Application Requirements

Minimum Requirements

Minimum admission requirements by the UF Graduate School are:

- A previous college degree.
- At least 3.00 grade point average.
- Satisfactory GRE scores.
- Satisfactory English language testing and verbal GRE scores for non-US and Puerto Rican applicants.

Note that the Chemical Engineering graduate programs have somewhat higher minimums than those required by the Graduate school.

Degree

All applicants must have a previous bachelor’s degree, master’s degree or doctoral degree from an accredited college or university, or an equivalent as determined by the UF Office of Admission’s evaluation of official transcripts.

If an applicant’s degree is not a US equivalent, approval by the UF Graduate School is needed. A petition should be filed to the UF Graduate School with an accredited evaluation agency’s assessment that says the degree is equivalent to a US bachelor’s degree. A list of accredited agencies is available from the UF Graduate School.

Grade Point Average

Applicants who graduated from an accredited US college or university must have an upper division undergraduate grade point average of 3.00 or better. In the case of non-US applicants, the UF Office of Admission will determine degree equivalency.

GRE Scores

All applicants must have GRE (Graduate Record Examination) scores that meet the requirement set by the Chemical Engineering Department. As GRE scores are just a part of the applicants’ qualifications, there are no minimum scores set for the admission decisions and these scores are used in combination with other qualifications including GPA and recommendation letters.

Applicants with previous master’s degrees, doctoral degrees or professional degrees from a regionally accredited US institution can be exempted from the GRE requirement.

Applicants with credentials from non-US institutions must submit the test scores regardless of the level of the degree they hold.

Verbal GRE Score and English Language Testing

Non-US and Puerto Rican applicants must have at least a 140 (or 320 in the old scale) verbal GRE score and at least the required minimum score for one of these English language tests:
At least a 6 International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score.
At least a 77 Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) score.
At least a 213 computer-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score.
At least an 80 Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score.
At least a 550 paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score.

Applicants may be exempted from this requirement if:
- They have official proof of successfully completing the UF English Language Institute (ELI) prior to applying.
- They are citizens of a country where English is the official language, listed on the UF Graduate School website at http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/apply/international/countries.html
- They have proof of spending at least one year as a full-time student at a college or university in a country where English is the official language. (Please note: time spent in ESL (English as a Second Language) programs does not qualify for this exemption.)

If an applicant does not meet the English Language Testing and/or verbal GRE score requirements, he/she can still be admitted under the following conditions that must be met during his/her first semester at UF:

He/she must take the UF Academic Written English Program’s screening test. This free one-hour test is offered at the start of fall and spring semesters. For the date, time and location of the next UF Academic Written English Program screening test, go online to http://www.eli.ufl.edu/programs/AcademicWrittenEnglish.html. If the applicant does not pass this screening test, he/she must take and pass EAP 5845 Academic Written English during his/her first semester at UF to continue enrolling as a UF graduate student.

TSE and SPEAK Test Scores
Though not an admission requirement, please remember: by Florida law, non-US students must meet the TSE (Test of Spoken English) or SPEAK (Speaking Proficiency English Assessment Kit) requirement before being offered a teaching assistantship:

Those who score 55 or above can receive teaching assistantships. Those who score 45 to 50 must take and pass EAP 5836 Academic Spoken English during the first semester of their teaching assistantships if they are granted one. Those who score below 45 cannot receive teaching assistantships.

If a student does not have TSE or SPEAK scores, he/she takes the SPEAK Test on the UF campus. For more information about this test, go online to http://ase.ufl.edu/testing.html.

Deadlines

New students for all graduate programs are admitted only in the Fall Semester and the application deadline is April 1, 2018. Admission in the Spring Semester may be considered for exceptional cases only. Please contact PhD-Recruiting@che.ufl.edu before applying for the Spring semester.
Late applications for admission will be considered up to June 15, depending on the availability of residual financial-support resources. Applicants seeking financial assistance are strongly encouraged to apply as early as possible.

Procedures (Where to send what Forms)

All applicants should apply online: http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/prospectivegraduate.html. For Fall-term admission, the deadline for submission is December 5 for full consideration. Applications may be considered as late as June 15, but only under exceptional circumstances.

Documents required by the Office of Admissions:
1. Admission application (on-line)
2. Application fee. Note: application fee waivers are available for domestic applicants. To receive an application fee waiver, the following online form must be completed: https://www.eng.ufl.edu/graduate/prospects/request-information/
3. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
4. Official GRE scores from ETS
5. Official English Language Test (TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB) scores for international applicants.
Note: if electronic delivery is not available, such as for the IELTS, the original documents should be sent by regular mail to the Office of Admissions:
   Graduate Admissions
   University of Florida
   S-201 Criser Hall
   Gainesville, FL  32611

Admission Requirements for Department of Chemical Engineering:
1. Graduate fellowship/assistantship application for PhD students
2. Statement of purpose (should be submitted on-line with the application)
3. Three recommendation letters (add contact information for three letter writers during the on-line application process).
5. Photocopy of any official document sent by regular mail to Office of Admissions.
6. A resume no longer than two pages (submit with the on-line application)
Documents not submitted on-line should be sent to PhD-Recruiting@che.ufl.edu.

For general questions regarding the on-line admissions process, please contact: graduate@admissions.ufl.edu. For questions regarding Department of Chemical Engineering requirements, please contact: PhD-Recruiting@che.ufl.edu.