



MASTER OF SCIENCE  
**SYSTEMS**  
**ENGINEERING**

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY.**  
**FORT WAYNE**

**Office of  
Graduate Studies**

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Thank you for considering a Master of Science in Engineering with a concentration in Systems Engineering from Purdue University Fort Wayne. You will be working directly with former MIT Professor Dr. David S. Cochran, who is a world-renowned scholar in the field of System Design and Systems Engineering. Dr. Cochran is a two-time winner of the prestigious Shingo Research Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing for his work in the design of sustainable enterprise systems. The PFW Systems Engineering concentration is designed to provide you with the skills and mindset to facilitate the practice of system design to lead change in your organization. The course projects in the program provide you with the skills to resolve real-world issues to address your business growth challenges. You will learn how to make the best use of the resources that you are entrusted with to meet internal and external customer needs within your enterprise.



**David S. Cochran, Ph.D.**

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Systems Engineering Graduate Program Director  
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# BENEFITS

## SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS AND ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

The Master of Science in Engineering (MSE) with a concentration in Systems Engineering equips you with system design thinking that can help you become a:

- Director of Engineering
- Director of Operations
- Director of Quality & Continuous Improvement
- Operations Manager
- Supply Chain Manager
- Systems Engineering Professional

By practicing collective system design - Tone, Thinking, Structure, and Actions - you can grow your organization and meet the needs of your internal and external customers.

## LEARN FROM DEDICATED, EXPERT FACULTY

Our faculty have expertise in a wide range of areas. Students benefit from the distinct and renowned breadth of knowledge our professors and instructors have developed throughout their careers.

Systems engineering research and engagement areas include:

- Collective System Design and Leadership
- Enterprise Design to Become Lean
- Healthcare System Design and Improvement
- Language for System Design
- Lean-Linked Cell System Design
- Physical Simulation and Modeling of Systems
- Supply Chain Material and Information Flow
- Sustainable Enterprise Design
- Systems Architecture

## THE PURDUE FORT WAYNE DIFFERENCE

Stand out with a graduate degree that enhances your qualifications through:

- Course offerings designed for working adults
- Internationally recognized degree at a fraction of the cost
- Personal attention from dedicated faculty
- Small class sizes

"The MSE program at Purdue University Fort Wayne, with the Systems Engineering concentration, opens for students the opportunity to explore new horizons. The tone and attitude of the faculty greatly facilitates students to learn. Interactive lessons, guest speakers, and more importantly, application of theoretical knowledge to engineering practice, makes Systems Engineering the best program for perspective graduate students. I believe that my program will help me to become a professional in the systems engineering field and encourage me to conquer new peaks."

**Kamran Veliyev**

# COURSES

## COURSE OF STUDY

- Students are required to complete 30 credits of coursework to earn a Master of Science in Engineering degree. The Systems Engineering (SE) concentration is flexible in allowing students to tailor their program courses to their specific career goals.
- Our students complete a Plan of Study during their first semester to document their intended curriculum.

## CORE COURSES

Four 500-level graduate Systems Engineering core courses are required.

## SYSTEMS ENGINEERING CORE REQUIREMENTS (12 CREDIT HOURS)

- SE 52000 Engineering Economics — In-Person, Spring - Odd Years
- SE 53000 Systems Engineering Management — In-Person, Fall - Odd Years
- SE 54000 System Architecture — In-Person, Spring - Even Years
- SE 55000 Manufacturing System Design for Sustainability — In-Person, Fall - Even Years and Asynchronous Online\*
- SE 58301 Engineering Statistics for Industry — Asynchronous Online\*

\*Offered second half of Fall, Summer, and Spring semesters each year.

## ENGINEERING ELECTIVE COURSES

Students have the opportunity to take courses from the following departments:

### ENGINEERING/MATH/STAT/ACS/CS/TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENT

A minimum of two graduate-level courses from engineering (ECE, ME, ENGR), mathematics (MA), statistics (STAT), computer science (ACS or CS), or engineering technology (ET) are required.\*\*

#### Math (MA), Statistics (STAT) or Computer Science (CS)

- SE 58301 Engineering Statistics for Industry
- STAT 51400 Design of Experiments
- MA 51100 Linear Algebra
- CS 59000 Topics In Computer Science
- ACS 57700 Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining

#### Electrical Engineering Elective Courses

- ECE 54300 Wireless Communication Networks
- ECE 56900 Introduction to Robotics
- ECE 58400 Linear Control Systems

#### Mechanical Engineering Electives

- ME 54400 Modeling and Simulation of Mechanical Engineering Systems
- ME 54500 Finite Element Analysis: Advanced Theory and Applications
- ME 54600 CAD/CAM Theory and Advanced Applications
- ME 54700 Mechatronics, Robotics, and Automation

#### Computer Engineering Electives

- ECE 53800 Digital Signal Processing I
- ECE 54700 Introduction to Computer Communication Networks
- ECE 56700 FPGA Designs for Signal Processing Applications

\*\*The above courses are some of the options students have in the program.

## GENERAL GRADUATE ELECTIVES REQUIREMENT

A non-thesis option student successfully completes two general elective graduate-level courses in consultation with their advisor. Appropriate areas for coursework include: Engineering, Physics, Math, Computer Science, Technology, Business, Organizational Leadership, etc. The purpose of these courses is to give students flexibility to tailor the program to meet their specific needs.

### Doermer School of Business MBA Programs Electives

- BUS 54202 - Leadership and Management of People in Organizations
- BUS 55200 - Management Of Information Technology
- BUS 56000 - Marketing and Customer Relationship Management

### Organizational Leadership

- OL 51000 - Foundations of Behavior and Leadership in Organizations
- OL 53000 - System Change and Organization Development
- OL 54000 - Leading Collaborative Projects and Work Teams

## THESIS OPTION

A student can opt to replace six elective credits with thesis research. To take advantage of this option, the student must prepare a thesis proposal and gain departmental approval prior to signing up for thesis credits.

A thesis option is available for students who would like to do research in the area of Systems Engineering. Six hours of thesis research replaces the two general electives in the generic Plan of Study. Thesis research can be focused on a project sponsored by the student's employer or in conjunction with work being done by the Center of Excellence in Systems Engineering.



"Although a master's degree was not in my original plan, my professors (and the overall environment) encouraged me to pursue an MSE degree in Systems Engineering. This program provides the theory behind system design, but the major emphasis is on the application of this theory. Systems engineering can be applied to so many concepts and the classes are structured to tailor the applications to your specific interest. I believe this approach allows me to best adapt my education to my career goals in addition to making the learning environment enjoyable."

**Joseph Smith**

"Systems Engineering has taught me how to unlock the value of people (organization's human capital and customer relationship capital) to maximize the return on tangible assets (technology, product, structural capital). I have learned to see the hidden waste in organizations working in Silos. Thanks to Prof. Cochran, who mentored me on how to define customer-supplier connections throughout the organization for achieving system goals, I learned how to exchange my knowledge, energy, wisdom, and viewpoints with the people in my organization, our customers, and the community at large."

**Shahab Shah**

## PLAN OF STUDY

- You can find guidelines for developing your Plan of Study [here](#).
- You can find the Graduate Program Guideline information for the MSE program [here](#).

## CERTIFICATE IN SYSTEMS ENGINEERING (12 CREDIT HOURS)

The Certificate in Systems Engineering is designed to recognize students who have completed any four courses in systems engineering. Any engineering or non engineering student with an undergraduate bachelor's degree can apply for the Systems Engineering Certificate. In addition, the courses taken for the Systems Engineering Certificate will be counted towards the MSE degree with Systems Engineering concentration. The curriculum provides students with a background in systems engineering fundamentals, system architecture, economics, and engineering management that can be applied to any industry including manufacturing, healthcare, or education. The systems engineering body of knowledge prescribes techniques and "best practices" for developing complex or interdisciplinary products. Professional engineers will find the SE program beneficial in helping them understand modern product development principles and best practices.

## SYSTEMS ENGINEERING CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The Systems Engineering Certificate will require satisfactory completion of 12 credit hours of course work (B or better) in the specified engineering courses. No course with a grade below a "B" may be applied toward the certificate.

Choose any four of the following Systems Engineering course options:

- SE 52000 Engineering Economics (3 cr.)
- SE 53000 Systems Engineering Management (3 cr.)
- SE 54000 System Architecture (3 cr.)
- SE 55000 Manufacturing System Design for Sustainability (3 cr.)
- SE 58301 Engineering Statistics for Industry (3 cr.)

## VALUE OF THE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING CERTIFICATE

Systems engineering is a structured approach to developing technical solutions that satisfy customer needs. Unlike traditional forms of engineering, systems engineering focuses on processes used to design, develop, verify, and validate new products and systems. The Systems Engineering Certificate addresses the needs of professional engineers that already possess a master's degree or do not have the time or financial resources to commit to an MSE program.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the Certificate in Systems Engineering follow the application instructions outlined on the [APPLY](#) page. Admission to the certificate program requires that students meet the requirements of the Purdue University Graduate School. Candidates to the certificate program are expected to have earned a bachelor's degree in an engineering discipline.

# APPLICATION DEADLINES

MAY  
1

International:  
regular fall admission

JUN  
30

U.S. Citizen:  
regular fall admission

NOV  
1

International:  
regular spring admission

NOV  
15

U.S. Citizen:  
regular spring admission

## STEPS TO APPLY:

To begin your application, click [here](#) and create an application.

- Select Campus - Purdue Fort Wayne
- Select Proposed Graduate Major - Engineering
- For Area of Interest, select - Systems Engineering
- For Degree Objective select - MS in Engineering (MSE)
- Continue on with application

## OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

You must provide official transcripts and/or academic records at the request of the graduate program or if you are admitted and choose to enroll. An official transcript bears the original signature of the registrar and/or the original seal of the issuing institution. An unofficial transcript printed from your current/previous institution(s) student system is not an acceptable document. Official documents should be submitted to:

Purdue University Fort Wayne  
Office of Graduate Studies  
2101 E Coliseum Blvd., KT 140  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805  
graduate@pfw.edu

Domestic transcripts must be sent directly from a Registrar's office to the Office of Graduate Admissions via mail or email.  
If you mail them yourself, it must be in an envelope sealed by the registrar

# INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

All international applicants must also submit the following items to be considered for admission:

- **English Proficiency Scores:**

**TOEFL iBT Overall Score: 80** with the following minimum section requirements:

Reading: 19  
Listening: 14  
Speaking: 18  
Writing: 18

**IELTS Overall Score: 6.5** with the following minimum section requirements:

Reading: 6.5  
Listening: 6.0  
Speaking: 6.0  
Writing: 5.5

**TOEFL Essentials Overall Score: 8** with the following minimum section requirements:

Reading: 8  
Listening: 8  
Speaking: 8  
Writing: 8

**Duolingo English Test Overall Score: 115** with the following minimum section requirements:

Literacy: 115  
Comprehension: 115  
Conversation: 115  
Production: 115

**ELS - Certificate Level 112**

Routine waivers of an English Proficiency exam are granted for applicants who have been conferred a baccalaureate or graduate or professional degree within the last 24 months from an institution where English is the primary language of instruction in a country/location where English is the native language.

- **Transcript Evaluation**

International Applicants must submit original and certified copies for every institution of higher education attended. All documents must be submitted in both English and in the original language. All candidates must hold a four-year undergraduate degree or equivalent in any discipline from a recognized institution.

- **Proof of Financial Support**

An official letter and financial statement from a bank, company, or government sponsor indicating the availability of sufficient funds to pay for your tuition and living expenses is required.

- **Visa and/or Permanent Resident Card (PRC)**

**INTERNATIONAL TRANSCRIPTS  
SHOULD BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO  
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