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Best College Reviews Ranks Two SMU Lyle School of Engineering Courses Among the Best Online Master's Degree Programs

DALLAS (SMU)— Two courses at the Lyle School of Engineering have ranked among the best online master's degree programs in both civil engineering and mechanical engineering for 2018 by Best College Reviews. Civil engineering ranked 25th while mechanical engineering ranked 30th for online master's programs.

The rankings were created using the National Center for Education Statistics' College Navigator database. From among accredited schools offering an online master's degree in these engineering disciplines, the top programs were ranked using the following methodology:

- Tuition
- U.S. News and World Report Recognition as a Top Online School for Master's Engineering Programs
- Customization Options
- "Wow" Factor

"We are proud to have two of our online graduate engineering programs recognized and included in these rankings by Best College Reviews" said Marc P. Christensen, dean of the Lyle School of Engineering. "We pride ourselves on changing the way the world thinks about engineers and this is a tremendous accolade our entire community of faculty, staff and students can be proud of."

Lyle offers an online Master of Science in Civil Engineering that includes concentrations in structural engineering, geotechnical engineering and transportation systems management. A new concentration in construction management is expected to launch in Fall 2019. Regardless of which specialization students select, they can choose between a non-thesis and thesis option for their culminating experience. Most working students choose the non-thesis option, but a thesis option is available. The online civil engineering MS degree programs require students to complete 30 credit hours to graduate.

Graduate students in Lyle's Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering online degree program select from three concentrations: Design and Dynamic Systems and Controls, Mechanics and Manufacturing, and Thermal and Fluid Sciences. The *LOGin* learning management system streams video to anywhere in the world, making it possible to earn a master's degree while working full time. Students can explore courses like Microfluidics and Microfabrication; Nontraditional Manufacturing Processes, and Optimal and Robust Control. An M.S. in Mechanical Engineering requires 30 credit hours to graduate, and students can choose from a thesis or a non-thesis track.

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About the Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering

SMU's Bobby B. Lyle School of Engineering, founded in 1925, is one of the oldest engineering schools in the Southwest. The school offers eight undergraduate and 29 graduate programs, including master's and doctoral degrees, through the departments of Civil and Environmental Engineering; Computer Science and Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Engineering Management, Information and Systems; and Mechanical Engineering. Lyle students participate in programs in the unique Deason Innovation Gym, providing the tools and space to work on immersion design projects and competitions to accelerate leadership development and the framework for innovation; the Hart Center for Engineering Leadership, helping students develop nontechnical skills to prepare them for leadership in diverse technical fields; the Caruth Institute for Engineering Education, developing new methodologies for incorporating engineering education into K-12 schools; and the Hunter and Stephanie Hunt Institute for Engineering and Humanity, combining technological innovation with business expertise to address global poverty.

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