



SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

The BME-MECH Cap: What it means for incoming students

If you are interested in applying for the Mechanical Engineering/Biomedical Engineering (BME-MECH) degree program at Colorado State University, please be aware that enrollment growth for this major has far outpaced available resources. Consequently, admissions to ME and the BME-MECH programs are capped.

- Enrollment is limited
 - Due to high demand for the ME and the BME-MECH programs, the number of students admitted into these programs is limited.
 - Qualified applicants are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the admissions cap is reached.
- Applicants must apply early
 - Students are encouraged to submit completed applications as soon as possible.
Application for Fall admission starts August 1. Please do not submit your application later than December 1 for fall consideration.
 - Do not delay submitting your complete application beyond December 1 in hopes of obtaining higher GPA or test scores – if you get higher scores, you can have the admissions office re-review your application.
- Admission requirements are higher
 - Mechanical Engineering/Biomedical Engineering (BME-MECH) degree program is considered a competitive major, meaning that there are more [competitive admission requirements for Engineering](#).

Choosing an alternative major

Even if you meet the BME-MECH entry requirements, admission is not guaranteed. Therefore, the School of Biomedical Engineering strongly recommends that you choose an alternative major:

- [Biomedical Engineering with Chemical & Biological Engineering \(BME+CBE\)](#)
- [Biomedical Engineering with Electrical Engineering \(BME+EE\)](#)
- [Biomedical Engineering with Electrical Engineering – Concentration in Lasers & Optics \(BME+EE – L&O\)](#)
- [Other majors in the College of Engineering](#)

Submitting a waitlist application

Students wishing to transfer into the BME-MECH program can submit a waitlist application. Deadlines are in December for spring term admission and in May for the following fall term.

For FAQs and more information on this waitlist process, email engr-me_bme_waitlist@mail.colostate.edu. NOTE: This email account simply provides information; it will not reply to your email.

Engineering Open Option alternative

Students may be admitted as undecided engineering freshmen (Engineering Open Option). Undecided engineering students must specify their choice of major prior to registration for the sophomore year. Should the demand for any engineering major exceed the capacity to maintain a high-quality education, the college may find it necessary to limit enrollment in some majors. The undecided engineering student who wishes to transfer to one of these majors may be at a disadvantage when demand exceeds capacity. In general, students are better served by selecting one of the college's majors at admission and then changing majors, if necessary, rather than entering as undecided freshmen.