

M.S. completion timeline:

Students typically graduate within 2 years of entering the BME M.S. program. However, the nature of some projects and methods requires longer time commitments for full completion of thesis work, etc.

The time limit for completing the Biomedical Engineering M.S. degree is 4 years. If a student in good standing has not completed the M.S. program within 4 years, a time limit extension may be requested with a letter of support from the student's Supervisory Committee Chair to the Graduate School, justifying reasons for the extension and including a forecast for student completion timeline. Time limit extensions must be approved by the Department Director of Graduate Studies as well as the Dean of the Graduate School.

The following timeline is based on a two-year plan for traditional full-time M.S. students. Please note that students in a dual degree program or part-time M.S. may need to adjust their timeline accordingly

First Year

- Begin the Core Curriculum courses
- Select a Specialized Graduate Track
- Form a Supervisory Committee and submit Supervisory Request form by the end of the first semester
- Meet with Supervisory Committee at the beginning of the second semester to report planned coursework, timeline for completion, expectations, etc.
- Thesis students may begin dedicated M.S. research (BME 6970)
- Begin Specialized Graduate Track courses

Second Year

- Meet with Supervisory Committee at the beginning of the second year to report progress, finalized/approve Program of Study and plan for Final Exam or Thesis Defense
- Take advanced Specialized Track courses (6000+) and complete course requirements and Thesis Research credits (if applicable)
- Submit approved Program of Study form
- Apply for graduation
- Non-thesis students complete a final oral exam by the last day of Finals and submit "Report Final Exam" form
- Thesis students complete a thesis defense/exam and submit "Report Final Exam" form

Thesis Students must also submit their written manuscript to the Thesis Office for publication. See the Thesis Office website for policies and deadlines.