Development Engineering

Designated Emphasis in Development Engineering

Through coursework, research mentoring, and professional development, the Designated Emphasis in Development Engineering (DE in DevEng) prepares students to develop, pilot, and evaluate technological interventions designed to improve human and economic development within complex, low-resource settings.

The DE in DevEng is an interdisciplinary training program for UC Berkeley doctoral students from any department whose dissertation research includes topics related to the application of technology to address the needs of people living in poverty. Students from all departments can apply (https://blumcenter.berkeley.edu/academics/development-engineering/apply/).

With initial support from USAID’s Global Development Lab (https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/videos/us-global-development-lab/), the program builds upon ongoing research in technological innovations, human-centered design, development economics, remote sensing and monitoring, data science, and impact analysis at UC Berkeley. The program also features a National Science Foundation Traineeship for Innovations at the Nexus of Food, Energy, and Water Systems, InFEWS (https://blumcenter.berkeley.edu/academics/infews/).

DevEng students are connected to an ecosystem of researchers and practitioners at Berkeley via the Graduate Group in Development Engineering (https://developmentengineering.berkeley.edu/people/faculty/), and also have access to a dynamic global network.

What is a Designated Emphasis? A “Designated Emphasis” (DE) is a campus-wide system that provides doctoral students with certification in specialties outside their home discipline, to be added to their doctorates.

Requirements

The Designated Emphasis in Development Engineering requires five courses (two core courses plus three electives). The course requirements are in addition to, but may overlap with, the Ph.D. course requirements of your home department. All course work for the DE should be taken for a letter grade.

The two core courses are:

DevEng C200: Design, Evaluate, and Scale Development Technologies (3 units): DevEng C200 is co-taught each fall term by one technologist and one social scientist. Students in the DevEng DE must complete this course before their qualifying exams. Professors from the pool of faculty in the Graduate Group in Development Engineering rotate as course instructors. The course is offered for three units credit as DevEng C200, Mech Eng C200 or MBA 290T. Master’s students will be permitted to take the core course as space permits and with permission of the instructors. Dev Eng C200 is organized around analysis and application of case studies by multidisciplinary student teams according to three thematic modules.

DevEng 210: Development Engineering Research and Practice Seminar (1–2 units): This course provides DevEng students with a context and community within which their research projects can be refined and developed. The seminar focuses on work-in-progress presentations by students, post doctoral scholars, and faculty within the DIL ecosystem. The research seminar can be taken before or after the qualifying examination, and students can take it more than once.

Students must take their three electives from at least two of the three thematic modules within the Dev Eng program. The three modules are: Project Design, Evaluation Techniques and Methods for Measuring Social Impact, and Technology Development. Of the three electives, only one can be from the student’s home department.

Furthermore, all students must apply and be accepted to the Designated Emphasis in Development Engineering at least one semester before their qualifying examination. DevEng C200 must also be taken prior to qualifying exam. At least one faculty member of the Graduate Group in Development Engineering must participate in the qualifying examination committee, and will evaluate the exam from relevant perspectives. When all course work and designated emphasis requirements have been completed, this final report must be submitted to the Graduate Student Affairs Officer in 750 Davis Hall for verification of completion of the designated emphasis at the latest one month prior to your filing the dissertation. Lastly, the dissertation must contain themes relevant to the field of Development Engineering (e.g. technology for economic and social development). More about the DE’s requirements can be found here (https://blumcenter.berkeley.edu/academics/development-engineering/requirements/).

Master of Development Engineering

Apply now to join UC Berkeley’s new Master of Development Engineering (https://developmentengineering.berkeley.edu/) degree!

The three-semester Master of Development Engineering program at UC Berkeley integrates training in engineering with entrepreneurship, design, business, and policy—among others—to support students in creating technological interventions in accordance with the needs and wants of individuals living in complex, low-resource settings.

The program’s curriculum enables students to further their expertise in one of the following four predefined areas:

- **AI/Data Analytics for Social Impact**: Students take courses on how artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data tools and analytics give the social, civic, and international development sectors actionable insights.

- **Energy, Water, and the Environment**: Students take courses on core natural resource challenges—water and energy systems and their impact on the environment—and on life cycle assessment, water resource management, agricultural impact, and energy technologies and policies.

- **Sustainable Design Innovations**: Students take courses on sustainable design and social entrepreneurship, including principles of green design, the science of sustainability, resilient communities, sustainable economic models, green chemistry, product design, spatial modeling, affordable housing, public transportation, and equitable development.

- **Healthcare Transformations**: Students take courses on the rapidly evolving landscape of global healthcare technologies and practices, including biomedical device
design, health policy, health impact assessment, and the digital transformation of health care.

If a student has interests outside of these areas, it is possible to devise a Self-Designed Concentration in, for example, gender equity, global education, or technology, development and policy.

Find out more about the Master of Development Engineering program here: developmentengineering.berkeley.edu (https://developmentengineering.berkeley.edu/)

Requirements

Core courses focused on Development Engineering (18 units over the 3 semesters)

First Fall Semester

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DevEng 202: Critical Systems of Development (3 units): This course is intended to provide students in the Master in Development Engineering with the necessary background and knowledge to undertake projects and work experience of a global scope. Students will be exposed to a diversity of methodological frameworks, introduced to the skills needed to effectively participate in the sustainable development field (such as systems mapping and landscape analysis), and to understand the history and ethics of global development. Students will be required to complete an annotated bibliography and a systems analysis of a problem of interest.

Spring Semester

DevEng 203: Digital Transformation of Development (3 units): As technology use proliferates globally, there exists significant potential leverage to further understand and improve the lives and livelihoods of people in low-resource settings. Through a careful reading of recent research and through hands-on analysis of large-scale datasets, this course introduces students to the opportunities and challenges for data-intensive approaches to development. Students should be prepared to dissect, discuss, and replicate academic publications from several fields, including development economics, machine learning, information science, and computational social science. Students also will conduct original statistical and computational analysis of real-world data. They will gain an introduction to sensors as well as tools and methods for spatial modeling and spatial data analysis.

DevEng 204: Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship (3 units): Social entrepreneurship entails market-oriented approaches to address social problems for sustainable, scalable outcomes. This course will enable students to frame complex problems and devise entrepreneurial approaches for addressing them. Students study the dynamics of societal challenges and the conceptual framework of social innovation and social entrepreneurship from theoretical and practical perspectives. Students also explore technology solutions to address global social problems with a systems thinking approach. Students additionally learn how to develop appropriate business models and implementation strategies for a social venture. Student projects will integrate the development engineering goals of creating technology interventions designed to improve human and economic development in complex low-resource settings. This course is the first of a sequence of two final project courses for candidates of the Master of Development Engineering.

Second (and last) Fall Semester

DevEng 205: Development Engineering Applications (3 units): This course is the second of a sequence of two final project courses for candidates of the Master of Development Engineering. Students engage in professionally oriented independent or group projects under the supervision of an advisor. The projects integrate the development engineering goals of creating technology interventions designed to improve human and economic development within complex low-resource settings.

DevEng 206: Ethical Reflection and Portfolio Building (2 units): This course is intended to provide students with a forum for reflection on the Summer Internship component of the Master of Development Engineering as well as projects worked on to date. Topics covered by the course will include issues of power and privilege, civic engagement, political/public policy contexts, tensions between tourism vs. travel, and community service vs. engagement. Students will discuss and produce an op-ed on an issue of interest. Students will also develop a portfolio to capture their individual point of view and skill sets developed in the M.DevEng.

DevEng 290: Perspectives on Development Engineering (1 unit): Development Engineering represents a new interdisciplinary field that integrates engineering, economics, business, natural resource development, and social sciences to develop, implement, and evaluate new technological interventions that address the needs of people living in poverty in developing regions and low-income areas of the United States. This seminar, offered once per year, will feature guest lecturers with insightful perspectives on the emergent field. The DevEng 290 series covers current topics of research interest in development engineering. The course content may vary from semester to semester. All topics will address the development engineering goals of developing technology interventions designed to improve human and economic development within complex, low resource settings.

Elective coursework (18 units total, of which 12 should be in the concentration area)

Two electives (https://developmentengineering.berkeley.edu/program/elective-courses/) are required each semester in addition to the above core courses. The list of currently approved elective courses can be found here (https://developmentengineering.berkeley.edu/program/elective-courses/). More information on each course can be found in the Course Catalog (http://guide.berkeley.edu/courses/#D).
Summer internship

All students must complete a professional internship during the summer between their first and second years in the M.DevEng program. The intention is for students to have an opportunity to connect the theory and practice of development engineering. Students will gain valuable learning experiences through working with non-governmental organizations, government agencies, for-profit companies, and community projects that focus on various dimensions of development engineering.

There is no course credit associated directly with the internship. However, students will receive two units of academic credit through enrollment in DevEng 206: Ethical Reflection and Portfolio Building, a course intended to provide students with a forum for reflection on the Summer Internship in Fall of their final semester.

The internship can be arranged domestically or internationally. The amount of time is flexible depending on the opportunity, but a minimum time expected for the internship is 240 hours.

Final capstone project that enables students to work in teams to extend assignments from core courses, their internships, their own initiatives, or social entrepreneurship collaborations

The capstone project is a culmination of the program and will allow you to apply what you have learned, in your coursework and in your internships, towards the design and implementation of a solution to positively impact the life of a specified community. Your capstone project will drive your theoretical synthesis simultaneously to being a vehicle for a development goal. Throughout the capstone project you will be working as part of a collaborative and interdisciplinary team offering you an opportunity to demonstrate your capacity to work collaboratively towards bringing projects to fruition within a specific development context.

Each year a portfolio of projects will be offered to students for their capstone. Students are put into teams based on their prioritized choice of projects as well as disciplinary balance to the extent possible. Each student is supervised by two advisors, their M.DevEng concentration advisor and their project advisor. Projects are submitted in printed portfolio format and comprehensive oral exam that will highlight the project’s achievements as well as the student’s roles and individual achievements. Projects are evaluated based on their analytical qualities (e.g. understanding of the problem or an area) as well as their measured impact.

PhD Designated Emphasis

To be admitted to the Designated Emphasis in Development Engineering, an applicant must already be accepted into a PhD program at the University of California, Berkeley. Before applying for the DE, interested PhD students should arrange a consultation meeting with one of the development engineering faculty advisers. Students must apply at least one semester before their PhD qualifying examination. Admission to the Designated Emphasis in Development Engineering is determined by the development engineering faculty advisers on a rolling basis throughout the academic year.

After the initial consultation meeting, a student must submit the application by email to the Graduate Student Affairs Officer, Development Engineering Faculty Adviser, and to the Development Engineering Chair. The application must contain:

1. Application forms for Admission to the Designated Emphasis in Development Engineering.
2. Letter of intent summarizing research interests and educational or employment background in issues related to development economics or development engineering.
3. A list of courses you expect to use to satisfy the elective requirement and a timeline for completion.
4. Letter of recommendation from a member of the development engineering faculty graduate group (or the student’s graduate adviser).

For the application (https://blumcenter.berkeley.edu/academics/development-engineering/apply/) and detailed information on the Development Engineering Designated Emphasis, please see its website (https://blumcenter.berkeley.edu/academics/development-engineering/designated-emphasis/).

For further information regarding admission to graduate programs at UC Berkeley, please see the Graduate Division's Admissions website (http://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/).

* If you have applied to InFEWS, you will have submitted these documents except the timeline and courses. Please submit that within one year of the InFEWS application.

Master of Development Engineering

Applicants to the M.DevEng program should be early- to mid-career professionals with an interest in advancing technology-driven solutions for local and global development. Applicants must meet all Graduate Division admission requirements (https://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/requirements/).

As with all approved graduate-level programs at UC Berkeley, applicants will be held to rigorous academic criteria in order to be admitted to this program. A bachelor's degree, or recognized equivalent, from an accredited institution is required. Applicants will be evaluated on:

- Undergraduate coursework and grade point averages
- Previous graduate coursework and grade point averages, if applicable
- Quality of relevant work or research experience
- Performance on the GRE (recommended but not required) and, if required, the TOEFL
- Interest in pursuing a particular problem area that will form the students' concentration focus

Applicants will also be required to submit a statement of purpose, personal statement, and three letters of recommendation, which will be evaluated by the Graduate Group in Development Engineering Admissions Committee for academic and professional promise, enthusiasm for the field, and academic and career interests that align with the program. Students may be invited for an interview, either in-person or remote, and should be prepared to explain their qualifications, motivations to apply to the program, and goals for the program.

For more information, check out our website (https://developmentengineering.berkeley.edu/) and our FAQ (https://developmentengineering.berkeley.edu/learn-more/faq/).

The objective of the Master of Development is to enable a pathway for students with STEM or social science training to use their expertise to
address health access, financial inclusion, climate resilience, and other challenges of our time. The primary learning objectives are to:

- Master methods of problem-conception and problem-solving for implementation of technologies in low-income regions;
- Develop an understanding of the political and cultural complexity and place-based nature of technological interventions;
- Deepen and expand knowledge in one engineering or natural or social science solutions area;
- Gain core skills in qualitative and quantitative methods for evaluating technological interventions;
- Improve professional skills that involve community-based approaches, teamwork, communication, cross-cultural awareness, capacity building, and sustainable design

The Master of Development Engineering (M.Dev.Eng.) degree requirements are:

1. Completion of three semesters of course work as specified by the Graduate Group in Development Engineering and approved by the Graduate Council, including a minimum of two semesters in residence at the University of California, Berkeley;

2. Completion of at least 36 units as specified by the Graduate Group in Development Engineering, including a minimum of 18 units in graduate course work; These include:
   - Core, required courses focused on Development Engineering (see below)
   - Elective coursework in area of concentration (see below)
   - Maintenance of a minimum average grade of B is required in all courses. No course in which a grade lower than C- is assigned may be counted toward the requirements for the degree.

3. Completion of a comprehensive oral exam based on the student's capstone project. The capstone project enables students to work in teams to extend assignments from core courses, their summer internship, their own initiatives, or social entrepreneurship collaborations. As part of the core classes during the last semester, students will be engaged in reflection and portfolio building to prepare for their oral exam.

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**Master of Development Engineering Concentration Areas and Elective Courses**

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**AI/Data Analytics for Social Impact**

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**Examples of elective courses in this concentration area include:**

- ANTHRO 189 Special Topics in Social/Cultural Anthropology 4
- ARCH 246 Building Energy Simulations 3
- CIV ENG 263N Scalable Spatial Analytics 3
- CIV ENG 295 Data Science for Energy 3
- COMPSCI 189 Introduction to Machine Learning 4
  or COMPSCI 288 Introduction to Machine Learning 4
- CY PLAN 257 Data Science for Human Mobility and Socio-technical Systems 4
- DATA C104 Human Contexts and Ethics of Data - DATA/History/STS 4
- DEVP 222 Economics of Sustainable Resource Development 3
- DEVP 229 Quantitative Methods and Impact Evaluation 3
- DEVP 296 Innovative Finance for Development 3
- EDUC 244 Data Mining and Analytics 3
- ENE,RES 131 Data, Environment and Society 4
- ENE,RES 273 Research Methods in Social Sciences 3
- ESPM 157 Data Science in Global Change Ecology 4
- ESPM 163AC Environmental Justice: Race, Class, Equity, and the Environment 4
- ESPM 260 Governance of Global Production 3
- ESPM 271 Advanced Remote Sensing of Natural Resources 3
- IND ENG 135 Applied Data Science with Venture Applications 3
  or IND ENG 23 Applied Data Science with Venture Applications 3
- INFO 188 Behind the Data: Humans and Values 3
- INFO 203 Social Issues of Information 3
- INFO 233 Social Psychology and Information Technology 3
- INFO 247 Information Visualization and Presentation 4
- INFO 254 Course Not Available 3
- INFO 251 Applied Machine Learning 4
- INFO 257 Course Not Available 3
- INFO 271B Quantitative Research Methods for Information Systems and Management 3
- INFO 272 Qualitative Research Methods for Information Systems and Management 3
- INFO 283 Information and Communications Technology for Development 3
- INFO 288 Big Data and Development 3
- LD ARCH C188 Geographic Information Science 4
- PB HLTH 272B Case Studies in Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology 2
- PB HLTH 290 Health Issues Seminars 1-4
- PUB POL 290 Special Topics in Public Policy 1-4
- SOCIOL 290 Seminar 3

**Energy & Water Systems and the Environment**

Students, choosing this concentration area, will take courses on core natural resource challenges—water and energy systems and their impact on the environment—and on life cycle assessment, water resource management, agricultural impact, and energy technologies and policies.

**Examples of elective courses in this concentration area include:**

- ANTHRO 140 The Anthropology of Food 4
- ANTHRO 230 Special Topics in Archaeology 4
- ARCH 246 Building Energy Simulations 3
- A,RESEC 249 Agricultural, Food, and Resource Policy Workshop 1
- A,RESEC 261 Environmental and Resource Economics 3
- A,RESEC 264 Empirical Energy and Environmental Economics 3
- BIO ENG C106A Introduction to Robotics 4
- CIV ENG 107 Climate Change Mitigation 3
- CIV ENG 110 Water Systems of the Future 3
- CIV ENG 206 Water Resources Management 3
- CIV ENG 210 Control of Water-Related Pathogens 3
- CIV ENG 218A Air Quality Engineering 3
- CIV ENG 263N Scalable Spatial Analytics 3
- CIV ENG 268E Environmental Life-Cycle Assessment 3
- CIV ENG 290 Advanced Special Topics in Civil and Environmental Engineering 1-3
- CIV ENG 295 Data Science for Energy 3
- CY PLAN C256 Healthy Cities 3
- DEVP 222 Economics of Sustainable Resource Development 3
- DEVP 227 Principles of Natural Resource Management 2
- DEVP 229 Quantitative Methods and Impact Evaluation 3
- DEVP 296 Innovative Finance for Development 3
- ENE,RES 131 Data, Environment and Society 4
- ENE,RES 221 Climate, Energy and Development 3
- ENE,RES 254 Electric Power Systems 4
- ENE,RES 275 Water and Development 4
- ESPM 157 Data Science in Global Change Ecology 4
- ESPM 163AC Environmental Justice: Race, Class, Equity, and the Environment 4
- ESPM 217 Political Economy of Climate Change 3
- ESPM 260 Governance of Global Production 3
- ESPM 271 Advanced Remote Sensing of Natural Resources 3
- GLOBAL 123L Perspectives For Sustainable Rural Development 4
- GLOBAL 126 Development and the Environment 4
- INFO 271B Quantitative Research Methods for Information Systems and Management 3
- INFO 272 Qualitative Research Methods for Information Systems and Management 3
Examples of elective courses in this concentration area include:

- ANTHRO 140 The Anthropology of Food 4
- ARCH 246 Building Energy Simulations 3
- A.RESEC 201 Production, Industrial Organization, and Regulation in Agriculture 4
- A.RESEC 241 Economics and Policy of Production, Technology and Risk in Agricultural and Natural Resources 3
- A.RESEC C251 Microeconomics of Development 3
- CIV ENG 107 Climate Change Mitigation 3
- CIV ENG 111 Environmental Engineering 3
- CIV ENG 186 Design of Internet-of-Things for Smart Cities 3
- CIV ENG 211A Environmental Physical-Chemical Processes 3
- CIV ENG 218A Air Quality Engineering 3
- CIV ENG 256 Transportation Sustainability 3
- CIV ENG 268E Environmental Life-Cycle Assessment 3
- CIV ENG 268S Buildings and Sustainability 3
- CIV ENG 295 Data Science for Energy 3
- CY PLAN 254 Sustainable Communities 3
- CY PLAN C256 Healthy Cities 3
- CY PLAN 204C Analytic and Research Methods for Planners: Introduction to GIS and City Planning 4
- CY PLAN 257 Data Science for Human Mobility and Socio-technical Systems 4
- DEV ENG 290 Advanced Special Topics in Development Engineering 1-3
- DEVP 222 Economics of Sustainable Resource Development 3
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- ENVECON C102 Natural Resource Economics 4
- ENVECON C132 International Environmental Economics 4
- ENVECON C145 Health and Environmental Economic Policy 4
- ENVECON C176 Climate Change Economics 4
- ENVECON C181 International Trade 4
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- INFO 271B Quantitative Research Methods for Information Systems and Management 3
- INFO 272 Qualitative Research Methods for Information Systems and Management 3
- LD ARCH 130 Sustainable Landscapes and Cities 4
- LD ARCH C188 Geographic Information Science 4
- MEC ENG 290H Green Product Development: Design for Sustainability 3
- PB HLTH 220C Health Risk Assessment 3
- PB HLTH 290 Health Issues Seminars 1-4
- PUB POL 290 Special Topics in Public Policy 1-4

**Sustainable Design Innovations**

In this concentration, you will take elective classes focused on building depth in sustainable designs with a social entrepreneurship theme in products, services, and system design. Classes may focus on principles of green design, the science of sustainability, sustainable economic models for consumption, circular economy, green chemistry, and product design skill sets. At the systems level, this concentration will look at sustainable and resilient communities, studying topics such as spatial modeling, affordable housing, public transportation, and equitable development.

Examples of elective courses in this concentration area include:

- ANTHRO 140 The Anthropology of Food 4
- ARCH 246 Building Energy Simulations 3
- A.RESEC 201 Production, Industrial Organization, and Regulation in Agriculture 4
- A.RESEC 241 Economics and Policy of Production, Technology and Risk in Agricultural and Natural Resources 3
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- INFO 271B Quantitative Research Methods for Information Systems and Management 3

**Healthcare Transformations**

In this concentration, you will take elective classes focused on the rapidly evolving landscape of global healthcare technologies and practices. Classes may focus on biomedical device design, health policy, health impact assessment, and the digital transformation of health care.

Examples of elective courses in this concentration area include:

- BIO ENG C106A Introduction to Robotics 4
- BIO ENG 110 Biomedical Physiology for Engineers 4
- BIO ENG C137 Designing for the Human Body 4
- BIO ENG 224 Basic Principles of Drug Delivery 3
- CY PLAN C256 Healthy Cities 3
- DEVP 222 Economics of Sustainable Resource Development 3
- DEVP 229 Quantitative Methods and Impact Evaluation 3
- DEVP 232 Foundations of Public Health 2
- DEVP 296 Innovative Finance for Development 3
- ENE.RES 273 Research Methods in Social Sciences 3
- ENVECON 145 Health and Environmental Economic Policy 4
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Coursework/Curriculum

The Designated Emphasis in Development Engineering requires a total of five courses, comprised of two core courses and three electives. Of the two core courses, Dev Eng C200/Mech Eng C200/MBA 290T must be taken prior to the qualifying examination. Electives must be selected from the areas listed below: 1) Problem Identification and Project Design, 2) Evaluation Techniques and Methods for Measuring Social Impact, and 3) Development Technologies. The three electives must span at least two areas. Of the three electives, only one can be from the student's home department. Students are encouraged to take one elective prior to the qualifying examination, but this is not required. All course work should be taken for a letter grade. See the program website (https://blumcenter.berkeley.edu/academics/development-engineering/designated-emphasis/) for more information.

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Development Engineering Electives: Three electives from at least two of the thematic modules.

Problem Identification and Project Design

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Qualifying Examination

All students must apply and be accepted to the Designated Emphasis in Development Engineering **at least one semester before their qualifying examination.** At least one faculty member of Development Engineering must participate in the qualifying examination committee and will evaluate the exam from relevant perspectives. Satisfactory performance on the qualifying examination for the PhD will be judged according to the established rules in the student’s home department. Online forms must be submitted with approval from both the department and the designated emphasis, at least one month in advance of the exam. For more details, please see the website (http://deveng.berkeley.edu/#quals).

Note: If none of the faculty advisers/committee members on your qualifying exam or dissertation are in the Graduate Group in Development Engineering, consider encouraging one of them to apply for membership in the Graduate Group in Development Engineering. The faculty should contact the faculty chair (see Contact Information tab on right sidebar).

Advancing to Candidacy

Students must have a designated emphasis member on the dissertation committee as well as obtaining the approval of the designated emphasis Head Graduate Advisor at the time of applying for candidacy. The Graduate Student Affairs Officer must affirm completion of the Designated Emphasis course work on the Academic Progress Report after advancing to candidacy and prior to graduation.

Dissertation

The dissertation must contain themes relevant to the field of Development Engineering (e.g., technology for economic and social development). The student’s dissertation committee must include at least one faculty in development engineering who can evaluate the dissertation from relevant perspectives.