

Master of Science in Renewable Energy Engineering - Frequently Asked Questions -

1. Should I contact individual faculty members prior to admission, select a faculty advisor, or attempt to choose a research supervisor prior to admission?

We discourage applicants from contacting faculty members prior to submitting an application and being admitted to the program. Individual faculty cannot advise or sponsor students prior to their admittance in the MSREE program. Without a complete application packet, it is often impossible to determine whether the applicant meets the admission requirements or the potential for teaching/research assistantships.

2. What types of Graduate Assistantships are available? What is the application process for Graduate Assistantships?

There are “Teaching Assistantships” directed to teaching selected undergraduate laboratory and recitation courses and “Research Assistantships” directed to conducting applied research under the direction of a faculty member. Typically, only full-time students (Format A) are eligible for Graduate Assistantships. It is not possible to determine which applicants will be awarded assistantships until the admissions process is completed. There is no need to submit any other form to be considered for assistantships. The initial determination is based on the submitted application materials.

3. How much does the MSREE cost?

Please visit the tuition and fees calculator at www.oit.edu/college-costs/tuition-fees/calculator (Select Wilsonville Campus, Graduate Class Standing, and the number of credits per term). The tuition and fees during the 2011-2012 academic year amounted to \$3352 per term (MSREE total: \$20,112).

4. Am I eligible for financial aid or scholarships?

Please visit the Financial Aid website: www.oit.edu/faid

5. Is my degree adequate for this program?

The application package states a broad range of qualifying backgrounds including BS degrees in engineering, science, and technology disciplines. Consequently, qualifying degrees include BS degrees in Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, General Engineering, Renewable Energy Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Physics, Physical Chemistry, Chemistry, Environmental Science, as well as other BS programs with strong mathematics, science, and engineering background such as some Engineering Technology, Science, or Technology programs. The admissions committee looks at the entire application package (including additional courses taken to better prepare for graduate study in Renewable Energy Engineering). We discourage applicants from asking for an a priori assessment of whether they are qualified based on their degree(s).

6. Can I register for courses as a non-admit student?

Yes, it is possible to register for courses for professional development purposes as a non-admit student. These credits can be later used towards the MSREE degree. Fully admitted students have priority of registration.

7. Is it possible to change between the formal options (A, B, and C)?

Yes. For instance, a full-time student (Option A) upon completion of the first year could change to Option B or C upon securing a job-offer. An Option C student having completed the first year as an external student may want to register one or more terms in the second year as a full-time (Option A) student. Option B students can register for day courses (Option A) if their schedule permits.

8. Where is the program offered?

The program is offered at the Oregon Institute of Technology (Wilsonville Campus), less than 20 miles from downtown Portland, Oregon.

9. Do I have to take the GRE?

As stated in application package, GRE is optional. If you do not have work experience, the GRE may enhance your application.

10. Can I start any term other than Fall?

The MSREE program only accepts students for Fall admission (September).

11. What are the application deadlines?

Priority will be given to applications submitted by March 1st, but applications will be accepted up to May 1st for International Students and up to July 1st for US permanent residents. It is highly recommended to submit the application as soon as possible.

12. When will I hear about the admission decision and how long do I have to submit a response?

You should expect a response approximately 2 months after submitting your application. The letter from the MSREE Admissions Committee will specify the applicant's response date and other relevant information to complete the registration.

Other questions...

Please note that most questions can be answered by reading the contents of the MSREE or relevant OIT websites.