Nondestructive evaluation (NDE) utilizes a number of techniques to determine the health of an engineering component or structure without affecting its usefulness. Much like a doctor may use ultrasound or radiography to assess the health of the body, engineers use these and other techniques to decide if material properties are within an acceptable range, if a component was well manufactured, or if damage has occurred in service that would warrant retirement. NDE professionals are active in all phases of engineering, from design to manufacturing to in-service use, and in all industry sectors including aviation, power generation, transportation, manufacturing, and many others.

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The NDE Minor at Iowa State University is a unique opportunity to get a multi-disciplinary qualification in the rapidly evolving engineering discipline of Nondestructive Evaluation. There are also several summer internship opportunities accessible by students taking the NDE minor. From the list of the required and approved courses for the minor, 16 credits are required. Courses other than the two required courses can be selected from those listed according to your interests; you can take courses in various NDE disciplines and at the same time qualify for this important minor.

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How can undergraduates get involved in NDE?

Undergraduate research opportunities exist with scientists and faculty affiliated with The Center for Nondestructive Evaluation (CNDE) in the following research areas:

- Ultrasonics
- Radiography
- Fluorescent Penetrant
- Eddy Current
- Microwave
- Magnetic Particle

Future Employment Opportunities

- NDE Engineer
- Principal Development Engineer
- Quality Control Manager
- NDT (Quality) Engineer
- Manufacturing Engineer

Research Opportunities with CNDE:

Required Courses
- Mat E/EM 362
- Mat E/EM 362L

NDE Specific Courses
- Mat E/EM/Aer E 490, EM 480, Mat E/EE 488, Mat E 485X, MSE/EM 550

Supporting Courses
- Aer E 321, 421, 422, 423, 426
- EE 224, 418
- EM 424 425
- IMSE 348, 361
- Mat E 316, 343, 418, 444
- ME 417, 418
- Stat 231, 305, 322

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