AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements

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

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27 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; 9 credits of GWS courses.

The first two years of study are similar to those in other engineering majors and provide students with a basic education for the engineering profession. Students need to complete EMCH 212, CMPSC 121 or CMPSC 131 or CMPSC 200 or CMPSC 201, MATH 220, MATH 230, and MATH 250 or MATH 251 prior to the start of the junior year in order to meet graduation requirements in the following two years. Six of the nine technical-elective credits taken in the senior year must be aerospace engineering courses.

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.

Requirements for the Major
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).

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<td>PHYS 214</td>
<td>General Physics: Wave Motion and Quantum Physics</td>
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**Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better**

- AERSP 301  Aerospace Structures  3
- AERSP 306  Aeronautics  3
- AERSP 309  Astronautics  3
- AERSP 311  Aerodynamics I  3
- AERSP 313  Aerospace Analysis  3
- CHEM 110  Chemical Principles I  3
- EDSGN 100  Cornerstone Engineering Design  3
- EMCH 212  Dynamics  3
- ENGL 202C  Effective Writing: Technical Writing  3
- MATH 140  Calculus With Analytic Geometry I  4
- MATH 141  Calculus with Analytic Geometry II  4
- PHYS 211  General Physics: Mechanics  4
- PHYS 212  General Physics: Electricity and Magnetism  4

**Additional Courses**

- Select 1 credit of First-Year Seminar  1
- AERSP 413  Stability and Control of Aircraft  3
  or AERSP 450  Orbit and Attitude Control of Spacecraft  3
- Select 3 credits from the following:  3
  - CMPSC 121  Introduction to Programming Techniques
  - CMPSC 131  Programming and Computation I: Fundamentals
  - CMPSC 200  Programming for Engineers with MATLAB
  - CMPSC 201  Programming for Engineers with C++
- Select 3 credits from the following:  3
  - ECON 102  Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy
  - ECON 104  Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy
  - ECON 14  Principles of Economics
- Select 5-6 credits of the following:  5-6
  - EMCH 210  Statics and Strength of Materials
  - EMCH 211  Statics
  & EMCH 213  and Strength of Materials
- Select one of the following sequences:  5
  - AERSP 401A  & AERSP 401B  Spacecraft Design--Preliminary & Spacecraft Design--Detailed
  - AERSP 402A  & AERSP 402B  Aircraft Design--Preliminary & Aircraft Design--Detailed
- Select 3-4 credits from the following:  3-4
  - AERSP 424  Advanced Computer Programming
  - EE 210  Circuits and Devices
  - EE 212  Introduction to Electronic Measuring Systems

**Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better**

- CAS 100A  Effective Speech  3
  or CAS 100B  Effective Speech
- ENGL 15  Rhetoric and Composition  3
  or ENGL 30H  Honors Rhetoric and Composition
- MATH 250  Ordinary Differential Equations  3-4
  or MATH 251  Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations

**Supporting Courses and Related Areas**

- Select 6 credits of Aerospace Technical Elective (ATE) courses from department list
- Select 3 credits of General Technical Elective (GTE) courses from department list
- Select 3 credits of Limited Elective (LE) courses from department list

1 Students who complete Basic ROTC may substitute 6 of the ROTC credits for 3 credits of LE and 3 credits of GHW.