

ENGINEERING, LAW, AND POLICY

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

The student cohort should reflect today's international engineering environment, with selective admittance. The admission requirements include:

B.S. or master's degree in Engineering (including Computer Science or related technical field) with a 3.0 minimum undergraduate GPA (or equivalent). Exceptions to the minimum

- 3.0 grade-point average may be made for students with special backgrounds, abilities, and interests. Applicants will be accepted up to the number of places available for new students.
- Submission of a completed online Graduate School application for admission (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>), including a Statement of Purpose, resume, and three letters of recommendation.
- Submission of official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>).

Applicants for fall admission who wish to be considered for financial aid should complete the application process prior to DECEMBER 15 of the preceding year.

Core Application Packet

- Completed official online Graduate School application for admission (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>), and payment of nonrefundable application fee.
- Statement of purpose: a 2-3 page essay articulating interest in the program and career and educational goals. Statement of purpose should include:
 - An introduction about yourself, indicating interests, goals, and how the M.Eng. in Engineering, Law and Policy degree can help further them.
 - Any unique experiences, skills, professional experience, and/or perspectives you will bring to the distinctive learning environment and how these will enhance the Law, Policy, Engineering (LPE) community. Professional engineering experience is preferred. Applicants wishing to enter the program directly from an undergraduate degree may demonstrate experience through summer internships, summer employment, co-op experiences or experience within professional societies or student-led organizations that lead engineering projects or activities.
 - Discuss what makes you a strong candidate for the M.Eng. in Engineering, Law and Policy. Make use of supporting examples to demonstrate.
 - Make certain the above points are linked with continuity and focus, and demonstrate written communication skills.

- Vita or Résumé. Provide a current résumé or curriculum vitae, which includes your education, employment history, awards and accolades, national and international exposure, publication credits, and leadership roles in any volunteer and/or extracurricular activities.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation that attest to your readiness for graduate study and document the requisite minimum of one year of work experience. Letters must be submitted through the online application. Within the online application you will be asked to enter the names and email addresses of three individuals who will be providing your recommendation. Those individuals will receive a note via email asking them to complete a brief form that will serve as your recommendation. Please inform all recommenders they must submit the form in order for your application to be complete. Recommendations that come from former supervisors should comment on and provide examples of your performance as an intern and/or an employee, including the nature of your work and what you contributed to the company or organization. Letters from personal acquaintances or those who are not familiar with your academic or professional qualifications are not helpful to the admissions committee.
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>)
- GRE (optional): GRE scores are not required. Applicants do not need to submit GRE scores to be considered for admission, financial aid or merit-based scholarships. Applicants wishing to submit GRE scores are welcome to should they choose. However, not submitting GRE scores will not negatively impact your application in any way. If you decide to submit GRE, only scores received directly from the testing service will be accepted.