Human Factors & Ergonomics

Core Faculty
- Pascale Carayon, 3126 ECB
- John Lee, 3007 ME
- Robert Radwin, 2106 ECB
- Nicole Werner, 3021 ME
- Doug Wiegmann, 3214 ME
- Gabriel Zayas-Caban, 3011 ME

Affiliate Faculty
- Caprice Greenberg, K6/148, 1690 Clinical Science Ctr.
- David Gustafson, 4109 ME
- Bilge Mutlu, 6381 CS
- David Noyce, 1204 Eng. Hall
- Carla Pugh, G4/704, 7375 Clinical Sci.
- Mary Sesto, 2104 ECB
- Linsey Steege, 4127 Cooper Hall

PREREQUISITES
- BS Degree or equivalent
- Mathematical statistics (Ex. Stat 312)
- Computer programming (Ex. CS 302)
- Three courses in ISYE (Ex: 313, 315, 320, 323, 349, 415, 417)

The Associate Chair of Graduate Affairs is responsible for evaluating equivalences

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Human Factors and Ergonomics Program provides students content from physical ergonomics, cognitive ergonomics, and macroergonomics. Students who apply for both the MS and PhD degrees will be processed for each degree separately. Acceptance for the MS does not automatically ensure acceptance for the PhD.

MS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
TOTAL 30 Credits
- ISyE 349 Introduction to Human Factors or equivalent is required. It is a prerequisite for all other curriculum courses (required, but does not count toward the 30 credits).
- 9 credits of foundation courses. Take one course in cognitive ergonomics (C), physical ergonomics (P), and macroergonomics (M). Courses in multiple areas can be counted toward only ONE area.
- 9-12 credits of human factors and ergonomic electives beyond those taken as foundation courses.
- 6 credits of Tools and Methods
- 3-6 credits of MS project or thesis.
  You may count multiple ISyE 816, 854, 859 and 961 graduate seminars toward satisfying the MS degree requirements. Your advisor will determine if seminar counts toward human factors/ergonomic elective or toward Tools and Methods.

Please note if you earn a grade of C or below in a course you CANNOT count that course toward the 30-credit requirement.

ISyE 552: Human Factors Design (C,P,M)
ISyE 555: Human Performance & Accident Causation (C,P,M)
ISyE 556: Occupational Safety & Health Eng (C,M)
ISyE 559: Patient Safety & Error Reduction (C,M)
ISyE 564: Occupational Ergonomics (P)
ISyE 601: Special topics in ISyE
ISyE 610: Program Evaluation (M)
ISyE 652: Sociotechnical Systems (M)
ISyE 653: Job and Organization Design (M)
ISyE 662: Design for Human Disability & Aging (P)
ISyE 692: C, P, or M depending on topic
ISyE 699: C, P, or M depending on topic
ISyE 854: Seminar C, P, or M depending on topic
ISyE 859: Seminar C, P, or M depending on topic
ISyE 961: Seminar C, P, or M depending on topic
CEE 679: Advanced Topics in Transportation Safety (C)

TOOLS AND METHODS (6 cr.)
Various courses count as “Tools and Methods.” The HFE faculty group updates the list of “Tools and Methods” courses and advisors decide which set of “Tools and Methods” courses are appropriate for each student. The following are categories of “Tools and Methods”.

Course:
- Research Methods
- Statistics
- Qualitative Research
- Biomechanics Methods

MASTER’S PROJECT OR THESIS (3-6 CR)
ISyE 699: Advanced Independent Study
ISyE 790: Research & Thesis for MS Degree
All human factors graduate students are required to satisfactorily complete at least 3 credit hours devoted to directed research, design, development, or application, and prepare a written report covering this work. Students expecting to continue for the PhD degree are encouraged to write a Master’s Thesis. The choice of writing a formal thesis or a research report is made between each student and their advisor.

In order to be eligible for graduation, an MS student must:

- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Meet all MS degree requirements
- Have all grades entered, except for the current semester. No I’s or NR’s can show on the student’s transcript.
- Be enrolled in at least 2 credits the semester in which they graduate.
- Have their MS degree warrant signed and dated by the deadline.
- Please note if you earn a grade of C or below in a course you CANNOT count that course toward the 30-credit requirement.

Any courses 400 level or above in Engineering, Mathematics, Statistics, Business, Computer Sciences, Economics, Population Health Sciences, or Psychology if it is approved by your advisor. Successful completion of Qualifying Exam requirements. The ISyE policies for Qualifying Exams are located at [https://www.engr.wisc.edu/app/uploads/2016/02/IEP_08_1_Qualifying_Exams.pdf](https://www.engr.wisc.edu/app/uploads/2016/02/IEP_08_1_Qualifying_Exams.pdf)

- HFE qualifying exam procedures are explained in the document “Human Factors and Ergonomics Qualifying Exam Process” located on the ISyE website.
- Minor concentration of at least 10 credits. [https://grad.wisc.edu/catalog/degrees_industrialengr.htm](https://grad.wisc.edu/catalog/degrees_industrialengr.htm)
- Successful completion of Preliminary Exam and Final Defense.

- Center for Quality & Productivity Improvement (CQPI) – Pascale Carayon (Director)
- Cognitive Systems Laboratory – Lee (PI)
- Naturalistic Decision Making and Simulation Lab – Wiegmann
- Human-Computer Interaction Lab – Mutlu
- Occupational Ergonomics & Biomechanics Lab – Radwin (PI), Sesto
- Wisconsin Traffic Operations and Safety Laboratory (TOPS) – Noyce (PI)
- Werner Lab – Nicole Werner (PI)

Graduate students may have the opportunity to serve as teaching assistants for human factors courses. Students interested in research assistantships are encouraged to contact the professor, laboratory director, or center director in their area of interest.