Biomedical Engineering

Program Requirements

All master's students must successfully complete a total of 5.0 credits, which includes a 2.5 credit master's thesis. Courses must be selected with the approval of the student's supervisor.

M.A.Sc. Biomedical Engineering (5.0 credits)

Requirements:

1. 0.5 credit in:
   - BIOM 5010 [0.5] Introduction to Biomedical Engineering
2. 1.0 credit in BIOM (BMG) courses
3. 1.0 credit in elective courses at either Carleton University or University of Ottawa with the approval of the OCIBME Director or Associate Director
4. 2.5 credits in:
5. 0.0 credit in:
   - BIOM 5800 [0.0] Biomedical Engineering Seminar

Total Credits 5.0

M.A.Sc. Biomedical Engineering with Specialization in Data Science (5.0 credits)

Requirements:

1. 0.5 credit in:
   - BIOM 5010 [0.5] Introduction to Biomedical Engineering
2. 0.5 credit in:
   - DATA 5000 [0.5] Data Science Seminar
3. 1.0 credit in BIOM (BMG) courses
4. 0.5 credit in elective courses taken either at Carleton University or University of Ottawa with the approval of the OCIBME Director or Associate Director
5. 2.5 credits in:
6. 0.0 credit in:
   - BIOM 5800 [0.0] Biomedical Engineering Seminar

Total Credits 5.0

M.A.Sc. Biomedical Engineering with Specialization in Bioinformatics (5.0 credits)

Consult the Bioinformatics section for details regarding admission requirements to this program.

Requirements - by thesis (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:
   - BIOM 5010 [0.5] Introduction to Biomedical Engineering
2. 1.0 credit in:
   - BIOL 5515 [0.5] Bioinformatics
   - BIOL 5517 [0.5] Bioinformatics Seminar
3. 1.0 credit in BIOM (BMG) courses
4. 2.5 credits in:
5. 0.0 credit in:
   - BIOM 5800 [0.0] Biomedical Engineering Seminar

Total Credits 5.0

M.Eng. Biomedical Engineering (5.0 credits)

Requirements - by coursework

1. 0.5 credit in:
   - BIOM 5010 [0.5] Introduction to Biomedical Engineering
2. 2.0 credits in BIOM (BMG) courses
3. 2.5 credits in elective courses at either Carleton University or University of Ottawa with the approval of the OCIBME Director or Associate Director
4. 0.0 credit in:
   - BIOM 5800 [0.0] Biomedical Engineering Seminar

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - by project

1. 0.5 credit in:
   - BIOM 5010 [0.5] Introduction to Biomedical Engineering
2. 1.5 credits in BIOM (BMG) courses
3. 1.5 credits in elective courses at either Carleton University or University of Ottawa with the approval of the OCIBME Director or Associate Director
4. 0.0 credit in:
   - BIOM 5800 [0.0] Biomedical Engineering Seminar

Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - by thesis (5.0 credits)

1. 2.5 credits in:
   - BIOM 5010 [0.5] Introduction to Biomedical Engineering
   - BIOM 5100 [0.5] Biomedical Instrumentation
   - BIOM 5200 [0.5] Medical Image Processing
   - BIOM 5406 [0.5] Clinical Engineering
   - HLTH 5201 [0.5] Fundamentals of Policy I: Policy Analysis
2. 0.0 credit in:
   - BIOM 5800 [0.0] Biomedical Engineering Seminar
3. 1.5 credit in:
   - BIOM 5901 [1.5] Clinical Engineering Project
4. 1.0 credit in:
   - BIOM 5801 [1.0] Clinical Engineering Internship

Total Credits 5.0

M.Eng. Biomedical Engineering with Specialization in Data Science (5.0 credits)

Requirements - by coursework:

1. 0.5 credit in:
   - BIOM 5010 [0.5] Introduction to Biomedical Engineering
2. 0.5 credit in:
   - DATA 5000 [0.5] Data Science Seminar
3. 2.0 credits in BIOM (BMG) courses

Total Credits 5.0
### Ph.D. Biomedical Engineering (10.0 credits)

**Requirements:**

1. **0.5 credit in:**  
   - **BIOM 5010 [0.5]**  
     Introduction to Biomedical Engineering  
   
2. **0.5 credit in BIOM (BMG) courses**  
   
3. **0.5 credit in elective courses at either Carleton University or University of Ottawa with the approval of the OCIBME Director or Associate Director**  
   
4. Completion of:  
   - **BIOM 6800 [0.0]**  
     Biomedical Engineering PhD Seminar  
   
5. Successful completion of the comprehensive examination before the end of the fourth term of registration  
6. A written thesis proposal and oral examination to take place before the end of the sixth term of registration  
7. **8.5 credits in:**  
   - **BIOM 6909 [8.5]**  
     Ph.D. Thesis  
   
**Total Credits**: 10.0

### Admission

**M.A.Sc. Biomedical Engineering**

The normal requirement for admission is a four-year bachelor's degree in engineering, science, computer science, or a related discipline, with an average of at least B+.

**M.A.Sc. Biomedical Engineering Accelerated Pathway**

The accelerated pathway in the M.A.Sc. Biomedical Engineering is a flexible and individualized plan of graduate study. Students in their final year of a Carleton B.Eng. degree with demonstrated academic excellence and aptitude for research may qualify for this option. Students in their third-year of study in the B.Eng. degree should consult with both their Undergraduate Program Coordinator and the Associate Chair for Graduate Studies to determine if the accelerated pathway is appropriate for them and to confirm their selection of courses for their final year of undergraduate studies.

**Accelerated Pathway Requirements**

1. At least 0.5 credit in a BIOM courses (5000 level or higher) with a grade of B+ or higher.  
2. Minimal overall CGPA of A-.

Students may receive advanced standing with transfer of credit of up to 1.0 credit which can reduce their time to completion.

**Admission**

**M.Eng. Biomedical Engineering**

The normal requirement for admission is a four-year bachelor's degree in engineering, science, computer science, biomedical sciences, health sciences, or a related discipline, with an average of at least B+.

Applicants should note that simply meeting the minimum standards for admission will not guarantee admission to the program as there are only a limited number of positions available each year.
Admission
Ph.D. Biomedical Engineering
The normal requirement for admission into the Ph.D. program is a master's degree with thesis in engineering, science, computer science, or a related discipline, with an average of at least B+.

Students registered full-time in the M.A.Sc. in Biomedical Engineering program at Carleton University, who shows outstanding academic performance and demonstrates significant promise for advanced research, may be permitted to transfer into the doctoral program, without completing the master's program, upon recommendation of the student's home academic unit.

Biomedical Engineering (BIOM) Courses

BIOM 5010 [0.5 credit]
Introduction to Biomedical Engineering

BIOM 5100 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5103)
Biomedical Instrumentation
Instrumentation designed to measure physiological variables related to the function of the heart, lungs, kidney, nervous and musculo-skeletal system; emergency, critical care, surgery and anaesthesia equipment. Also listed as SYSC 5302 (ELG 6320). Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5101 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5104)
Biological Signals
Modeling of neuromuscular biological signals, including subthreshold phenomena, active behaviour of cell membranes, and innervation processes. Measurement of biological signals, including electrode effects. Time domain, frequency domain, and adaptive filtering techniques for noise reduction. Also listed as SYSC 5307 (ELG 6307). Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5106 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5109)
Advanced Topics in Medical Instrumentation
Recent and advanced topics in the field of medical instrumentation and its related areas. Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5200 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5105)
Medical Image Processing
Mathematical models of image formation based on the image modality and tissue properties. Linear models of image degradation and reconstruction. Inverse problems, regularization for image reconstruction. Image formation in radiology, computed tomography, MRI, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, positron emission tomography, electrical impedance tomography. Precludes additional credit for SYSC 5304 (ELG 5127). Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5201 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5106)
Introduction to Medical Imaging Principles and Technology
Basic principles and technological implementation of x-ray, nuclear medicine, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and other imaging modalities used in medicine. Contrast, resolution, storage requirements for digital images. Applications outside medicine, future trends. Also listed as PHYS 5201. Prerequisite(s): permission of the Physics department.

BIOM 5202 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5107)
Applications in Biomedical Image Processing
Image processing methods applied to biomedical images. Overview of medical imaging modalities. Image enhancement, segmentation, registration and fusion. Image quality metrics. Image formats. Application examples. Prerequisite(s): SYSC 5602 and BIOM 5200, or permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5203 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5108)
Advanced Topics in Biomedical Image Processing
Recent and advanced topics in the field of biomedical image processing and its related areas. Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5300 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5300)
Biological and Engineering Materials
Properties of structural biological materials (bone, tendon, ligament, skin, cartilage, muscle, and blood vessels) from an engineering materials viewpoint. Selection of engineering materials as biomaterials. Introduction to biocompatibility. Histology of soft tissues. Viscoelasticity, mechanical properties and models of muscles, ligaments and tendons. Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5301 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5301)
Biomechanics of Skeletal System, Motion and Tissue Analysis of human motion. Kinematics and kinetics of various activities. Engineering analysis and modeling techniques applied to human motion. Injury mechanics, treatment, prosthetic replacements. Fracture behaviour and healing processes. Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5302 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5302)
Biofluid Mechanics
BIOM 5303 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5303)
Ergonomics and Design
Review of ergonomic issues encountered in engineering design, including biomechanical, physical and physiological issues. Strategies for human interaction with complex systems, such as aircraft cockpits, equipment control consoles, human-robotic interactions, and tele-operated equipment.
Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5304 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5110)
Advanced Topics in Biomechanics and Biomaterials
Recent and advanced topics in the field of biomechanics and biomaterials and its related areas.

BIOM 5306 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5306)
Special Topics in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering: Biomechanics
Overview of human anatomy and physiology with emphasis on artificial organ and prosthetic device design requirement. Application of engineering principles to cells and tissues, biofluid mechanics, human body energetics, measurement techniques, mechanics of human body systems, with emphasis on the artificial heart. Also listed as MECH 5801 (MCG 5489). Precludes additional credit for MCG 5489/MECH 5801. Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as MAAE 4906, for which additional credit is precluded.

BIOM 5311 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5311)
Design of Medical Devices and Implants
Solutions to clinical problems through the use of implants and medical devices. Pathology of organ failure and bioengineering and clinical aspects of artificial organs. Examples: blood substitutes, oxygenators, cardiac support, vascular substitutes, pacemakers, ventricular assist devices, artificial hearts and heart valves.
Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5312 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5312)
Design of Orthopaedic Implants and Prostheses
Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5314 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5314)
Biocontrols
Application of traditional control system principles to the human body. Functionality of sample actuators and sensors. Characterization of human body control loops with emphasis on system stability, robustness, and effect of adverse external disturbance.
Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5315 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5315)
Biorobotics
Interpretation of physical laws as applied to human motion, kinematics and dynamics of humanoid robots, modeling of biological sensors and actuators, artificial muscles, tele-manipulation, robot assisted surgery, and multi-fingered end-effectors. Design of mechatroninc devices including rehabilitators, extenders, haptic devices, and minimally invasive surgery systems.
Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5316 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5316)
Biotransport Processes
Application of chemical engineering principles to medicine and biology. Principles of mass transfer and fluid dynamics in topics such as hemodialysis, artificial kidney, diffusion in blood, mass transfer in the eye, drug distribution in the body, and advanced life support systems.
Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5323 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5233)
Rehabilitation Engineering
Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5330 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5330)
Electromagnetic Fields and Biological Systems
Review of electromagnetic waves at radio and microwave frequencies. Electrical and magnetic properties of tissue. Impact of electromagnetic waves on tissue. Cellular effects.
Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5400 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5317)
Medical Computing
Introduction to information technology research used in the medically related fields such as biotechnology, cancer treatment, and biometric. Topics may include: medical imaging, telemedicine, telesurgery, DNA analysis, and medical information systems.
Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5401 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5318)
Advanced Health Care Engineering
Healthcare and technology; overview of medical devices and sensors; safe and effective use and management of technology; telemedicine; medical databases, data collection, storage, retrieval and computers in medicine; electronic patient records, PACS; clinical decision-support systems.
Also listed as SYSC 5300 (ELG 6130), EACJ 5303 (ELG 5123).
Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.
BIOM 5402 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5402)  
Interactive Networked Systems and Telemedicine  
Telemanipulator; human motoring and sensory capabilities; typical interface devices; mathematical model of haptic interfaces; haptic rendering; stability and transparency; remote control schemes; time delay compensation; networking and real-time protocols, history and challenges of telemedicine; telemedicine applications; telesurgery, tele-monitoring, tele-diagnosis and tele-homecare.  
Also listed as SYSC 5303 (ELG 6133).  
Prerequisite(s): permission of the instructor.

BIOM 5403 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5111)  
Advanced Topics in Medical Informatics and Telemedicine  
Recent and advanced topics in the field of medical informatics and telemedicine and its related areas.

BIOM 5405 [0.5 credit] (BMG 5111)  
Pattern Classification and Experiment Design  
Introduction to a variety of supervised and unsupervised pattern classification techniques with emphasis on correct application. Statistically rigorous experimental design and reporting of performance results. Case studies will be drawn from various fields including biomedical informatics.  
Also listed as SYSC 5405 (ELG 6102).  
Prerequisite(s): undergraduate introductory probability and statistics.

BIOM 5406 [0.5 credit]  
Clinical Engineering  
Overview of the Canadian health care system; brief examples of other countries; clinical engineering and the management of technologies in industrialized and in developing countries; safety, reliability, quality assurance; introduction to biomedical sensor technologies; applications of telemedicine; impact of technology on health care.  
Prerequisite(s): enrolment in M.Eng. Biomedical Engineering with Concentration in Clinical Engineering.  
Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as SYSC 4202, for which additional credit is precluded.

BIOM 5800 [0.0 credit] (BMG 5800)  
Biomedical Engineering Seminar  
This course is in the form of seminars presented by graduate students and other researchers in the area of Biomedical Engineering. To complete this course, a student must attend at least ten seminars and make one presentation in the context of this seminar series.

BIOM 5801 [1.0 credit]  
Clinical Engineering Internship  
Internship placements are set in an institutional setting outside of the University. Students must complete a formal written paper in addition to their internship activities.

BIOM 5900 [1.5 credit]  
Biomedical Engineering Project  
Students pursuing the project-based M.Eng. completion option conduct a biomedical engineering study, analysis, and/or design project under the supervision of a faculty member.

BIOM 5901 [1.5 credit]  
Clinical Engineering Project  
Students pursuing the M.Eng. Clinical Engineering completion option conduct a clinical engineering study, analysis, and/or design project under the supervision of a faculty member.

BIOM 5906 [0.5 credit] (BMG 7199)  
Directed Studies in Biomedical Engineering  
Various possibilities exist for pursuing directed studies on topics approved by a course supervisor, including the above-listed course topics where they are not offered on a formal basis.

BIOM 5909 [2.5 credits]  
M.A.Sc. Thesis

BIOM 6800 [0.0 credit]  
Biomedical Engineering PhD Seminar  
This course is in the form of seminars presented by graduate students and other researchers in the area of Biomedical Engineering.

BIOM 6909 [8.5 credits]  
Ph.D. Thesis

Summer session: some of the courses listed in this Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and scheduling for summer session courses will differ significantly from those reported in the fall/winter Calendar. To determine the scheduling and hours for summer session classes, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca

Not all courses listed are offered in a given year. For an up-to-date statement of course offerings for the current session and to determine the term of offering, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca