Five Year Co-terminal Degree Program Guidelines

The five year co-terminal degree timeline is achievable by many students in good academic standing. Students who enter Rensselaer with some college credits (for example, AP credits) will find it easiest to complete the program in five years.

Rensselaer undergraduates may apply to the program in the Spring or Fall semester of their junior year, once they have attained 90 credits (in progress or earned) of coursework towards their undergraduate degrees. Students must apply to the co-terminal program by the end of the first semester of their senior year; applications from seniors completing the second (final) semester will not be accepted.

Students applying to the Master of Science (M.S.) program will complete a time-intensive thesis associated with it. Students applying to the Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) program will complete a Master’s Research Project.

MANE students may obtain application guidelines and materials in the MANE Office of Graduate Student Services (JEC 2022). The co-terminal program application can be downloaded at: [http://admissions.rpi.edu/graduate/admission/co-terminal.html](http://admissions.rpi.edu/graduate/admission/co-terminal.html)

Minimum requirements for admission to the program:

• GPA of 3.3 for the MANE department programs (please note that this is higher than the 3.0 Institute minimum)
• Two letters of recommendation: Letters may be scanned and emailed to Kathryn at tomlik2@rpi.edu, or faxed to 518-276-3055, or dropped off in JEC 2002
• Statement of purpose and goals: This should include your reasons for pursuing graduate study, your intended use of your graduate degree, and your preparation/qualifications for graduate work
• Resume
• Graduate Plan of Study: Students should meet with their undergraduate academic advisor for assistance in graduate course selection for the Plan of Study, which can be downloaded at [http://www.rpi.edu/dept/grad/docs/pos02.doc](http://www.rpi.edu/dept/grad/docs/pos02.doc). In preparing the Graduate Plan of Study, applicants should inform themselves of the MANE Masters requirements, which may be found at [http://mane.rpi.edu/graduate](http://mane.rpi.edu/graduate).

Students should consult with Kathryn Tomlin (tomlik2@rpi.edu) in the Office of Graduate Student Services Office for any questions or assistance with the application process.
Advising

Students are required to meet with their advisors at least once per semester, from the time they are accepted into the co-terminal degree program until the time they are awarded their degrees. Most critically, students must submit an updated Graduate Plan of Study at a date between their pre-registration for their final semester and the start of that final semester. Once accepted into the program, the student must maintain a GPA of 3.0 in courses used towards their graduate degree, as required by the graduate school, otherwise, the graduate degree will not be granted.