

FE Exam Instructions

**To graduate with a degree in Chemical Engineering, you must take the FE Exam.
The exam is optional for Biological Engineering majors.**

You will receive a P (passing) grade in EGEN 488 once evidence that you have successfully completed the exam is submitted in D2L for EGEN 488-001.

Registering for the FE Exam

- Register any time, up to one year in advance, for an exam appointment at any testing center. We recommend you register for the exam earlier as space can be limited.
- You will choose a test center and schedule a time when you register
- Cost will be \$175.00 to register through NCEES
- For more information and registration go to: <http://ncees.org/engineering/fe>
- You must also register for EGEN 488 the same semester you take the exam. You should take the FE Exam (and EGEN 488) during your last semester.

Exam Dates, Times, and Places

- The FE Exam is taken **on computer** at any Pearson Vue Test Center – MSU currently is a Pearson Vue Test site with 10 stations in the MSU library basement, Room 19. Other test centers in Montana are in Helena, Billings or Missoula.
- The MSU Test Center will be open Monday – Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm
- You can retake the exam if you do not pass

Exam Format

- The computer-based FE Exam takes approximately 6 hours – 110 questions
- You must bring a government issued photo ID
- Chemical Engineering students must take the Chemical Engineering specific exam.
- Biological Engineering students should consider taking the ‘Other Disciplines’ exam. For a list of those subjects go to <https://ncees.org/wp-content/uploads/FE-Other-CBT-specs-1.pdf>
- Split screen format - exam on one side, reference handbook on the other
- [Exam preparation materials](#) available through NCEES: <http://ncees.org/exams/exam-preparation-materials/>
- Only certain calculators are allowed for the FE Exam, please review the list: <http://ncees.org/exams/calculator/>
- Exam results will be available within 7-10 days after the test is taken. You must take a copy of the results notification to the Department of Chemical & Biological Engineering, 214 Roberts Hall, as proof of having taken the exam and to earn a passing grade in EGEN 488.

What should you do if you are ready to sign up?

- Go to the NCEES website www.ncees.org for details on the exam and registration
- Plan ahead and register well in advance so that you can get an exam appointment that fits your schedule
- Prepare for the exam
 1. Review the [FE Reference Handbook](https://account.ncees.org/exam-prep/359): <https://account.ncees.org/exam-prep/359>
 2. [Practice exams](#) are available at <https://account.ncees.org/exam-prep/323>
 3. Study guides are available for purchase online and at the MSU library
 4. The [LearnChemE](#) website has exam preparation materials