



Master of Sustainable Energy and Environmental Management (MSEEM) FAQs

1. What kind of background do students in the program have?

MSEEM students come from a variety of educational backgrounds. It is suited for students with work experience seeking professional advancement and students coming straight from an undergraduate degree.

2. What kind of opportunities are available for graduates of the MSEEM?

There is a growing demand for students to dedicate their professional careers to tackling local and global sustainability challenges. The public and private sectors in Georgia and beyond have demonstrated increasing interest in implementing sustainable practices.

The shift toward corporate social responsibility and the expansion of public programs targeting clean energy and environmental protection, along with increased funding and activity by environmental non-governmental organizations (NGOs), has led to a surge in demand for professionals with sustainability training.

The MSEEM will lead the next generation of experts who understand the value of energy and ecological services and contribute to policy and management trajectories consistent with a sustainable future. The program offers a mix of courses and in-class lectures with sustainability practitioners designed to prepare students to work in government or the public or private sector, including consulting firms, businesses, NGOs, and government agencies in a position as an analyst or manager.

3. Can I take the program part-time while working?

Yes, the program features a flexible 30 credit format, with a part-time option where students can take courses at their own pace. Coursework must be completed within 7 years to qualify for graduation. It is common for students to take an extra semester or two, especially if they find relevant internships or are working part or full time during the program.

4. Do I need to find a potential supervisor before applying for the program?

No.

5. What kind of financial aid is available?

MSEEM currently offers several full graduate fellowships. Only full-time MSEEM students are eligible. Beyond this, there is financial aid available through federal programs, for State of Georgia Employees through the TAP program. In addition, students may be eligible for research and teaching assistantships, though these options are highly competitive.



6. What courses do I need to take to complete the degree program?

The MSEEM can be completed either full-time (4-4-2 courses in a single year) or part-time (2-2-1 courses each year for 2 years).

The MSEEM is a 30-credit degree program. It involves 6 credit hours (2 courses) of required core courses, 6 credits (2 courses) of quantitative methods, 12 credit hours (3 courses) drawn from a menu of Sustainable Energy & Environmental Management Electives, and 3 credit hours (1 course) from the Policy & Management Electives. A project paper equivalent to 6 credit hours will be delivered at the end of the program.

The curriculum is described in full on the following website:
<https://spp.gatech.edu/masters/mseem/mseemcurriculum>

7. How many students are likely to be in each class?

It really depends on the class and the school the course is offered in. Most classes will range between 10 and 30 students.

8. Can MSEEM students get credit for an elective course that is not currently on our approved list?

Yes. Program directors can approve courses around the Institute that can meet the goals of the program. There are frequently new courses offered and are added to the approved list.

9. If the student can finish a BS/BA in summer, can they enroll in the MSEEM in Fall?

Yes, if your degree is conferred before the start of the Fall semester. In addition, Georgia Tech students can count up to two courses towards both their undergraduate degree and graduate degree.

10. Can a student enroll in the MSEEM and then switch to the CSEEM?

Yes.

11. Is CSEEM only available for students that are currently attending GA Tech or if it is open to people that have graduated from other institutions?

No, students from other institutions of higher learning are encouraged to apply.

12. Are there any prerequisite courses for the degree?

There are no formal prerequisite courses for the degree. However, it is highly recommended to have taken undergraduate level probability and statistics before enrolling in the degree. The admissions committee considers performance in quantitative classes.

13. What would be the minimum GPA/GRE score a prospective student would need in order to apply for the MSEEM graduate program?

We practice holistic admissions that promote an inclusive and rigorous application review process that considers all portions of the application and not just your GPA or test scores.



14. Can an MSEEM student apply for the Ph.D. program offered by the School of Public Policy at Georgia Tech?

Yes, students currently enrolled in the MSEEM program can apply for the Ph.D. program. Most of the MSEEM courses can be used outside of the Ph.D. core curriculum in the specialty or concentration courses (<https://spp.gatech.edu/doctorate>). The deadline for the Ph.D. application is Dec 15th.

15. Does the program qualify as a STEM program for Visa purposes?

Unfortunately for interested international students, at this time the MSEEM program does not qualify as a STEM program, including 24-month STEM OPT extensions for F1 Visas.

Additional information for international students can be found at:
<https://oie.gatech.edu/directions>

16. What do I need to submit to apply?

The application package requires:

- Application fee \$75 (\$85 International Applicants)
- Official transcripts from all schools attended.
 - During the application process you can upload your unofficial transcript, and once you have been accepted you will be contacted with further information on where to send your official transcript.
- Test scores
 - GRE scores are required.
 - Institute code: R5248
 - Department code (GRE/TOEFL): 94
 - English Proficiency requirements: <https://grad.gatech.edu/english-proficiency>
 - The department does not accept Duolingo test scores as a proof of English proficiency.
- Three letters of recommendation
- International Students, please see the following website for additional information:
<https://grad.gatech.edu/international-applicants>

17. When do I need to apply?

Deadline: February 15 11:59 PM EST (Priority Deadline). Subsequent applications may be accepted on a rolling basis.

The application process is online at: <http://grad.gatech.edu/apply-now>.

18. When will application decisions be released?

April 1st for the Fall. This program admits for Fall only.

19. Is it possible to pair two master's programs and study them concurrently as a dual degree?

Yes, however, only two courses can be double counted towards two degrees.