MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Mechanical Engineering

The Department of Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Management offers a four-year Bachelor of Science degree program in Mechanical Engineering. The four-year Bachelor of Science degree program in Mechanical Engineering (ME) is dedicated to the principle of preparing its students for industry and graduate study with the expectation of eventual leadership responsibilities. To that end, its faculty and facilities focus on an emphasis of design and industrial experience, student-faculty-industry cooperative projects, teamwork, the adoption of new technologies and on the hands-on student utilization of laboratories and computing systems. The Mechanical Engineering program maintains professional accreditation by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET, 111 Market Place, Suite 1050, Baltimore, MD 21202-4012; Telephone: (410) 347-7700).

The ME program is designed to achieve a balance among the major areas of Machine Design, Electro-Mechanical Systems, and Thermal Systems. Student may choose to specialize within the following areas: Thermal, Design and Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems. Descriptions of program objectives and outcomes are publically posted in the Department and on the Department's webpages.

The Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering (MSME) is also available. This degree program is described in the Graduate Bulletin.

Mechanical Engineering B.S. Degree - Required Courses and Recommended Course Sequence

A co-requisite required for a course must be taken prior to or during that semester. The semester must have the same start and end dates.

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**ME. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

**ME-140. SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMMING**  
**Credits:** 3  
This course presents an introduction to computer programming with an emphasis on the techniques needed for data analysis and numerical problem solving for scientific and engineering applications. Basic programming idioms are presented including control structures, data types, methods for handling input and output as well as numerical methods such as array computing and vectorization. Emphasis is placed on proper software engineering practice as well as data analysis and presentation.  

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**Pre-Requisites**  
[[PHY-201]]  

**ME-175. INTRODUCTION TO MANUFACTURING & MACHINING**  
**Credits:** 1  
Familiarizing with traditional machining processes and measuring equipment used in manufacturing. Hands-on experience with traditional and numerical control (NC) machines; various manufacturing processes and fundamentals of metrology.  

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**ME-215. INTRODUCTION TO MANUFACTURING PROCESSES**  
**Credits:** 3  
An introduction to manufacturing which examines traditional processes such as metal forming and casting and advanced manufacturing processes associated with thin film deposition, microfabrication and piezoelectric devices. Quality assurance and quality control issues in manufacturing.  

**Pre-Requisites**  
[[ME-232]]  

**ME-231. STATICS**  
**Credits:** 3  
Statics of particles, including resolution of forces into components, vector sums, and concurrent force systems. Statics of rigid bodies and the study of moments. Equilibrium of bodies in two- and three-dimensions and determination of reactions. Analysis of trusses and frames. Determination of centroids and moments of inertia. Kinematics of particles, including displacement, velocity, and acceleration.  

**Pre-Requisites**  
[[ME-231]], [[ME-180]], [[MTH-112]]  

**ME-232. STRENGTH OF MATERIALS**  
**Credits:** 3  
Analysis of statically determinate and indeterminate structural systems; computation of reactions, shears, moments, and deflections of beams, trusses, and frames. Bending and torsion of slender bars; buckling and plastic behavior.  

**Pre-Requisites**  
[[ME-231]], [[ME-180]], [[MTH-112]]  

**ME-234. DYNAMICS**  
**Credits:** 3  
This course continues the development of Newtonian mechanics with application to the motion of free bodies and mechanisms. Topics include rectilinear motion, vector calculus, particle motion, inertial and rotating reference frames, rigid body motion, rotational dynamics, linear and rotational momentum, work and kinetic energy, virtual work and collision.  

**Pre-Requisites**  
[[ME-231]], [[ME-180]], [[MTH-112]]  

**ME-298. TOPICS IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**  
**Credits:** 1-3  
Selected topics in the field of mechanical engineering.  

**Pre-Requisites**  
Sophomore standing and permission of the instructor.
**ME-312. MANUFACTURING SYSTEM ENGINEERING**  
**Credits:** 3  

**Pre-Requisites**  
Junior standing in mechanical engineering.

**ME-314. INVERSE PROBLEMS IN MECHANICS**  
**Credits:** 3  
Inverse problems are very common in engineering where the outputs are known but the inputs are unknown. This course will show how to properly setup a well-posed inverse problem, how to solve matrix inverses, and conduct hands on experiments by creating strain gage based force transducers.

**Pre-Requisites**  
[[ME-333]]

**ME-317. ROBOTICS**  
**Credits:** 3  
The analysis and design of robots. Class covers the mechanical principles governing the kinematics of robotics. Course topics include forward kinematics and the determination of the closed form kinematic inversion, as well as workspace and trajectory generation. Class also covers the formation and computation of the manipulator Jacobian matrix.

**Pre-Requisites**  
[[EGR-222]] and [[ME-234]]

**ME-321. FLUID MECHANICS**  
**Credits:** 3  
Thermodynamics and dynamic principles applied to fluid behavior and to ideal, viscous and compressible fluids under internal and external flow conditions.

**Pre-Requisites**  
[[ME-231]]

**Co-Requisites**  
Concurrent or after [[ME-322]]

**ME-322. ENGINEERING THERMODYNAMICS**  
**Credits:** 3  

**Pre-Requisites**  
[[MTH-112]]

**ME-323. FLUID MECHANICS LABORATORY**  
**Credits:** 1  
Experiments with and analysis of basic fluid phenomena, hydrostatic pressure, Bernoulli theorem, laminar and turbulent flow, pipe friction, and drag coefficient.  
Click here for course fees.

**Co-Requisites**  
[[ME-321]]

**ME-324. HEAT TRANSFER**  
**Credits:** 3  
Fundamental principles of heat transmission by conduction, convection, and radiation; application of the laws of thermodynamics; application of these principles to the solution of engineering problems.

**Pre-Requisites**  
[[ME-321]] and [[MTH-211]]

**ME-325. ENERGY SYSTEMS**  
**Credits:** 3  
Fundamental principles of energy transmission and energy conversion. Comprehension of the physical systems in which the conversion of energy is accomplished. Primary factors necessary in the design and performance analysis of energy systems.

**Pre-Requisites**  
[[ME-322]].

**ME-326. HEAT TRANSFER LABORATORY**  
**Credits:** 1  
Basic heat transfer modes are demonstrated experimentally. This includes conduction, convection, and radiation of heat as well as fin and heat exchanger.  
Click here for course fees.

**Pre-Requisites**  
[[ME-321]]

**Co-Requisites**  
Concurrent or after [[ME-324]]

**ME-328. COMBUSTION ENGINES**  
**Credits:** 3  
Investigation and analysis of internal and external combustion engines with respect to automotive applications. Consideration of fuels, carburetion, combustion, detonation, design factors, exhaust emissions and alternative power plants.

**Pre-Requisites**  
[[ME-322]]

**ME-332. VIBRATION OF DYNAMIC SYSTEMS**  
**Credits:** 3  
An introductory course in mechanical vibration dealing with free and forced vibration of single and multi-degrees of freedom for linear and nonlinear systems.  
Click here for course fee.

**Pre-Requisites**  
[[ME-234]], [[MTH-211]]
ME-333. MACHINE DESIGN I  
Credits: 3  
The first of a two-course sequence in design of machine elements dealing with theories of deformation and failure, strength and endurance limit, fluctuating stresses, fatigue and design under axial, bending, torsional, and combined stresses. A study of fasteners, welds, gears, bailed roller bearings, belts, chains, clutches, and brakes.

Pre-Requisites
[[ME-232]]

ME-335. ENGINEERING MODELING AND ANALYSIS  
Credits: 3  
Introduction to finite element method for static and dynamic modeling and analysis of engineering systems. Finite element formulation and computer modeling techniques for stress, plane strain, beams, axisymmetric solids, heat conduction, and fluid flow problems. Solution of finite element equation and post processing of results for further use in the design problem.  
Click here for course fee.

Pre-Requisites
[[ME-232]]  
Co-Requisites
[[MTH-211]]

ME-337. MICRO-ELECTRO-MECHANICAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING  
Credits: 3  
This course explores the principles of MEMS by understanding materials properties, micro-machining, sensor and actuator principles. The student will learn that MEMS are integrated micro-devices combining mechanical and electrical systems, which convert physical properties to electrical signals and, consequently, detection. This course provides the theoretical and exercises the hands-on experience by fabricating a micro-pressure sensor.  
Click here for course fees.

Pre-Requisites
Junior standing in engineering

ME-338. MACHINE DESIGN II  
Credits: 3  
An advanced course in machine design topics that expands upon the concepts of Machine Design I. This course goes into more detail of the basic machine fundamentals introduced previously such as levers, belts, pulleys, gears, cams and power screws. Emphasis is also placed on 3D printing and the future of additive manufacturing.

Pre-Requisites
[[ME-333]]

ME-340. HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING  
Credits: 3  

Pre-Requisites
[[ME-322]]

ME-384. MECHANICAL DESIGN LABORATORY  
Credits: 3  
A laboratory for the development of hands-on experience dealing with open-ended problems in mechanical systems. Emphasis on experimental performance, data collection, evaluations, analysis and design.  
Click here for course fees.

Pre-Requisites
[[ME-333]]

ME-391. SENIOR PROJECTS I  
Credits: 1  
Design and development of selected projects in the field of mechanical engineering under the direction of a staff member. Technical as well as economic factors will be considered in the design. A detailed progress report is required.  
Click here for course fees.

Pre-Requisites
Senior standing in mechanical engineering, [[EGM-320]]

ME-392. SENIOR PROJECTS II  
Credits: 2  
Design and development of selected projects in the various fields of mechanical engineering under the direction of a staff member. Technical as well as economic factors will be considered in the design. A professional paper and detailed progress reports are required. This is a continuation of [[ME-391]]. An open-forum presentation and discussion of the professional paper are required.  
Click here for course fees.

Pre-Requisites
[[ME-391]]

ME-395. INDEPENDENT RESEARCH  
Credits: 1 - 3  
Independent study and research for advanced students in the field of mechanical engineering under the direction of a staff member. A research paper at a level significantly beyond a term paper is required.

Pre-Requisites
Senior standing in mechanical engineering and approval of the department chairperson is required.

ME-396. INDEPENDENT RESEARCH  
Credits: 1 - 3  
Independent study and research for advanced students in the field of mechanical engineering under the direction of a staff member. A research paper at a level significantly beyond a term paper is required.

Pre-Requisites
Senior standing in mechanical engineering and approval of the department chairperson is required.

ME-397. SEMINAR  
Credits: 1-3  
Presentations and discussions of selected topics.

Pre-Requisites
Junior or Senior standing in mechanical engineering or special departmental permission.
ME-398. TOPICS IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  
Credits: 1-3  
Click here for course fees.

Pre-Requisites  
Junior or senior standing in mechanical engineering.

ME-399. COOPERATIVE EDUCATION  
Credits: 1-6  
Professional cooperative education placement in a private or public organization related to the student's academic objectives and career goals. In addition to their work experiences, students are required to submit weekly reaction papers and an academic project to a Faculty Coordinator in the student's discipline. See the Cooperative Education section of this bulletin for placement procedures. Requirements: minimum junior standing in Engineering; 2.0 cumulative GPA; consent of the academic advisor; and approval of placement by the department chairperson. The co-op option for credit can only be taken one time for either 3 or 6 credits.