

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2025-26 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

Biomechanics Option: Biomedical Engineering, B.S. at University Park Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BME 100 (or First Year Seminar) [†]	1	CHEM 112 (GN)	3
CHEM 110 (GN) ^{*#†}	3	CHEM 113 (GN)	1
CHEM 111 (GN)	1	ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 ^{††}	3
ECON 102 or 104 (GS) [†]	3	MATH 141 or 141E (GQ) ^{*#††}	4
EDSGN 100 ^{*#}	3	PHYS 211 (GN, PHYS 211L & PHYS 211R) ^{*#†}	4
MATH 140 or 140E (GQ) ^{*†#†}	4	General Education Course [†]	3
	15		18

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIOL 141 [*]	3	BME 201 [*]	3
BIOL 142, 162, or 164 [*]	1	CMPSC 200	3
EMCH 210	5	EMCH 212	3
MATH 251 [*]	4	MATH 230	4
PHYS 212 (PHYS 212L & PHYS 212R) [*]	4	General Education Course [†]	3
	17		16

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BME 301 [*]	4	BME 401 [*]	3
BME 303	3	BME 402 [*]	3
BME 313 [*]	3	BME 403	1
EMCH 315	2	BME 409	3
EMCH 316	1	ENGL 202C (GWS) ^{††}	3

General Education Course [†]	3	Biomechanics Elective	3
	16		16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BME 408	3	BME 450W	3
BME 429	2	Biomechanics Elective	3
BME 440	1	Related Technical Elective	3
CAS 100A or 100B (GWS) ^{††}	3	Science or Engineering Elective	3
Related Technical Elective	3	General Education Course [†]	3
General Education Course [†]	3	General Education Course (GHW) [†]	1.5
General Education Course (GHW) [†]	1.5		
	16.5		16.5

Total Credits 131

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College Notes

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- CHEM 210 is required for students who are interested in medical school or who plan to take advanced organic chemistry.
- CMPSC 200 is required because 300- and 400-level BME courses use MATLAB programming.
- The department website lists courses acceptable as Biochemical Electives, Medical Imaging and Device Electives, Biomaterials Electives, Biomechanics Electives, Related Electives, and Science or Engineering Electives.

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- ***These courses offered at University Park in fall semester only:***
 - BME 301
 - BME 303
 - BME 313
 - BME 440
- ***These courses offered at University Park in spring semester only:***
 - BME 201
 - BME 401
 - BME 402
 - BME 403
 - BME 409

Biopharmaceutical Option: Biomedical Engineering, B.S. at University Park Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
CHEM 110 (GN) ^{*#†}	3	CHEM 112 (GN)	3
CHEM 111 (GN)	1	CHEM 113 (GN)	1
EDSGN 100 ^{*#}	3	MATH 141 or 141E (GQ) ^{*†#†}	4
MATH 140 or 140E (GQ) ^{*†#†}	4	PHYS 211 (GN, PHYSICS 211L & PHYSICS 211R) ^{*#†}	4
BME 100 (or First Year Seminar) [†]	1	ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 (GWS) ^{††}	3
ECON 102 or 104 (GS) [†]	3	General Education Course [†]	3
	15		18

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIOL 141 [*]	3	BME 201 [*]	3
BIOL 142, 162, or 164 [*]	1	CHEM 202 or 210	3
EMCH 210	5	CMPSC 200	3
MATH 251 [*]	4	MATH 230	4
PHYS 212 (PHYSICS 212L & PHYSICS 212R) [*]	4	General Education Course [†]	3
	17		16

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BME 301 [*]	4	BME 401 [*]	3
BME 303	3	BME 402 [*]	3
BME 313 [*]	3	BME 403	1
Related Technical Elective	3	BME 409	3
General Education Course [†]	3	BME 413	3
		ENGL 202C (GWS) ^{††}	3
	16		16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BME 429	2	BME 423	3
BME 440	1	BME 450W	3
Biochemical Elective	3	Biochemical Elective	3
Science or Engineering Elective	3	Biochemical Elective	3
CAS 100A or 100B (GWS) ^{††}	3	General Education Course [†]	3
General Education Course [†]	3	General Education Course (GHW) [†]	1.5

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 - BME 301
 - BME 303
 - BME 313
 - BME 440
- **These courses offered at University Park in Spring semester ONLY:**
 - BME 201
 - BME 401
 - BME 402
 - BME 403

- BME 409
- BME 413
- BME 423

Medical Device Design Option: Biomedical Engineering, B.S. at University Park Campus

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CHEM 111 (GN)	1	CHEM 113 (GN)	1
EDSGN 100 ^{*#}	3	MATH 141 or 141E (GQ) ^{*†#†}	4
MATH 140 or 140E (GQ) ^{*†#†}	4	PHYS 211 (GN, PHYSICS 211L & PHYSICS 211R) ^{*#†}	4
BME 100 (or First Year Seminar) [†]	1	ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 (GWS) ^{††}	3
ECON 102 or 104 (GS) [†]	3	General Education Course [†]	3
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Second Year

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BIOL 141 [*]	3	BME 201 [*]	3
BIOL 142, 162, or 164 [*]	1	CHEM 202 or 210	3
EMCH 210	5	CMPSC 200	3
MATH 251 [*]	4	MATH 230	4
PHYS 212 (PHYSICS 212L & PHYSICS 212R) [*]	4	General Education Course [†]	3
	17		16

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BME 301 [*]	4	BME 401 [*]	3
BME 303	3	BME 402 [*]	3
BME 313 [*]	3	BME 403	1
BME 443	3	BME 409 or 413 (or Biomaterials Elective)	3
MATSE 201	3	ENGL 202C (GWS) ^{††}	3
		General Education Course [†]	3
	16		16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BME 429	2	BME 450W	3
BME 440	1	Biomaterials Elective	3
BME 446	3	Related Technical Elective	3
CAS 100A or 100B (GWS) ^{††}	3	Science or Engineering Elective	3
BME 408 (or Biomaterials Elective)	3	General Education Course [†]	3
General Education Course [†]	3	General Education Course (GHW) [†]	1.5

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EMCH 210	5 EE 210	4
MATH 251 [*]	4 MATH 230	4
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BME 301 [*]	4 BME 401 [*]	3
BME 303	3 BME 402 [*]	3
BME 313 [*]	3 BME 403	1
BME 406	3 ENGL 202C (GWS) ^{††}	3
EE 310, 330, or CMPEN 270	4 Medical Imaging and Devices Elective	3
	Related Technical Elective	3
	17	16

Fourth Year

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BME 429	2 BME 450W	3
BME 440	1 Medical Imaging and Devices Elective	3
CAS 100A or 100B (GWS) ^{††}	3 Related Technical Elective	3
Science or Engineering Elective	3 General Education Course [†]	3
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