The mechanical and industrial engineering department at UIC houses three master’s programs, each designed to guide students toward future career success.

Students have access to more than 40 professors who are notable researchers in combustion, environmental science, thermal science, dynamics and control, mechatronics, virtual reality, MEMS (microelectrical mechanical systems), manufacturing, processing, and more.

**MS IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

Those who rise to the top in mechanical engineering are able to recognize emerging issues, come up with creative solutions, and design and refine prototypes until they have something that truly works. UIC’s program will help you to develop that skillset and mindset, opening the door to higher-level opportunities. In this program, you can either combine your courses with a research-based master’s thesis or complete your entire MS degree through coursework.

**MS IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING**

An MS in industrial engineering from UIC will hone your expertise in creating efficient, high-performing systems that bring together people, equipment, materials, power, and information to deliver products or services—preparing you for roles that are expected to grow 8 percent by 2028, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. You can either combine your courses with thesis research or complete your entire degree through coursework.

**MASTER OF ENERGY ENGINEERING**

This practical program is open to students of many backgrounds: it requires an understanding of math and science but no prior experience or study in engineering. Through courses, guest speakers, site tours, and hands-on projects, you will come to understand the energy industry, from power generation to project management. This program offers evening courses to meet the needs of working professionals, and it has its own website: energyengineering.uic.edu.

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**International Programs**

UIC’s international partnership programs allow students from specific universities around the world to complete part of their higher education in our department, potentially culminating in an MS in Mechanical Engineering or MS in Industrial Engineering from UIC. Learn more at go.uic.edu/COEInternational.

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**UIC’s Academic Strengths**

**Mechanical Engineering:**
- Design, Controls, and Manufacturing
- Energy Research
- Fluid/Thermal Research

**Industrial Engineering:**
- Big Data Analytics
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence

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**Featured Courses**

**ME 411 MECHATRONICS I**
Students learn elements of mechatronic systems, sensors, actuators, microcontrollers, modeling hardware in the loop simulations, and real-time software. The class conducts lab experiments with electromechanical systems.

**ME 547 ADVANCED CONCEPTS IN COMPUTER-AIDED ENGINEERING**
This course covers useful concepts in motion simulation of complete rigid multibody systems. Students learn about the recursive formulation of kinematical and dynamical equations of open and constrained multibody systems and develop interactive computer solutions.

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**A Step Ahead**

Thanks to the strength of our curriculum and UIC’s global connections, many MS students are able to get internships that help them level up their career planning.

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**Jacqueline Swift**
Internship: Spraying Systems Company
Location: Wheaton, IL
Assignment: Developing specialized software that research engineers, sales engineers, and technicians can use to analyze sprays created by the company’s spraying products
Her perspective: “UIC has more than prepared me for my current position. The master’s program has been challenging, but well worth it, and UIC is located in the heart of Chicago, which has a nearly endless supply of job opportunities.”

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**Michael Bravo**
Internship: The Boeing Company
Location: Chicago, IL
Assignment: Analysis and testing of the flight-control functions of Boeing’s widebody 777X, ensuring that flaperons, elevators, rudders, slats, and flaps behave properly and safely during takeoff, landing, and flight
His perspective: “Mechanical and industrial engineering allows students to touch and invest in almost any industry that you can imagine: automotive, rehabilitative robotics, energy storage, nanotechnology, aerospace. If you can name it, chances are you can do it at MIE.”
Ryan Ollie
Manager of Facility Operations, Advocate Condell Medical Center

Ryan Ollie, who earned an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering, was working as an energy engineer at DNV GL when a coworker, a UIC alumnus, told him about UIC’s master of energy engineering program.

Today, Ollie is manager of facility operations for one of the hospitals in the Advocate Aurora Health System—a recent promotion that places him in charge of engineering, maintenance, and grounds operations. As part of his role, he oversees energy-efficiency projects, determines engineering design standards with energy efficiency in mind, and tracks the hospital’s overall utility usage.

“Understanding energy engineering principles is becoming increasingly important, because energy usage behavior is at the forefront of economic and environmental stewardship initiatives,” Ollie said. “As most organizations are being tasked with reducing costs, effective management of utilities is paramount.”

Hereford Johnson
Consultant, Deloitte

Consulting is a career that is opaque to a lot of people, but Hereford Johnson sees it as a path to make a difference in ever-changing ways. His team at Deloitte works on “everything from clean energy to improving healthcare, public policy, cybersecurity, and smart farms to improve agricultural practices,” he said. “I have no doubt that we create positive impacts on the world and local community every day.”

His role, informed in part by his MS in Industrial Engineering from UIC, is to help senior executives at large companies all over the United States to solve strategic and technological problems. “Industrial engineering, in my very biased opinion, is the best curriculum to prepare engineering students for the business world,” he said. “The IE foundational skillset made me a well-rounded critical thinker, and it gives you a set of methodologies that will set you apart from your peers.”

Johnson visits the UIC campus three or four times a year and credits several MIE faculty members as strong influences: “They gave me the tools to be a well-rounded engineer and a license to hustle. Thank you.”