

Petroleum Engineering

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M.S. Degree

Minimum Requirements for Degree: 30–36 credits

Petroleum engineering offers a unique look at the challenging problems confronting the petroleum industry. This program requires an understanding of many disciplines including mathematics, physics, chemistry, geology and engineering science. Courses in petroleum engineering deal with drilling, formation evaluation, production, reservoir engineering, computer simulation and enhanced oil recovery.

The curriculum prepares graduates to meet the demands of modern technology while emphasizing, whenever possible, the special problems encountered in Alaska. Located in one of the largest oil-producing states in the nation, the UAF petroleum engineering department offers modern and challenging degree programs.

The M.S. program is intended to provide students with an advanced treatment of petroleum engineering concepts. Students may choose either a thesis or non-thesis option. Research and teaching assistantships are available.

A doctoral degree program is offered with concentration in petroleum engineering for qualified students (see Engineering). Contact the graduate program coordinator or the petroleum engineering department for more information.

Graduate Program—M.S. Degree

1. Complete the following admission requirement:
 - a. Complete a B.S. degree in engineering or the natural sciences.
2. Complete the general university requirements (page 182).
3. Complete the master's degree requirements (page 186).
4. Complete the thesis or non-thesis requirements:

Thesis

- a. Complete four of the following:

PETE 607—Advanced Production Engineering.....	3
PETE 610—Advanced Reservoir Engineering	3
PETE 630—Water Flooding.....	3
PETE 656—Advanced Petroleum Economic Analysis.....	3
PETE 661—Applied Well Testing	3
PETE 662—Enhanced Oil Recovery	3
PETE 663—Applied Reservoir Simulation.....	3
PETE 665—Advanced Phase Behavior.....	3
PETE 666—Drilling Optimization.....	3
PETE 670—Fluid Flow Through Porous Media	3
PETE 680—Horizontal Well Technology	3
PETE 683—Natural Gas Processing and Engineering	3
PETE 684—Computational Methods in Petroleum Engineering ...	3
PETE 685—Non-Newtonian Fluid Mechanics	3
PETE 689—Multiphase Fluid Flow in Pipes	3

- b. Complete the following:

PETE 699—Thesis	6
Elective courses*	12

- c. Minimum credits required.....30

Non-Thesis

- a. Complete four courses from those in the thesis option.....12

- b. Complete the following:

PETE 698—Engineering Project	6
Electives*	18

- c. Minimum credits required.....36

* Electives are chosen with approval of graduate advisory committee.