ELECTROCHEMICAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING GRADUATE MINOR

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Program Code  ECSE
Campus(es)  University Park
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This graduate minor is highly relevant to numerous graduate degree programs associated with energy, materials, and environmental sciences offering a unique set of skills that will benefit graduate students to develop expertise in electrochemical systems that complements their primary focus in batteries, fuel cells, or structural design. The minor will also help expand the students’ knowledge and capabilities in important topics relating to electrochemical and renewable energy fundamentals, devices and systems.

Admission Requirements
Any graduate student enrolled at Penn State in a related field of study may be admitted to the Electrochemical Science and Engineering graduate minor.

Minor Requirements
Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements for minors in Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/) and GCAC-700 Professional Degree Policies (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/).

The doctoral minor will consist of no fewer than five 3-credit courses (15 credits) of integrated or articulated work in electrochemical science and engineering, related to but different from, that of the major, drawn from the two lists (500-level courses and 400-level courses) below, with a preponderance of courses at the 500 level. A minimum of 6 credits must be at the 500 level for the doctoral minor.

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The master’s minor will consist of no fewer than two 3-credit courses (6 credits) of integrated or articulated work in electrochemical science and engineering, related to but different from, that of the major, drawn from the two lists above. A minimum of 3 credits must be at the 500 level for the master’s minor.

A student enrolled in this graduate minor must receive a grade of B- or better in all minor courses.

A representative from the Graduate Faculty in the graduate minor (i.e., a "Minor Field Member") must be appointed to the dissertation committee of each student enrolled in the doctoral minor in Electrochemical Science and Engineering.

Courses
Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

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