Industrial Engineering

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The Master of Industrial Engineering degree program is scheduled to start in Fall 2019 (Academic Year 2019-2020).

The Master of Industrial Engineering degree is a graduate degree program administered by the George R. Brown School of Engineering, with the participation of the Rice University Departments of Mechanical Engineering and Statistics, and the Rice Center for Operations Research.

The program is designed to explore modern industrial systems, which arise in fields such as manufacturing, services, supply chain management, energy, transportation and healthcare. Analyzing and optimizing their performance is very challenging; for example, the number of ways that Federal Express can route its vehicles vastly exceeds the number of atoms in the universe. These analyses are crucial, their financial impact typically exceeds the profit margins in many industries, such as transportation and retailing.

To meet these challenges, the Master of Industrial Engineering degree emphasizes improving the quality and reliability of complex systems. It provides students with a deep set of analytical and engineering skills, and contextual knowledge of important problem domains, such as manufacturing, supply chain, energy and healthcare. Graduates will help industry, governments and non-profits improve efficiency in changing and uncertain environments.

Industrial Engineering does not currently offer an academic program at the undergraduate level.

Master's Program
- Master of Industrial Engineering (MIE) Degree (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/engineering/industrial-engineering/industrial-engineering-mie/#outcomestext)

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- Michael D. Byrne, Psychological Sciences
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For Rice University degree-granting programs:
To view the list of official course offerings, please see Rice's Course Catalog (https://courses.rice.edu/admweb/SWKSCAT.cat?p_action=cata)
To view the most recent semester's course schedule, please see Rice's Course Schedule (https://courses.rice.edu/admweb/SWKSCAT.cat)

Industrial Engineering (INDE)
INDE 501 - FUNDAMENTALS OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING
Short Title: FUND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING
Department: Industrial Engineering
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Introduction to fundamental tools in industrial engineering. Topics include productivity analysis, material handling, logistics, design of experiments, quality control, location theory, warehouse design, supply chain management and scheduling. Instructor Permission Required.

INDE 509 - INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN FACTORS ENGINEERING
Short Title: INTRO TO HUMAN FACTORS ENG
Department: Industrial Engineering
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): INDE 501
Description: Analysis and design of engineering systems considering human characteristics and limitations. Design of control, displays, tools, workstations and groups. Human factors research methods. Instructor Permission Required.
INDE 545 - PRESCRIPTIVE ANALYTICS
Short Title: PRESCRIPTIVE ANALYTICS
Department: Industrial Engineering
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Description: A survey of methods for combining mathematical models and large data sets to produce optimal decisions. Topics include decision analysis, dynamic programs, mathematical programs and various heuristics. Instructor Permission Required.

INDE 546 - COMPUTATIONAL PRESCRIPTIVE ANALYTICS
Short Title: COMP PRESCRIPTIVE ANALYTICS
Department: Industrial Engineering
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): INDE 545
Description: A continuation of INDE 545 that focuses on computational approaches to prescriptive analytics. Topics include decomposition approaches to large-scale optimization, modeling languages, decision analysis and discrete-event simulation software. Emphasis will be placed on using relevant software on practical problems. Instructor Permission Required.

INDE 590 - MASTER'S IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE
Short Title: MIE CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE
Department: Industrial Engineering
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): INDE 509 (may be taken concurrently) or MECH 543 (may be taken concurrently) or MECH 546 (may be taken concurrently) or STAT 572 (may be taken concurrently)
Description: MIE students are required to write a field report related to one of the four spring core courses in the curriculum (INDE 509, MECH 543, MECH 546, STAT 572). Students must prepare a report relevant to the course material, and present it in class. Instructor Permission Required.

INDE 597 - TOPICS IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING
Short Title: TOPICS IN INDUSTRIAL ENG
Department: Industrial Engineering
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

INDE 677 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Industrial Engineering
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar, Lecture, Laboratory, Internship/Practicum
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Visiting Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Topics and credit hours vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

Description and Code Legend
Note: Internally, the university uses the following descriptions, codes, and abbreviations for this academic program. The following is a quick reference:

Course Catalog/Schedule
• Course offerings/subject code: INDE

Program Description and Code
• Industrial Engineering: INDE

Graduate Degree Description and Code
• Master of Industrial Engineering: MIE

Graduate Degree Program Description and Code
• Degree Program in Industrial Engineering: INDE

CIP Code and Description

Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2010 Codes and Descriptions from the National Center for Education Statistics: https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/