Titans of industry and policymakers look to materials engineers to pioneer long-lasting batteries to power electric vehicles, design polymers and electronic materials that can be more efficiently recycled and discover new biomaterials that enable life-saving medical treatments.

Materials Science and Engineering at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is a global leader in materials education and innovation. Ranked #2 materials program in the country and part of The Grainger College of Engineering, ranked #6 among undergraduate engineering programs nationwide, we are solving today’s most complex challenges and exploring new pathways to a better future for all.

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WHAT IS MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING?

Materials science and engineering is the study of the materials around us: how materials are put together, how they can be used, and how they can be improved to meet and exceed societal needs.

As materials engineers, we study the fundamental behaviors of materials to synthesize and characterize metals, ceramics, electronic materials, polymers, and emerging materials, such as biomaterials, 3D printed materials and smart materials. Drawing heavily on math, chemistry, mechanics, physics and electronics, we make materials recyclable, manufacturing energy-efficient, computers faster, medical therapies more effective, and so much more.

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