Humanitarian Engineering and Science

Degrees

- Graduate Certificate in Humanitarian Engineering and Science

Program Description

The MS degrees in Humanitarian Engineering and Science (HES) are a professional MS (non-thesis) and a thesis-based MS. These degrees are targeted to recent graduates or mid-career professionals with a BS in science and engineering who are interested in careers, research opportunities, and/or acquiring skills that will help them work effectively with communities. The degrees include a core HES curriculum plus an approved track of related courses in a science or engineering discipline.

The HES graduate certificate is designed for professionals seeking to attend school part-time or students who are seeking degrees in other departments at Mines but still desire graduate training in humanitarian engineering and science. It consists of four courses.

In both the master’s degrees and graduate certificate, a unique mix of social science, applied science, and engineering perspectives prepares students to apply knowledge about the earth to promote more sustainable and just uses of water, energy, and other earth resources and to understand and mitigate potential hazards.

To achieve the Master of Science (MS) degree, students may elect the Non-Thesis option, based exclusively upon coursework and a practicum, or the Thesis option. The thesis option is comprised of coursework in combination with individual research performed under the guidance of two faculty advisors and presented in a written thesis approved by the student’s committee. HES students have academic advisors from both the Engineering, Design & Society Department and their disciplinary track (Data Science, Environmental Engineering, Geological Engineering, Geophysics, Robotics or Interdisciplinary). The thesis-based MS usually takes two years to complete, while the non-thesis MS can often be completed in one year.

For more information on program curriculum please refer to the HES website: https://humanitarian.mines.edu/mshes/.

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Graduate Certificate Program Requirements

The Humanitarian Engineering and Science (HES) certificate is an online or residential program designed for working professionals as well as graduate students who are enrolled in other degrees at Mines but wish to gain knowledge in humanitarian engineering and science. To obtain a graduate certificate, students must complete a minimum of 9 credits of the following courses. Students may not double-count courses from their undergraduate degrees. Students who have already taken one of the classes as undergraduates must find a suitable replacement, to be approved by the HES Director. Students are encouraged to take 12 credits of coursework if possible, adding an elective from the Approved HES electives list below.

Required HES certificate courses (9 credits):

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Total Semester Hrs: 9.0

Master of Science (MS) Program Requirements

The MS degrees in Humanitarian Engineering and Science (HES) are a professional MS (Non-Thesis) and a Thesis-based MS. These degrees are targeted to recent graduates or mid-career professionals with a BS in science and engineering who are interested in careers, research opportunities, and/or acquiring skills that will help them work effectively with communities. The degrees include a core HES curriculum plus an approved track of related courses in a science or engineering discipline. A unique mix of social science, applied science, and engineering perspectives prepares students to apply knowledge about the earth to promote more sustainable and just uses of water, energy, and other earth resources and to understand and mitigate potential hazards.

Master of Science (Non-Thesis)

To obtain the 30 credits required for the MS (Non-Thesis), students must satisfy the following program requirements: (1) 12 credits of required HES courses; (2) 3 credits of elective HES courses approved by Engineering, Design & Society; and (3) 15 credits of courses (400 or 500+ level) approved by the affiliated Department (see the 6 Tracks detailed below).

HES MS (Non-Thesis) Core Courses (15 credits):

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Disciplinary Tracks

**Track 1: Geophysics (GPGN) (15 credits):**

Degree candidates should have an undergraduate degree in geophysics, physics, quantitative earth sciences and engineering, or equivalent coursework. In addition, candidates will need to complete necessary prerequisite courses for the graduate courses.

In addition to the Core HES MS (Non-Thesis) curriculum (15 credits) detailed above, MS (Non-Thesis) students following the Geophysics track must take one required course (3 credits) and at least 12 credits of approved elective courses, as shown below. Courses not listed below that align with the student's practicum can be substituted in consultation with the degree advisor.

**Required Course**
GPGN577 HUMANITARIAN GEOSCIENCE 3.0

**At least four courses of the following:**
GPGN520 ELECTRICAL AND ELECTROMAGNETIC EXPLORATION 3.0
GPGN570 APPLICATIONS OF SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING 3.0
GPGN574 ADVANCED HYDROGEOPHYSICS 3.0
GPGN590 INSTRUMENTAL DESIGN IN APPLIED GEOSCIENCES 3.0
GEGN532 GEOLOGICAL DATA ANALYSIS 3.0

**Track 2: Environmental Engineering (CEEN) (15 credits):**

A BS degree in a science or engineering discipline is required. Pre-requisites include two semesters of college calculus, one semester of college physics, two semesters of college chemistry, and one semester of college statistics.

In addition to the Core HES MS (Non-Thesis) curriculum (15 credits) detailed above, MS (Non-Thesis) students following the Environmental Engineering track must take three required courses (9 credits) and at least two courses (6 credits) of approved elective courses, as shown below. Courses not listed below that align with the student's practicum can be substituted in consultation with the degree advisor.

**Required Courses:**
GPGN577 HUMANITARIAN GEOSCIENCE 3.0
CEEN550 PRINCIPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY 3.0
CEEN580 CHEMICAL FATE AND TRANSPORT IN THE ENVIRONMENT 3.0

**At least two courses of the following:**

**Environmental Microbiology**
CEEN560 MOLECULAR MICROBIAL ECOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT 3.0
CEEN562 ENVIRONMENTAL GEOMICROBIOLOGY 3.0
CEEN566 MICROBIAL PROCESSES, ANALYSIS AND MODELING 3.0

**Hydrology**
CEEN555 LIMNOLOGY 3.0
CEEN581 WATERSHED SYSTEMS MODELING 3.0
GEGN582 INTEGRATED SURFACE WATER HYDROLOGY 3.0
GEGN584 FIELD METHODS IN HYDROLOGY 3.0

**Track 3: Geological Engineering (GEGN) (15 credits):**

Degree candidates should have an undergraduate degree in engineering or the equivalent coursework. In addition, candidates will need to complete necessary prerequisite courses for the graduate courses, including engineering geology, ground-water engineering, soil mechanics, and rock mechanics.

In addition to the Core HES MS (Non-Thesis) curriculum (15 credits) detailed above, MS (Non-Thesis) students following the Geological Engineering track must take two required courses (6 credits) and at least three courses (9 credits) of approved elective courses, as shown below.

**Required Courses:**
GEGN532 GEOLOGICAL DATA ANALYSIS 3.0
GPGN577 HUMANITARIAN GEOSCIENCE 3.0

**Candidates must also take at least three of the following courses. The student and the instructor will work together to develop humanitarian themes in the project assignments within each course.**
GEGN563 APPLIED NUMERICAL MODELING FOR GEOMECHANICS 3.0
Degree candidates should have an undergraduate degree in computer science, mechanical or electrical engineering, or robotics, or equivalent coursework. In addition, candidates will need to complete necessary prerequisite courses for the graduate courses.

In addition to the Core HES MS (Non-Thesis) curriculum (15 credits) detailed above, MS (Non-Thesis) students following the Humanitarian Robotics track must take three required courses (9 credits) and at least 6 credits of approved elective courses, as shown below. Courses not listed below that align with the student's practicum can be substituted in consultation with the degree advisor.

**Required Courses:**
- CSCI532 ROBOT ETHICS 3.0
- CSCI536 HUMAN-ROBOT INTERACTION 3.0
- CSCI573 ROBOT PROGRAMMING AND PERCEPTION 3.0

**At least two courses from the following:**
- CSCI404 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 3.0
- CSCI507 INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER VISION 3.0
- CSCI534 ROBOT PLANNING AND MANIPULATION 3.0
- CSCI575 ADVANCED MACHINE LEARNING 3.0
- EENG517 THEORY AND DESIGN OF ADVANCED CONTROL SYSTEMS 3.0
- EENG519 ESTIMATION THEORY AND KALMAN FILTERING 3.0
- MEGN540 MECHATRONICS 3.0
- MEGN544 ROBOT MECHANICS: KINEMATICS, DYNAMICS, AND CONTROL 3.0
- MEGN545 ADVANCED ROBOT CONTROL 3.0

**TRACK 5: Data Science (DSCI) (15 CREDITS):**
Degree candidates should have an undergraduate degree in computer science, mathematics or data science, or equivalent coursework. In addition, candidates will need to complete necessary prerequisite courses for the graduate courses.

In addition to the Core HES MS (Non-Thesis) curriculum (15 credits) detailed above, MS (Non-Thesis) students following the Data Science track must take four required courses (12 credits) and at least 3 credits of approved elective courses, as shown below. In addition to earning the HES MS (Non-Thesis) degree, they will also earn the Data Science Statistical Learning Graduate Certificate.

**Required Courses:**
- DSCI403 INTRODUCTION TO DATA SCIENCE 3.0
- DSCI530 STATISTICAL METHODS I 3.0
- DSCI560 INTRODUCTION TO KEY STATISTICAL LEARNING METHODS I 3.0
- DSCI561 INTRODUCTION TO KEY STATISTICAL LEARNING METHODS II 3.0

**At least one course of the following:**
- MATH432 SPATIAL STATISTICS 3.0
- MATH437 MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS 3.0
- MATH498 SPECIAL TOPICS (TIME SERIES) 3.0
- MATH536 ADVANCED STATISTICAL MODELING 3.0

**TRACK 6: Interdisciplinary (15 CREDITS):**
In addition to the Core HES MS (Non-Thesis) curriculum (15 credits) detailed above, MS (Non-Thesis) students following the Interdisciplinary track will work with their advisor to choose an additional 15 credits that best match their intellectual interests. As with our other tracks, at least 12 of these credits need to be engineering or applied science courses.

Students seeking this Track are required to identify their desired focus area when applying and identify possible courses upon matriculation. They will then work with their advisor to ensure that the student meets the course pre-requisites and that the courses are offered on an appropriate timetable according to their anticipated graduation date.

**Master of Science (Thesis):**
To obtain the 30 credits required for the MS (Thesis), students must satisfy the following program requirements: (1) 9 credits of required HES Core courses; (2) 3 credits of elective HES classes approved by Engineering, Design & Society; (3) 12 credits of approved Disciplinary Track classes (400 or 500+ level); and (4) 6 credits of MS Thesis research on a thesis topic approved by HES faculty in the Engineering, Design, & Society Division and the affiliated disciplinary track.

**HES MS (Thesis) Core Courses (12 credits):**
- EDNS515 INTRODUCTION TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES 3.0
- EDNS577 ADVANCED ENGINEERING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 3.0
- EDNS579 COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH METHODS 3.0
- ELECTIVE 3 credits of approved HES electives from list below 3.0

**Approved HES Electives:**
- EDNS430 CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY 3.0
- EDNS475 ENGINEERING CULTURES IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD 3.0
- EDNS478 ENGINEERING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE 3.0
- EDNS480 ANTHROPOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT 3.0
- EDNS590 RISKS IN HUMANITARIAN ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE 3.0
- CEEEN401 LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT 3.0
- CEEEN472 ONSITE WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE 3.0
- CEEEN475/575 SITE REMEDIATION ENGINEERING 3.0
Disciplinary Tracks

**Track 1: Geophysics (GPGN) Courses and Thesis (18 credits):**

Degree candidates should have an undergraduate degree in geophysics, physics, quantitative earth sciences and engineering, or equivalent coursework. In addition, candidates will need to complete necessary prerequisite courses for the graduate courses.

In addition to the Core HES MS (Thesis) curriculum (12 credits) detailed above, MS (Thesis) students following the Geophysics track must take one required course (3 credits), at least three courses of the following (6 credits) of approved elective courses, and 6 credits of independent thesis research, as shown below. Courses not listed below that align with the student’s thesis can be substituted in consultation with the degree advisor.

**Required Course:**
- GPGN577 HUMANITARIAN GEOSCIENCE 3.0

**At least three courses of the following:**
- GPGN520 ELECTRICAL AND ELECTROMAGNETIC EXPLORATION 3.0
- GPGN570 APPLICATIONS OF SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING 3.0
- GPGN574 ADVANCED HYDROGEOPHYSICS 3.0

**Track 2: Environmental Engineering (CEEN) (18 credits):**

A BS degree in a science or engineering discipline is required. Prerequisites include two semesters of college calculus, one semester of college physics, two semesters of college chemistry, and one semester of college statistics.

In addition to the Core HES MS (Thesis) curriculum (12 credits) detailed above, MS (Thesis) students following the Environmental Engineering track must take one required course (3 credits), at least two courses (6 credits) of approved elective courses, and 6 credits of independent thesis research, as shown below. Courses not listed below that align with the student’s thesis can be substituted in consultation with the degree advisor.

**Required Course:**
- GPGN577 HUMANITARIAN GEOSCIENCE 3.0

**At least three courses of the following:**
- CEEN550 PRINCIPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY 3.0
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- GEGN584 FIELD METHODS IN HYDROLOGY 3.0

**And**
- CEEN707 GRADUATE THESIS / DISSERTATION RESEARCH CREDIT 6.0

**Track 3: Geological Engineering (GEGN) (18 credits):**

Degree candidates should have an undergraduate degree in engineering or the equivalent coursework. In addition, candidates will need to complete necessary prerequisite courses for the graduate courses, including engineering geology, ground-water engineering, soil mechanics, and rock mechanics.

In addition to the Core HES MS (Thesis) curriculum (12 credits) detailed above, MS (Thesis) students following the Geological Engineering track must take two required courses (6 credits), at least two courses (6 credits) of approved elective courses, and 6 credits of independent thesis research, as shown below. Courses not listed below that align with the student’s thesis can be substituted in consultation with the degree advisor.
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**Required Course:**

- GEGN532 GEOLOGICAL DATA ANALYSIS 3.0
- GPN577 HUMANITARIAN GEOSCIENCE 3.0

**At least two of the following courses:**

- GEGN563 APPLIED NUMERICAL MODELLING FOR GEOMECHANICS 3.0
- GEGN570 CASE HISTORIES IN GEOLOGICAL ENGINEERING AND HYDROGEOLOGY 3.0
- GEGN573 GEOLOGICAL ENGINEERING SITE INVESTIGATION 3.0
- GEGN575 APPLICATIONS OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS 3.0
- GEGN580 APPLIED REMOTE SENSING FOR GEOENGINEERING AND GEOSCIENCES 3.0
- GEGN671 LANDSLIDES: INVESTIGATION, ANALYSIS & MITIGATION 3.0
- GEGN673 ADVANCED GEOLOGICAL ENGINEERING DESIGN 3.0

**And:**

- GEGN707 GRADUATE THESIS / DISSERTATION RESEARCH CREDIT 6.0

**Track 4: Humanitarian Robotics (18 CREDITS):**

Degree candidates should have an undergraduate degree in computer science, mechanical or electrical engineering, or robotics, or equivalent coursework. In addition, candidates will need to complete necessary prerequisite courses for the graduate courses.

In addition to the Core HES MS (Thesis) curriculum (12 credits) detailed above, MS (Thesis) students following the Humanitarian Robotics track must take three required course (9 credits), at least 3 credits of approved elective courses, and 6 credits of independent thesis research, as shown below. Courses not listed below that align with the student’s thesis can be substituted in consultation with the degree advisor.

**Required Courses:**

- CSCI532 ROBOT ETHICS 3.0
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**Track 5: Data Science (DSCI) (18 CREDITS):**

Degree candidates should have an undergraduate degree in computer science, mathematics or data science, or equivalent coursework. In addition, candidates will need to complete necessary prerequisite courses for the graduate courses.

In addition to the Core HES MS (Thesis) curriculum (12 credits) detailed above, MS (Thesis) students following the Data Science track must take four required courses (12 credits) and 6 credits of independent thesis research, as shown below. In addition to earning the HES MS (Thesis) degree, they will also earn the Data Science Statistical Learning Graduate Certificate.

**Required Courses**

- DSCI403 INTRODUCTION TO DATA SCIENCE 3.0
- DSCI530 STATISTICAL METHODS I 3.0
- DSCI560 INTRODUCTION TO KEY STATISTICAL LEARNING METHODS I 3.0
- DSCI561 INTRODUCTION TO KEY STATISTICAL LEARNING METHODS II 3.0

**And:**

- MATH707 GRADUATE THESIS / DISSERTATION RESEARCH CREDIT 6.0

**Track 6: Interdisciplinary (18 CREDITS):**

In addition to the Core HES MS (Thesis) curriculum (12 credits) detailed above, MS (Thesis) students following the Interdisciplinary track will work with their advisor to choose an additional 12 elective credits that best match their intellectual interests, and take 6 credits of independent thesis research. The 12 elective credits need to be engineering or applied science courses. Students seeking this Track are required to identify their desired focus area when applying and identify possible courses upon matriculation. They will then work with their advisor to ensure that the student meets the course pre-requisites and that the courses are offered on an appropriate timetable according to their anticipated graduation date.

**Mines’ Combined Undergraduate / Graduate Degree Program**

Students enrolled in Mines’ combined undergraduate/graduate program may double count up to six credits of graduate coursework to fulfill requirements of both their undergraduate and graduate degree programs. These courses must have been passed with “B-” or better, not be substitutes for required coursework, and meet all other University, Department, and Program requirements for graduate credit.

Students are advised to consult with their undergraduate and graduate advisors for appropriate courses to double count upon admission to the combined program.
EDNS479. COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Engineers and applied scientists face challenges that are profoundly socio-technical in nature, and communities are increasingly calling for greater participation in the decisions that affect them. Understanding the diverse perspectives of communities and being able to establish positive working relationships with their members is therefore crucial to the socially responsible practice of engineering and applied science. This course provides students with the conceptual and methodological tools to conduct community-based research. Students will learn ethnographic field methods and participatory research strategies, and critically assess the strengths and limitations of these through a final original research project. Prerequisite: HASS100 or graduate student standing. Corequisite: HASS200 or graduate student standing.

EDNS515. INTRODUCTION TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
This course engages scholarship on the inextricable link between science, engineering, and the various social contexts within which scientists and engineers work. We begin by critically reflecting on the question, What are science and engineering for? We then explore key conceptual domains in the social scientific study of science and engineering, including knowledge, agency, and expertise. We will learn from a diverse set of social scientific experts who study and collaborate with scientists and engineers. Students will leave the course with a better understanding of how social scientific inquiry can aid in understanding, and practicing, science and engineering. They will also have a clearer articulation of their individual professional commitments and how those fit with more traditional understandings of science and engineering.

EDNS544. INNOV8X. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Innov8x introduces concepts and tools to accelerate the design, validation and adoption of innovations in support of creative problem solving. Using an entrepreneurial mindset, we learn how to identify and frame problems that beneficiaries and stakeholders face. We attempt to design and test practical solutions to those problems in collaboration with those who experience the problems. We apply beneficiary discovery, prototyping, business model design (social, economic and environmental), constrained creativity, efficient experimentation, and rapid iteration. While resolving challenges involves technical solutions, an important aspect of this course is directly engaging beneficiaries and stakeholders in social contexts to develop solutions with strong impact potential. Innov8x is grounded in collaborative creativity theory at the intersection of organizational behavior (social psychology), design principles, entrepreneurship and innovation management.

EDNS577. ADVANCED ENGINEERING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Analyzes the relationship between engineering and sustainable community development (SCD) from historical, political, ethical, cultural, and practical perspectives. Students will study and analyze different dimensions of sustainability, development, and “helping”, and the role that engineering might play in each. Will include critical explorations of strengths and limitations of dominant methods in engineering problem solving, design and research for working in SCD. Through case-studies, students will analyze and evaluate projects in SCD and develop criteria for their evaluation. 3 hours lecture and discussion; 3 semester hours.

EDNS579. COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH METHODS. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Engineers and applied scientists face challenges that are profoundly sociotechnical in nature, and communities are increasingly calling for greater participation in the decisions that affect them. Understanding the diverse perspectives of communities and being able to establish positive working relationships with their members is therefore crucial to the socially responsible practice of engineering and applied science. This course provides graduate students with the conceptual and methodological tools to conduct community-based research. Graduate students will learn ethnographic field methods and participatory research strategies, and critically assess the strengths and limitations of these through a final original research project related to their ongoing independent research or practicums.

EDNS580. HUMANITARIAN ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE CAPSTONE PRACTICUM. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
(I, II, S) This course allows students to practice the concepts, theories and methods learned in HES courses with the goal of making relevant their academic training to real world problems. This practicum can be achieved through a number of possibilities approved by HES director, including supervision and/or shadowing in HES-related activities, engaging in a social enterprise where they do problem definition, impact gap analysis and layout a business canvas, and designing and carrying out a project or fieldwork of their own, etc. Prerequisite: EDNS570, EDNS479. 3 hours research; 3 semester hours.

EDNS590. RISKS IN HUMANITARIAN ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
(I) This course provides students with opportunities to consider the risks related to humanitarian projects?or any projects that effect and involve people. These risks might include things that different scientific and engineering disciplines typically consider, as well as those that may be pertinent to project stakeholder perspectives. Guided by social scientific insights related to risk, students in this class will gain new tools for defining problems in ways that are relevant and appropriate for multiple contexts. Students will read, discuss, and analyze material together and to undertake independent research to deepen their understandings of chosen topics. 3 semester hours.

EDNS598. SPECIAL TOPICS IN ENGINEERING DESIGN & SOCIETY. 6.0 Semester Hrs.
(I, II, S) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once, but no more than twice for the same course content. Prerequisite: none. Variable credit: 0 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

EDNS599. INDEPENDENT STUDY. 0.5-6 Semester Hr.
Individual research or special problem projects supervised by a faculty member, also, when a student and instructor agree on a subject matter, content, and credit hours. Variable credit: 0.5 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different topics/experience and maximums vary by department. Contact the Department for credit limits toward the degree. Independent Study form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar.

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