



Academic Guidelines for Students

Engineering, Science, Technology, Entrepreneurship Excellence Master's (ESTEEM) Program
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ESTEEM is an innovative 11-month entrepreneurship master's program designed to instill the specific entrepreneurially-oriented skills. Unlike the traditional M.B.A., our entrepreneurship master's focuses on the direct application of business skills in an entrepreneurial environment. ESTEEM sets itself apart from other entrepreneurship master's programs by putting students in the middle of a real-time startup or business development ecosystem. Our primary goal is to prepare students in this program for a lifelong engagement with innovation. The uniqueness of the program is its commitment to new product and business development flowing from science and engineering knowledge and discoveries.

Curriculum Requirements

Although each student will focus on a particular area of technology, all ESTEEM students are required to take a series of core courses that have been designed specifically for the program. Following are the requirements that students are required to complete for the ESTEEM Master's Degree:

- All ESTEEM-related (ESTM) business courses in Summer, Fall and Spring
- 6 credit hours of technical electives including ESTM Directed Readings and graduate-level courses (>60000) in Engineering/Science. Advanced undergraduate courses (>40000) are eligible and may be approved by the ESTEEM Program. All technical electives must be approved by your ESTEEM Adviser.
- 8 credit hours of ESTEEM Capstone thesis related courses (translating to approximately 15 hours/week)
- 1 credit hour of ESTEEM Thesis Defense in Spring semester

The students will be required to monitor their individual ESTEEM course requirements through the Graduation Progress System (GPS) available through insideND.

Entrepreneurial Capstone Thesis Project

All ESTEEM students are required to complete a capstone project in which they work with the faculty/industry mentor who has seeded the concept for the project. Each student must thoroughly evaluate the technology and develop the seed concept into a complete launch strategy. For the capstone thesis, each student will be assigned an ESTEEM Thesis Adviser as well as a Technical Adviser (usually the project sponsor).

ESTEEM Thesis Defense

By the end of the spring semester, each ESTEEM student must have submitted a final capstone thesis document (in required format) and must defend the capstone thesis in front of a committee consisting of the technical adviser, ESTEEM thesis adviser and a faculty from the Mendoza College of Business. Failure in ESTEEM thesis defense examination results in automatic forfeiture of degree eligibility, unless the Director of the ESTEEM Program recommends a retake by the end of the semester.

Admission to Candidacy

To qualify for admission to candidacy, a student must be in the ESTEEM Master’s Degree program. The student must have been enrolled in the program without interruption and must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.000 in approved course work. In addition, the student will be required to have successfully passed the ESTEEM Thesis Defense Examination. Admission to candidacy is a prerequisite to receiving the ESTEEM Master’s Degree.

Academic Code of the Graduate School

Carefully read ALL the sections of the Academic Code of the Graduate School that includes important information on course policies, add/drop policies, grading policy as well as academic integrity.

The Academic Code of the Graduate School can be found at:

http://graduateschool.nd.edu/assets/139929/graduate_academic_code_2015.pdf

Intellectual Property Guidelines:

As a condition for working on a capstone thesis project related to either University Research or Industry-Sponsored project, each student is required to read and sign ESTEEM’s Confidentiality and Assignment Agreement and any other non-disclosure agreements set forth by the industry partner.

Academic Freedom, Respect and Tolerance

The ESTEEM Program and the University of Notre Dame are committed to the free expression and interchange of ideas. Such freedom can only flourish in atmosphere in which respect for persons of all racial, ethnic, religious, gender, sexual, national and political backgrounds is guaranteed. As such the ESTEEM Program assumes an attitude of tolerance toward all persons and viewpoints in the M.S. program, and expects civility in all circumstances on the part of students, faculty, staff, and fellows. The ESTEEM Program abides by University policies prohibiting sexual and discriminatory harassment and harassment in general, on and off campus. For details on policies, please see <http://dulac.nd.edu/>.

Please contact the ESTEEM Program for any questions related to this document on ESTEEM Academic Guidelines.

Signature

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that I have read and understood the ESTEEM Program *Academic Guidelines for Students* and *Academic Code of the Graduate School*. By signing below, I agree to follow these guidelines set forth by the Program and understand that any exceptions/changes to the guidelines will require approval from the Director of the ESTEEM Program.

Signature

Date