

Many Engineering students at University of Mauritius (UoM) have the apprehension that their Engineering degree is not up to the mark with degrees from universities abroad, in particular those in UK, US, Canada and Australia. This is a misconstrued opinion that needs some clarification. There are many Mauritian students who have been successful at prestigious foreign universities after completing their first degree at UoM. The BEng degree at UoM provides the necessary foundations for a student to be successful on the world stage provided that he/she pursues his interests with diligence and dedication.

I have a BEng degree in Mechatronics from UoM and an MSc in Artificial Intelligence(AI) from the University of Edinburgh. Despite the fact that AI and core engineering are quite different, the transition had been quite smooth. This can be attributed to the solid foundations laid during my BEng course. It is important to realise that a BEng degree gives you a great deal of flexibility, such that you can jump into almost any field without great trouble, as long as you put in the right amount of effort. To further emphasize on this point, let me tell you that after my first degree, I worked as a software engineer for INFOSYS TECHNOLOGIES Ltd after a 14-week training in the field of software engineering. The transition is not as difficult as one might think, since you already learn the basics in the BEng course.

Students can always have an evaluation of their final transcripts by Educational Credential Evaluators (visit www.ECE.org) if they are interested in having a standardised report on their performance. You'll find that the US equivalent grades will be the same as the grades obtained at UoM.

With this I hope that your apprehensions about your Engineering degree being below par, are allayed

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