ADMISSION POLICY

The undergraduate Civil Engineering and Construction Engineering Management programs consist of a Pre-Engineering program and Professional Engineering program. Admission to the Pre-Engineering program (freshman and sophomore years) is open to any student admitted to the University. Admission to the Professional Engineering Program (beginning at the junior year) is competitive and restricted to those students who have demonstrated an ability to achieve the high standards required for professional engineering studies as ranked by their GPA (see below). The size of the Professional Engineering program is limited by the availability of faculty and facilities to offer a high-quality program.

For admission to the Professional Engineering program, students must have been previously admitted to the University and must apply to the College of Engineering. The application deadline is July 1st of each year for Fall term admission. To be eligible to apply, students must have completed at least 80 credit hours of college coursework; completed 50 credit hours of required pre-engineering courses (PRE-E courses) with grades of “C” or better and have an earned GPA on these courses (PRE-E GPA) of 2.25 or greater. Admission to the Civil Engineering or Construction Engineering Management professional programs is based on student ranking determined on the grade point calculated using PRE-E courses. The actual admission GPA varies from year to year depending on the applicant pool.

Students are not allowed into junior-level professional engineering courses until they are admitted into the professional program. Students who have completed the majority of their pre-engineering courses but do not apply or do not meet the requirements for admission to the professional program may find it difficult to take a full course load. Petitions to take specific junior-level professional engineering courses are considered on a case-by-case basis. Considerations include student PRE-E GPA, number of missing PRE-E courses, number of lower division courses still to take, likelihood that student will be admitted to the professional program, completion of prerequisites, and space available in the course.

More generally, enrollment in any upper division engineering course in the College of Engineering requires that: (a) students have been admitted to a professional engineering program of the College of Engineering and that the course is required in their program of study, or (b) students are enrolled in any major program at OSU whose curriculum, as printed in the OSU General Catalog, stipulates the course by name and number, or (c) students admitted with the approval of the College and the Department offering the course by a petition process.