

# MECHATRONICS, MINOR

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Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

## Program Description

Mechatronics is an interdisciplinary engineering field that combines mechanical, electrical, electronics, control and computer engineering. The field deals with the design, development, control, and application of advanced electro-mechanical systems. Such systems will include sensors, actuators, microprocessors, controllers, software, computer, and mechanical hardware components. The purpose of the minor is to provide undergraduate students an opportunity to take relevant courses that will sequentially build on their knowledge and understanding of mechatronic systems and to provide recognition to those who do so.

## What is Mechatronics?

Mechatronics is a multidisciplinary field of engineering that combines mechanical, electrical, electronics, computer, systems and controls engineering, and focuses on theory and applications of these areas. The field deals with the design, development, control, and application of advanced electro-mechanical systems. Such systems will include sensors, actuators, microprocessors, controllers, software, computer, and mechanical hardware components. The applications of mechatronics engineering include medical, defense, manufacturing, robotics, automotive, and distributed systems and smart consumer products. Mechatronics engineers theorize and develop new solutions to industrial problems using mechanical, electrical and electronic systems and computer technology in addition to designing and building completely new products by integrating various technologies. They may also design and develop newer automated systems by integrating to improve existing process. Recent advances in artificial intelligence and machine learning also provide interesting opportunities for mechatronics engineers to solve many complex real world problems.

## You Might Like This Program If...

- You like creative problem-solving and analysis.
- You like understanding how robotics or automation work.
- You like the idea of using mathematics to model and analyze complex systems
- You work well within collaborative, multidisciplinary teams.