Graduate Program in Materials Science and Engineering

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About Lehigh University







Located in Pennsylvania's beautiful Lehigh Valley, Lehigh is one of the most distinguished private research universities in the U.S. Through academic rigor, an entrepreneurial mindset, and collaborative opportunities, we challenge our students to become the leaders of the future. With five distinguished colleges and an ideal student-to-faculty ratio, Lehigh offers world-class academic opportunities on one of the nation's most beautiful campuses. [lehigh.edu]



Rossin College: A Snapshot



- 140 tenure track faculty in 8 academic departments
- 2,200 undergraduates, 850 graduate students
- The Rossin College generates >50% of Lehigh's Ph.D. graduates, journal publications, and research expenditures.
- 30% of current engineering faculty members are NSF CAREER Award recipients
- 31% of Lehigh engineering students are female (versus the 18% national average)



Department of Materials Science and Engineering



- Founded in 1891; accredited since 1936
- 2020 US News and World Report top 30 (graduate programs in materials science)
- Current research pillars
 - Sustainable materials and manufacturing
 - Materials for advancing human health
 - Advanced characterization using machine learning

Graduate degrees in Materials Science

- PhD in Materials Science & **Engineering**
- MS/MEng in Materials Science & **Engineering**
- PhD/MS/ME in Polymer Science and Engineering
- **Graduate-level certificates in**
 - Nanotechnology
 - **Polymer Science and Engineering**





Graduate Admissions

- Deadline for consideration of financial support: Jan. 15
- Final deadline for fall admission: Jul. 15
- **GRE not required for 2021 admission**

For international students:

Minimum TOEFL

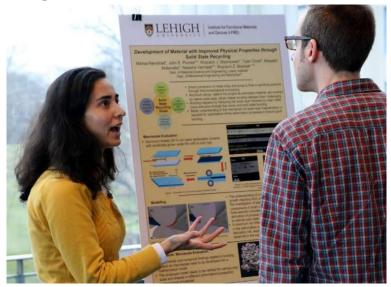
- Reading: 20
- Listening: 20
- Speaking: 23
- Writing: 22
- **COMPOSITE: 85**

Minimum IFITS

- Reading: 6.5
- Listening: 6.5
- Speaking: 7.0
- Writing: 6.0
- **OVERALL: 6.5**

Minimum ITP

- Reading: 56
- Listening: 54
- Writing: 53
- OVERALL: 543





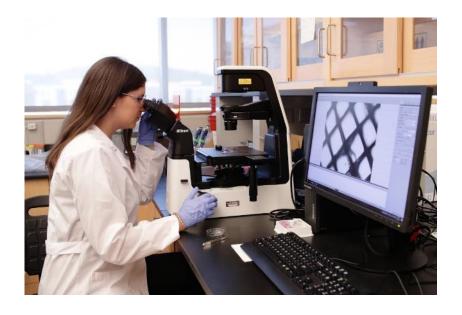
PhD Student support

First-year support

- Presidential Fellowships (~1)
- University Fellowships (~1)
- Rossin Teaching Fellowships (~4)

Subsequent support

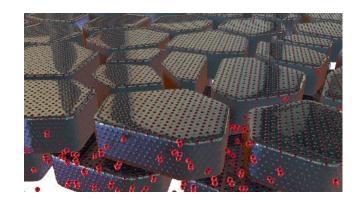
- Research contracts
- **Teaching Assistantships**
- Other Fellowships





Research activities

- Sustainable Materials and Manufacturing
 - Material Synthesis
 - Energy Conversion
 - Additive Manufacturing and Joining
- Materials for Advancing Human Health
 - Biomaterials
 - Biodevices
- Advanced Characterization Using Machine Learning
 - Data Science
 - Materials Characterization





PhD requirements

- Minimum of 72 credit hours after BS degree, or 48 credit hours after MS degree
- Three core courses
- **TA Requirement: 1-2 full time TA** (20 hrs/week)
- Research with a professor





MS/MEng requirements

- 30 credits of graduate work, including a 15-credit core in materials, electrical engineering, and physics
- At least 24 credit hours of 300- and 400-level coursework (18 at the 400level)
- At least 18 credit hours in the major field (15 credit hours at the 400-level)
- One Year MS/MEng Option





Where do our students go?









Gov't labs







Questions?





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