MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, B.S. (BEHREND)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Erie

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, a minimum of 131 credits is required:

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21 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 9 credits of GN courses; 6 credits of GQ courses; 3 credits of GS courses; 3 credits of GWS courses.

Per Senate Policy 83.80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned.

Requirements for the Major

Each student must earn at least a grade of C in each 300- and 400-level course in the major field.

To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

Code     Title                                      Credits
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Precised Courses

CMPSC 200 Programming for Engineers with MATLAB 3
EDSGN 100S Introduction to Engineering Design 3
EE 211 Electrical Circuits and Power Distribution 3
ENGL 202C Effective Writing: Technical Writing 3
MATH 230 Calculus and Vector Analysis 4
PHYS 212 General Physics: Electricity and Magnetism 4

Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better

CHEM 110 Chemical Principles I 3
EMCH 211 Statics 3
EMCH 212 Dynamics 3
EMCH 213 Strength of Materials 3
MATH 140 Calculus With Analytic Geometry I 4
MATH 141 Calculus with Analytic Geometry II 4
MATH 220 Matrices 2-3
MATH 251 Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations 4
MATSE 259 Properties and Processing of Engineering Materials 3
ME 300 Engineering Thermodynamics I 3
ME 320 3
ME 345W Instrumentation, Measurements, and Statistics 4

ME 349 Intermediate Mechanics of Materials 3
ME 357 System Dynamics 3
ME 365 Materials Testing Laboratory 1
ME 367 Machine Design 3
ME 380 Machine Dynamics 3
ME 410 Heat Transfer 3
ME 448 Engineering Design Concepts 3
ME 449 Mechanical Design Projects 3
ME 468 Engineering for Manufacturing 3
PHYS 211 General Physics: Mechanics 4

Additional Courses

ECON 102 Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy 3
or ECON 104 Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy

Select one of the following:

CHEM 111 Experimental Chemistry I
& PHYS 214 and General Physics: Wave Motion and Quantum Physics

CHEM 112 Chemical Principles II
BIOL 141 Introduction to Human Physiology

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select 13 credits of program elective courses from school-approved list 1

1 These credits must be selected to fulfill the thematic requirements of the major.

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)

- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

Knowledge Domains

- Arts (GA): 6 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 6 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits
Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)
  • Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement
All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement
6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements
  • United States Cultures: 3 credits
  • International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum
3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits
A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work
Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition
The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.