Western Michigan University’s Paper and Printing Science (M.S., Ph.D.) programs utilize university-owned industrial scale pilot plants for paper making, coating, and printing applications and experimentation.

Ongoing industrial research partnerships and graduate student internships in industry exist with these programs.

We are internationally recognized for our outstanding papermaking, coating, fiber recycling, and printing pilot plant facilities.

The Department offers a M.S. in Engineering (Chemical), Accelerated M.S. in Paper and Printing Science; and a Ph.D. in Paper and Printing Science as well.

Concentrations in Biochemical and Pharmaceutical engineering are available for those enrolled in the M.S. in Engineering (Chemical) degree program.

Thesis and Non-thesis options are available.
Paper and Printing Science (M.S., Ph.D.)

Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas
Our graduate degree programs are designed to provide theoretical and laboratory experiences which are basic to the development of professional competence. New product and process development is at the core of our faculty research efforts, including bioprocessing, biopharmaceuticals, printed electronics, 3-D printing of manufactured articles, novel inks, and specialty paper coatings. We operate the only laboratories and pilot plants in the world at an academic institution that makes paper, prints it, and recycles it to paper again. A medical school opens in 2014, and we have a lead role in a new biomedical engineering initiative.

Admissions
A thesis option and a non-thesis option are available. While the program requirements for each option differ, the admission requirements for both options are identical. Fall semester applications are due by February 15. Spring semester applications are due by September 1. The GRE is required for applicants to the Ph.D. in Paper and Printing Science and the M.S. in Engineering (Chemical) programs. For all application information and materials visit: wmich.edu/pci/grad/grad_index

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships
Five or six TA positions and additional support for GA students are available annually. The department has enrolled about 22 graduate students at any point in time, and more than 80% of them will receive some TA or GA support.

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