RIT | College of Engineering Technology
Department of Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology

Note: The university governance library, college policies, and case-by-case decisions by the RIT administration supersede information here. Answers to these FAQs are an attempt to consolidate information for students in the Manufacturing & Mechanical Systems Integration program, but these FAQs are not RIT policy. Refer to the relevant RIT policies and program curriculum requirements as published in the university's Graduate Bulletin for final authoritative answers.

Academics and Curriculum

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What should I register for next semester? Answer: See the curriculum plan published by the MMET department and available on the department's web site. Take the courses in the semester indicated to assure you have the proper course prerequisites. Use the Student Information System (SIS) to view your degree requirements, identify the courses and other requirements you need to meet, and learn about deadlines. Students may register in SIS during the registration window specified for their year level. This information will be posted on your main SIS screen.

2. When may I register for courses for the next semester?
Answer: The RIT Registrar establishes the registration appointment window for each student based on academic year status. Log onto SIS to find your registration appointment window. Prior to the registration appointment window, you can load your "shopping cart" with the courses in which you seek enrollment. Then, when your registration appointment window opens, you can finalize your selection. Keep in mind that loading your "shopping cart" is not registration— you need to go into SIS during your registration appointment window to complete registration.

3. When is the DROP/ADD period?
Answer: Refer to the university academic calendar posted online at https://www.rit.edu/calendar/

4. What are the graduation requirement for the MS-MMSI program?
Answer: The university requirements for graduation include several requirements listed in the university Governance Policy Library. These policies are available online at https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/policiesmanual/policies/governance. Section D12.0 "Graduation Requirements" contains the list of requirements. The MS-MMSI curriculum in place during the academic year the student entered the program (called the "Requirement Year") is the requirement each student who entered during that year must meet. The curriculum may change from year to year as the courses and curricular content is updated and improved. Current students can check the RIT Student Information System (SIS) for the "Requirements Year" for their specific requirements.

5. What if I do not earn at least a "C" in a required course? Answer: Does a "C-" or lower grade count toward meeting required courses? Answer: Any grade less than a "C" (i.e. a "C-" or below) does not meet requirements for any required course. If a student earns a grade below a "C", or in situations where courses must be repeated for other reasons, the student must petition the dean of the College of Engineering Technology to retake the course. Contact the department office for the petition form.

6. Do all graduate courses I take at RIT, even those I repeat, count toward my CUM GPA?
Answer: Yes.

7. What is the difference between my CUM GPA and my PROGRAM CUM GPA?
Answer: The CUM GPA includes all graduate courses taken at RIT. The PROGRAM CUM GPA includes only those courses that targeted to fulfill the program curricular requirements. These are usually the same for most students, but some students who transferred from other RIT programs may have done so after earning low grades due to difficult circumstances. In order to encourage degree completion, RIT allows students to meet the minimum 3.00 PROGRAM CUM GPA requirement as the criteria for graduation when the CUM GPA is less than 3.00.

8. Are there special procedures for registering for courses in GRCS, SCOB, MSEE and ISEE departments? Answer: Yes. For registration for these courses, you will need to work with the MMET department staff to enroll in these courses. Jayne Downes, the MMSI academic advisor, and Yanelys Alvarado, MMET department administrative assistant, assist with enrolling students in these courses.

9. If I see a course in which I want to enroll, but I cannot enroll into it in SIS, what should I do? Answer: Stop into the MMET department office and ask for assistance. Enrollment in some courses is only by departmental approval. The office staff can assist you.