



# Graduate Engineering Profiles in Achievement

## ▶ Master of Industrial Systems Engineering



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#### Why do you want to pursue a graduate degree in Engineering?

I want to pursue a graduate degree in engineering because it's my field and my career. A graduate degree would be better for my development and growth in a work environment.

#### Why did you choose Rutgers School of Engineering for graduate school?

I chose Rutgers because of its Industrial & Systems Engineering graduate program. I really liked it at first sight.

#### What has been your favorite class so far and why?

I have been at Rutgers for two semesters, and so far, all the classes I have taken have been absolutely amazing for me. At the beginning of my first semester everything was so new to me and a little difficult as well, but I think everything has been worth it.

#### Is there a professor who has made an impact on your studies?

Professor Elsayed, who taught Systems Reliability for the first semester of my graduate degree. In the past, I never had the opportunity to meet with a professor after class. Professor Elsayed explained everything that was not clear to me in class. Although the class was difficult, he helped me get ahead.

#### What are your plans after graduation?

My plan is to apply for OPT (Optional Practical Training) and have the experience of working here because that would be a great experience in my curriculum for future employment options in my country.

#### How would you describe the Rutgers Engineering community?

They are very kind and always ready to help.

#### If you could sum up your experience at Rutgers Engineering in just 1-3 words... what would those be?

The best academic experience.

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