of \$150.00 during their admitted term.

Q & A

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- Complete the BS degree in senior year
- MS degree requires minimum 3 quarters of residency (enrollment)
- Thesis plan is dependent on completion of thesis research, and requires a thesis faculty advisor

Thank you!

Send your questions to NE-GradInfo@ucsd.edu

Q & A

- Can you apply if you are a 4th year technically senior standing but still taking a 5th year?
- What diploma is awarded upon completion of the BS/MS program? Are two separate diplomas issued, one for the BS and one for the MS?
- How long does the program take to complete? (3) Are there different program tracks or concentrations?
- What connections does the program offer to industry or the professional world?
- Can I do Study Abroad in the summer after my last academic year?

Q & A

- If my GPA is below the requirement, could I still apply for the BS MS?
- When will the application open? When will we know if we are accepted?
- What do you recommend writing in the personal statement other than my personal growth?
- Can undergrads take grad courses?
- Students with junior or senior standing and a minimum 3.0 gpa can enroll in graduate level courses with permission (EASy)