MS BME FAQs
This list is also found on the MSBMED Website

Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering (MS BMED) Program Admission

How do I know which biomedical engineering master's program to select on my application?

The biomedical engineering master's program (MS BMED) is completed in three (non-thesis) or six (thesis) semesters. The non-thesis option is oriented towards those seeking deeper content knowledge. The thesis option is oriented towards those contemplating pursing a Ph.D. in the future. Course credits may transfer to the Ph.D. program (application required). Candidates usually take two to four courses each semester. The selection of approved courses that appears on the website is shown when you select your program option (Thesis or Non-Thesis). The list of approved courses will appear when you click on the option. The program is linked to a website where you should read more about degree requirements, program objectives and more information about admissions.

Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering
When is the application deadline for the MS BMED Program? Due to COVID-19

The deadline has been extended until June 1 to apply for fall admission. September 1 is the deadline to apply for spring admission.

What do I need to upload with my application to the MS BMED Program?

☐ Statement of purpose (5000 characters)
☐ Names and email addresses for three references
☐ Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
☐ TOEFL or IELTS scores (for non-native English speakers)

What are your GRE requirements for the MS BMED Program?

GRE scores are not required for acceptance into the M.S. Biomedical Engineering Program at Georgia Tech.

What are the prerequisites for admission to the MS BMED Program?

☐ B.S. in Engineering, Science, or Math
☐ One year (two semesters or three quarters) of calculus-based physics
☐ Organic chemistry is recommended
☐ Calculus through and including differential equations is recommended (4 semesters total)

Should I apply to the MS BMED Program if I have not yet completed a prerequisite?

Program prerequisites provide necessary background to be successful in our graduate program. Applicants should be enrolled in or have already completed prerequisites prior to submitting an application.

Is funding available for students enrolling in the MS BMED Program?

Students enrolled in the MS BMED Program are expected to pay Georgia Tech tuition and fees. Funding in the form of a graduate research assistantship (GRA) is at the discretion of a faculty research advisor

and is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance and research progress. Funding in the form of a graduate teaching assistantship (GTA) is at the discretion of the department through which the course is listed. All assistantships, which include a stipend and tuition waiver, require a minimum of 13 hours per week of work to assigned activities.

How do I apply?
Georgia Tech's Office of Graduate Studies office manages all graduate program application submissions. Many questions regarding admissions and applications may be answered via their FAQ site: Georgia Tech Admission FAQs. Please contact them directly if you have a question regarding the status of your application, submission of scores or other documents, or have general application questions.

Can my application be reviewed prior to submission?
All applications must be reviewed by the Admissions Committee and are only reviewed after complete applications have been submitted through Georgia Tech's Office of Graduate Studies.

Does the Department accept international students?
Yes, we are an inclusive Department that is excited about talent!
When will I be able to visit campus and meet with students, staff, and faculty?
Georgia Tech's Office of Graduate Studies offers information sessions and tours which are Institute-focused. In addition, students may reach out to members of the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering, however we cannot guarantee the availability of students, staff, or faculty at the time of a campus visit.

When will I receive notice of my admission decision to the MS BMED Program?
Applications will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee on a rolling basis. Admission decisions will be communicated as they are made available, therefore inquiries about admission decisions will not receive responses. All applicants will be notified of a final decision.

Can I change my enrollment from Non-Thesis to the Thesis option?
If you are enrolled in the Non-Thesis option and decide you want to switch to the Thesis option then you can or vice versa. All you need to do is just contact me so that I can make the change for you.

For the Thesis Option can any faculty member be my Thesis Advisor?
If you are enrolled in the Thesis option then your advisor must be a faculty member in the BME department. If you go outside of BME for an Advisor then you must have a BME faculty member as a co-advisor. You must find the advisors on your own.

How do I find my Thesis Advisor?
You must find your own Thesis Advisor. The best option is to view our website and contact a professor where you have an interest in their research.

Can I change my BME home department and stay in the MS BMED program?
If you change your home department from BME (examples-change to College of Computing or BioE). Then your only option for the MSBMED program will be the Non-Thesis option.

What are the enrollment options?
Enrollment options are for Fall (deadline February 1) and Spring (deadline September 1).

Can I enroll in Emory Courses?
Yes, you can as long as they are on the approved list of courses.

Is the MS BMED program flexible?
Is there any flexibility in the MS BMED program? Yes, there is. You can go part time or full time. You can also sit out a semester. This depends if you are an international student then you must follow the guidelines imposed by the Office of International Education (OIE).

Where can I go for more information regarding the application process, or other questions about Georgia Tech? Examples, how can I check the status of my application or if I need to submit more information?
You need to go to the Graduate Studies Website at the following link http://www.gradadmiss.gatech.edu/
• Please view the **"Prospective Students"** tab since it will give you guidance on what to submit, how to check your application status, etc.
• Please view the **"FAQ's"** tab, it has the majority of questions and answers you may have regarding general questions about the GT new student process.

I am an International Student what do I need to submit to initiate the Visa process?
You need to submit the following information:
- Official – Last name, First name and middle name
- Birthdate – Month, Day, Year
- GT ID –It is a long number that starts with a "9"
- Identify which program you are enrolling (Thesis or Non-Thesis)
- Complete mailing address (including postal code and Country)
- Email address just in case there is a problem with delivery
- Contact telephone number in case there is a problem with delivery
- Please NOTE: an adult must be present to sign for the delivery
- All this information should be emailed to me at pat.jordan@bme.gatech.edu

Can I defer and if so what must I do?
Yes, you can defer for one year. First you must accept our offer of admission. Then email me at pat.jordan@bme.gatech.edu that you want to defer. If you only want to defer for one semester you need to have that in your email. If you want to defer for the full year you must have that information in your email. Then I will send you a revised letter stating we are granting you a deferral for the period you requested. You must sign and date the revised offer and email back to me. If you defer for more than a year then you must complete a new application package.

What does it mean when it says MSBMED-GT ONLY?
It means your degree will only have Georgia Tech and not Emory on your diploma. As previously stated you can still take approved Emory courses but your diploma will state you Graduated from GT.

I am having problems uploading additional documents or have system problems accessing my application. Need more information about my application, or if GT has received all my documents, system will not let me accept or deny offer letter, etc. What should I do?
You need to submit a work ticket to the Graduate Studies office by following the steps below:

- First visit the FAQ page at the following link to see if you can find the solution to your problem https://grad.gatech.edu/helpdesk/knowledgebase.php
- If you cannot find the answer you need then at the bottom of the page click on **"Submit a Ticket"** be as concise as possible and someone will get back to you.

Will I get updates on housing or contacting students?

Yes, sometime the first part of July I will send a google doc to everyone who has accepted our offer of admission. You can choose to add your name on the document with your contact information so you can get to know each other before classes start or to become roommates. I will also have a few current students names and emails you can contact and ask them questions about housing, what to do in Atlanta, what the programs are like, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU DECIDE TO JOIN OUR PROGRAM OR DENY OUR OFFER LETTER. THEN I NEED YOU TO RESPOND ACCORDINGLY IN YOUR APPLICATION (YES OR NO).
I NEED A RESPONSE FROM EVERYONE.

Please know I am answering all questions as I get to them. I am hoping this FAQ sheet has answered most of your questions.

Thank you