MASTER OF SCIENCE (PLAN II - THE MOST POPULAR COMMON PLAN)  
PROJECT/PRESENTATION  
DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

NORMATIVE TIME

1.5 years or 3 semesters

MINIMUM NUMBER OF UNITS TO COMPLETE DEGREE

24 Semester Units

Course Restriction: Must be either in 200 series or 100 elective upper division series

MINIMUM NUMBER OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING UNITS

12 Semester Units (must be in 200 series and letter-graded with the exception of the optional 4 units of ME 299 that can be included in the 12)

MINIMUM UNITS TO BE REGISTERED EACH SEMESTER

As a graduate student in ME, each student must enroll in 15 Semester units each semester.

MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF INDEPENDENT STUDY UNITS (298, 299, 300 AND ABOVE)

The semester enrollment restrictions for independent study courses are as follows:

- 298s: 8 units
- 299s: 12 units
- 300s: 6 units

Please note that only 4 Semester units of 299 can be counted towards the 24 unit total requirement.

MINIMUM REQUIRED NUMBER OF UNITS IN MAJOR FIELD AREA (E.G. BIOENG, CONTROLS, ETC.)

12 Semester units from 200 or 100 upper division series

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF UNITS YOU CAN TRANSFER TOWARDS YOUR MASTERS DEGREE

A master’s student may transfer up to 4 semester units or 6 quarter units of course work completed as a graduate student at another institution. The units must be equivalent to courses in the student’s graduate program at Berkeley, and the student must have received at least a B in the course(s) and have a grade-point average of at least 3.3 at both Berkeley and the other institution. However, students cannot use units from another institution to satisfy the minimum unit requirement in 200 series courses or the minimum academic residence requirement. In addition, they may not present course work previously used to satisfy requirements for another degree program at Berkeley or at another institution.

Berkeley undergraduates who take graduate course work during their last undergraduate semester may petition to backdate graduate standing in order to receive graduate credit for that course work. Graduate standing may be
backdated from the last semester, and students may petition for credit only for the course work that was not required for the undergraduate degree.

All petitions to have units transferred must be first approved by the Vice-Chair for Graduate Study. He then forwards the petitions to Graduate Division.

Detailed restrictions can be found in Graduate Division’s Guide to Graduate Policy: http://grad.berkeley.edu/policies/ggp/ggp.pdf

**ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY**

If the MS is the student’s terminal degree, students should apply for Advancement to Candidacy in their second semester. The form can be found on the department website.

**ORAL PRESENTATION AND FINAL REPORT**

An oral presentation and a written report are required. 2 Faculty are required to be present. At least one needs to be from the MS Committee. All committee members are required to be members of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate.

Two committee members are needed for the report:

- Your Research Advisor
- ME or Professor outside the ME department

- At least one committee members must be from ME
- Both members must also be members of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate