Gain the knowledge to lead and integrate the entire manufacturing process of your operation for maximum success and efficiency. This interdisciplinary degree is tailored specifically for the working engineer/manager to enhance your skills in the application of advanced manufacturing techniques, data analytics, continuous improvement and overall engineering leadership.

What You Learn

• The manufacturing and business skills to become a leader within your enterprise
• Technology and process innovations that will enhance your productivity and make your business more competitive
• How to incorporate quality, lean, advanced automation, robotics, supply chain, sustainability, and data analytics into your engineering decision-making and planning

Where and How You Learn

Where
This is a 100% online educational program in which you will interact with world-renowned faculty and students from large and small manufacturing and supply chain organizations.

How
Our teaching is focused on an engaged model where you will learn through videos, weekly live webinars, online discussions and real-life projects.

You may start the program in spring or fall of any year. Most of the courses are three credit-hours. The majority of students elect to take two courses per semester depending on their individual situation.

A faster or slower pace can be selected as appropriate to the individual learner’s circumstances. The MSE degree is awarded upon completion of thirty credits – twenty-four core course credits and six elective credits.

The MSE courses helped me reach new levels of performance; they allowed for increased technical understanding and leadership. These new skills provide a professional edge not only in the work quality but work efficiency.

Roberto Verastegui
John Deere
Sample Plan of Study

Required Courses

Smart Manufacturing
Learn how to evaluate, choose and integrate automation and robotic equipment into manufacturing systems. Understand Industry 4.0 and what it means for operations. Analyze, design and simulate closed loop control systems.

Quality Engineering and Quality Management
Learn how to lead quality improvement and successfully implement change in your organization. Deploy lean, kaizen, quality and key analysis tools for process enhancement. Many graduates say this course and project opened doors to new opportunities at work.

Engineering Economic Analysis and Management
Deepen your understanding of financial performance and financial terms. Develop an understanding of how best to create financial models for capital investments, projects and resource allocation. Create make vs buy models and understand direct and indirect costs.

Industrial Data Analytics
Develop your ability to implement data-driven modeling techniques such as regression, classification, and principal component transformation. Understand the concept of model complexity and trade-off between model bias and variation, as well as improve your problem-solving capability using realistic industrial datasets.

Production Systems Analysis
Learn production system modeling principles, performance analysis procedures, and analytical tools. You will understand continuous improvement procedures, lean buffer implications, and design principles. You will be able to carry out bottleneck analysis.

Technical Project Management
This advanced, practice-focused course enables engineering project managers at all levels, from first-time rookies to highly seasoned pros, improve their strategies, methods, and results. Learn latest proven methods to successfully plan, schedule, budget, and complete projects. Using a real project from your own work, you and several team members will apply methods and tools to improve the organization and management of your selected project. The course examines how traditional project management methods can be improved through incorporation of lean principles and agile methods.

Supply Chain Management
This course provides a practical perspective of supply chain management and logistics. The course will look at distribution, transportation, international logistics, inventory control, key performance indicators, leadership in a supply chain role and an introduction to logistics technology including ERP systems.

Design and Analysis of Manufacturing Systems
This course is a comprehensive review of manufacturing systems. It will introduce the Quick Response Manufacturing methodology and look end-to-end at the manufacturing process.

Flexible Curriculum
In-Depth Technical Knowledge
Start Fall or Spring
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