MEAM Master of Science in Engineering Program

GUIDELINES FOR GRADUATE STUDY

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1. INTRODUCTION

Advances in technology have increased the need for mechanical engineers with more complete knowledge and diverse skills than a typical undergraduate program can provide. As a result, graduates with a Master of Science in Engineering (MSE) degree can look forward to greater job opportunities, more rewarding positions, and higher levels of responsibility than engineers with just a Bachelor’s degree. Mechanical engineering, which is one of the broadest engineering disciplines, provides an excellent background for individuals interested in occupations ranging from product research and design to technological management. The Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics (MEAM) at the University of Pennsylvania has designed a flexible MSE Program to prepare students for professional careers and leadership roles in industry while also providing them with the opportunity to strengthen their fundamental knowledge and obtain an exposure to research. In recognition of the interdisciplinary nature of the modern workplace, students who enroll in our MSE program are encouraged to take courses in other departments in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, School of Arts and Sciences and the Wharton School of Business.

The information presented here is not exhaustive; students should also obtain information from the Penn Engineering website: www.seas.upenn.edu/graduate/handbook/index.php

More information, updated from time to time, on the MSE program is also available on the department website, http://www.me.upenn.edu/current-students/masters/handbook.php. Reading all of the rules and procedures is essential in order to be familiar with various degree requirements and the plentiful opportunities that are available. These guidelines together with the above publications will answer most of your questions. Advice and answers to special questions may be obtained from your advisor or the Graduate Group Chair1, as well as the Graduate Program Coordinator2, who will assist you in any reasonable manner possible.

Students who matriculated before August 2016 are subject to the policies that were in effect as of their matriculation date.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Graduate Group in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics administers the graduate program in MEAM. The Graduate Group is comprised of the primary faculty members of MEAM as well as faculty from other departments and schools throughout the University. This unique composition gives students the opportunity to work in emerging and interdisciplinary areas that are relevant to mechanical engineering. The current members of the MEAM graduate group and their research areas can be obtained from the website: http://www.me.upenn.edu/about-research/research-matrix.php. Additional information can be obtained from the department website.

All graduate programs in SEAS are administratively under the auspices of the Office of Research and Academic Services, whose activities with respect to graduate studies in MEAM are in conjunction with the recommendations of the MEAM Graduate Group Chair.

3. ADVISOR

The first person with whom a new student has contact is an assigned academic advisor. A program of study is developed with the academic advisor. Later on, if necessary, the student may request a change of advisor, which will be considered and approved by the Graduate Group Chair as appropriate. The academic advisor is responsible for monitoring the student's academic plan and, if applicable, thesis work.

4. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To earn an MSE degree in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics (MEAM), a student must complete 10 graduate level courses and 2 semesters of seminar. Of the 10 courses, at least five must be MEAM courses, two must be mathematics, and the remaining three are electives. There is one required course for each concentration area (see Appendix A). In addition to the one required course for each concentration area, two additional courses must be selected from the preapproved core requirement list for the student’s chosen concentration (Appendix A).

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The remaining two MEAM courses can be any MEAM graduate courses selected by the student in consultation with their advisor. Only graduate level MEAM courses can count towards the MEAM Core Requirement. A concentration area should be chosen and declared before the beginning of the second semester of study. One mathematics course must be ENM 510. The second mathematics course can be chosen from the approved list in Appendix A. The elective courses should also be chosen from the preapproved elective list for the student’s chosen concentration (Appendix A). Advisor approval is required if a student wishes to take a graduate course not listed. Elective courses are typically in MEAM or other SEAS departments. Courses taken outside of SEAS should be relevant to the student’s career goals or to the subdiscipline of interest to the student. Up to two graduate courses may be transferred from other institutions upon the approval of the Graduate Group Chair. Students may take up to two independent study courses (MEAM 599). Independent study courses (MEAM 599) must follow the guidelines detailed in section 6 of this manual and may not be counted as part of the required five MEAM courses. Students electing to write a thesis cannot take an independent study course for degree credit.

The MSE concentration areas are:

- Mechatronic and Robotic Systems
- Micro/Nano Systems
- Heat Transfer, Fluid Mechanics, and Energy
- Mechanics of Materials
- Design and Manufacturing

Opportunities are also available for students to customize their concentration with the guidance and approval of their academic advisor. The student and his/her academic advisor should agree upon a program of courses before the student embarks on his/her graduate study.

Appendix A lists the MEAM core, electives and mathematics courses for each concentration area.

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* ENM - Engineering Mathematics
** There is no tuition charge for the MEAM seminar course (MEAM 699)

5. GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration:
All students enrolled in a degree program are required to be continuously registered. Three courses per semester (including independent studies) is considered to be a normal full-time load for all students. Seminar (MEAM 699) courses do not count toward the full time load. Students in the MSE program may take up to five courses in a semester if they are in excellent academic standing (with a G.P.A. of 3.5 or better), with approval from the academic advisor and Graduate Group Chair. Part-time students usually take one or, at most, two courses per semester. The student must obtain his/her advisor's approval for any course selection.

Example:
- Students who successfully complete 3 courses per semester will graduate in 2 years (4 semesters)
- Students who successfully complete 4 courses per semester will graduate in 1.5 years (3 semesters)
- Students who successfully complete 5 courses per semester (approval required) will graduate in 1 year (2 semesters)
Leaves of Absence:
Continuous registration as a graduate student is required unless a formal leave of absence is granted by the Dean of Engineering.

Obsoleteness:
The maximum time allowed for the completion of all MSE requirements is seven years. Course units that are older than seven years may not be counted toward the degree requirements.

Changes in Course Program:
Students may add or drop courses without penalty during a semester if it is done by the deadline listed in the current graduate bulletin. The student must inform the advisor of the decision beforehand and receive his/her approval.

Grades, Credits, and Academic Standing:
The grading system is as follows: A (4.0), Excellent; B (3.0), Good; C (2.0), Fair; D (1.0), Poor; F (0.0), Failure. A course in which an F was obtained must be taken again; however, the F will remain on the student's transcript. In accordance with SEAS policy, “No grade lower than a ‘C-’ will be counted in courses designated as ‘core’ courses or those courses must be retaken.” Courses for which a passing grade was obtained cannot be retaken for credit.

An incomplete (I) or a no report (NR) are temporary notations and students are allowed a period of one semester to clear. Failure to clear an "incomplete" or "no report" within the allotted time will result in an automatic grade of F. No students will be permitted to graduate if there are any Incomplete, Unsatisfactory, or No Report notations on their records.

MSE students in Engineering are expected to maintain at least a B- average (2.7) in their work. A student whose record falls below a B- average will be put on academic probation and may be required to withdraw; graduation requires a B- average minimum (exclusive of thesis and dissertation grades).

Academic Integrity:
Each MEAM student is expected to abide by Penn’s Code of Academic Integrity (http://provost.upenn.edu/policies/pennbook/2013/02/13/code-of-academic-integrity). Students should not knowingly use any dishonest method to gain an unfair advantage over other students in academic pursuits, especially through, but not limited to:

- Giving or receiving any unauthorized aid on an assignment or exam, including working in groups on any assignment that has been designated as individual by the professor;
- Misrepresenting the originality of one's work (plagiarism), particularly through direct copying of work and also through failing to note the contributions of others, except as permitted by the instructor;
- Submitting substantially the same work for credit in more than one class, except with prior approval of the instructor.

If there is any doubt as to what is permissible, it is the student’s responsibility to ask the instructor. Students caught cheating will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include referral to the Office of Student Conduct. For more information, please see the Student Guide on Academic Integrity: http://www.upenn.edu/academicintegrity/

6. INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent study courses (MEAM 599) are important vehicles to accommodate special interests of the students that are not served through the regular courses. They create opportunities for mini-projects and a mentoring relationship between students and faculty. Independent study also can serve as a means for students and faculty to lay a potential foundation for dissertation work prior to making a long-term commitment. The student should identify the topic and scope of the independent study in the semester prior to the one in which s/he intends to take on the independent study, and should identify a faculty advisor whose interests and expertise match the independent study topic.

Since independent studies are less structured than regular courses and typically do not come with strict deadlines, occasionally students tend to fall behind in their work. There is also the possibility of miscommunication between the student and the faculty on the objectives, extent, scope, and the grading method for the independent study.
The purpose of this policy is to set the rules for an independent study with the objectives of maintaining academic rigor and minimizing any potential for a miscommunication.

- An independent study course should require an effort comparable to that of a regular course, about 9 hours a week or a total of 126 hours per semester.
- The student should meet the faculty member administering the independent study (the advisor) on a regular basis, at least once a week. It is the student's responsibility to schedule these weekly meetings. Past experience indicates that failure to maintain regular contact with the student's advisor can lead to a less than satisfactory performance in the independent study course. The key to a successful independent study is a steady effort throughout the semester. The student should not expect to be able to cram a semester's work into a few days of intensive work at the end of the semester.
- Prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student contemplates taking the independent study, the student and his/her advisor should develop an independent study proposal. The first paragraph of the proposal should describe the objectives, scope, and content of the independent study. The second paragraph should state how the independent study will be evaluated and how the student will be graded. The document should be signed by both the student and his/her advisor, and it should be submitted to the Graduate Coordinator, who will convey it to the Graduate Group Chair for approval before the beginning of the semester.
- At the conclusion of the independent study, the student should prepare a brief report specifying what material was covered during the independent study, which objectives were met, and which were not. In the event that objectives were not met, a clear explanation should be provided as to why such objectives were not met. This document should also be signed by the student and his/her advisor, and it will be included in the student's file.
- It is the student's responsibility to make sure that these guidelines are followed. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the student's not receiving credit for the independent study.

7. POLICY ON TRANSFER OF CREDIT UNITS EARNED IN OTHER INSTITUTIONS

MSE students may obtain credit for up to two courses taken at another institution. These courses are referred to as transfer courses. Transfer courses must be graduate level courses in which at least a B grade has been earned. Transfer credit will only be considered for courses taken prior to matriculation in the graduate program in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics. To obtain credit for courses taken at other institutions, the following procedure must be followed:

- For each transfer course, obtain the course description and the title of the textbook used in the course.
- Identify a professor who teaches a similar course at Penn. If a similar course is not offered at Penn, identify a professor whose areas of expertise are in the general area of the course to be transferred. The professor should certify that the course is of similar level to a graduate course offered at Penn or, if a similar course is not offered at Penn, that the course qualifies for Penn students to take if it were offered here.
- Submit a petition on a standard form (http://www.seas.upenn.edu/graduate/pdf/g-transfer-credit.pdf) to the Graduate Coordinator who will convey it to the Graduate Group Chair. Attach to the petition a copy of the transcript, the professor's certification, and documents and information noted in the standard form.

8. MSE THESIS

The majority of MSE students complete an entirely coursework-based degree. There is also an option to complete a thesis-based MSE degree. This option is open only to top MSE students and is subject to availability of advisors with suitable research projects. Students pursuing this option typically take two years to complete the MSE. Students who elect to write a thesis cannot count independent study course units as a part of their 10 course units requirement, but thesis research credits (MEAM 597) may be substituted for up to three courses.

MEAM 597 is the course assigned to thesis research. MEAM 597 can be counted towards the core concentration requirement. One, two or three units of this course of independent research may be undertaken simultaneously. The grading of MEAM 597 is done by the student's thesis advisor. Only grades of "S" (satisfactory), "U" (unsatisfactory) or "I" (incomplete) can be earned in this course.

A full time MSE student who chooses to write a thesis must choose an advisor and a suitable thesis topic by the beginning of his/her second semester of graduate study. The advisor must be a member of the Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics Graduate Group (http://www.me.upenn.edu/about-research/research-
The Chair of the Graduate Group, in response to recommendations by the student and the student's advisor, will then appoint, at the latest by the middle of the student's second semester, a Thesis Committee consisting of at least two faculty members, one of whom shall serve as the Thesis Committee Chair. The Chair of the committee must be a member of the MEAM Graduate Group. The thesis advisor may not serve as the Thesis Committee Chair.

Examples of a typical objective of an MSE thesis are:

- To advance the state-of-the-art in research.
- To solve new problems with existing tools.
- Development of a new instrument or measurement technique, or a computer program for analysis or advanced design.

The graduate student must submit a written thesis proposal and present it to the Thesis Committee by the end of the second semester of study, at the latest. The proposal should typically contain a statement of the objective of the work, a pertinent state-of-the-art review, the scope of the study, and an outline of the proposed final document. The Thesis Committee will evaluate the proposal and make recommendations on how it can be improved. The Chair of the Thesis Committee will then inform the Graduate Group Chair, in writing, about the Committee's evaluation of the proposal. The student must obtain the Thesis Committee's approval of the thesis proposal by the end of the student's second semester.

The thesis must be prepared and submitted following the general SEAS and University of Pennsylvania instructions. Instructions for preparation of the thesis can be found by visiting the following website: https://provost.upenn.edu/uploads/media_items/mastersstyleguide.original.pdf. When the thesis has been approved by the student's thesis advisor, a copy of the thesis must be given to each member of the Thesis Committee, who will then review it. The student must allow sufficient time for the review (at least two weeks). If the Committee feels that the thesis is suitable for presentation, the student may then schedule a thesis defense. The defense is a public presentation of the work; after this presentation, the Thesis Committee will give final approval or disapproval. The announcement of the presentation to the public must be submitted to the Graduate Coordinator for posting at least two weeks prior to the presentation.

All of the requirements of the thesis must be satisfied and approved before the thesis submission date specified by the Office of Research and Academic Services. When final approval of the thesis is obtained, an original and a photocopy of the thesis must be submitted to the Office of Research and Academic Services, 111 Towne Building prior to commencement, by the date specified. Both copies must be unbound and they must have original signatures. Additionally, a hardbound copy of the thesis (prepared according to instructions in Appendix B) must also be submitted to both the Graduate Group Chair of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics and to the thesis advisor. Failure to follow the above schedule and requirements will result in a delay in awarding the degree.

9. TRANSITION TO THE Ph.D. PROGRAM

Those MSE students who are interested in pursuing a Ph.D. after the completion of their MSE degree program should petition the Graduate Group Chair with the request to take the Ph.D. qualifier exam.

Students who aspire to continue for the Ph.D. degree must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above, and take and pass a qualifier exam, which serves as an important component of determining their ability to independently conduct research of high quality.

Complete details are available in the Ph.D. Guidelines.

10. ATTENDANCE AT DEPARTMENTAL SEMINARS AND THESIS PRESENTATIONS

The attendance of all full-time graduate students at departmental seminars is mandatory. There are many good reasons why students should attend departmental seminars even when the seminars are not directly linked to their areas of research. For example:

- The seminar provides an opportunity to learn about the state-of-the-art in MEAM.
- The seminar provides an opportunity for the student to get acquainted with people from other institutions and
companies and get an inside view of the culture at other institutions. On more than one occasion, during job interviews, interviewers have been known to mention a visit to Penn and delivering a seminar. The student would like to be in a position to comment on that particular seminar and state how enjoyable it was.

- The departmental seminars are an excellent opportunity to get together as a department. It is hoped that a full attendance at these seminars will help create departmental spirit and cohesiveness.

**Seminar Course**
The seminar course (MEAM 699) has been established so that students are recognized for their seminar attendance as well as to encourage students to attend. There are no quizzes, tests, or homeworks. There is also NO tuition charged for MEAM 699. The course is graded S/U and does NOT count towards full time enrollment status. Full time students should take three courses in addition to the MEAM seminar. In order to obtain a satisfactory (S) grade, the student must attend more than 70% of the departmental seminars. For example, in a term in which 12 seminars are given, the student will need to attend at least 9 seminars to obtain a satisfactory grade. Participation in the seminar course will be documented and recorded in the student's transcript. In order to obtain their degree, MSE students will be required to accumulate 2 seminar courses (typically taken in the first two semesters of study). Under special circumstances, e.g., in a case of a conflict with a course offering, the student may waive the seminar requirement for the particular semester by petitioning to the Graduate Group Chair. Part-time students are exempted from the seminar attendance requirement although they are encouraged to attend the seminars. Submatriculant students are considered to be full-time and therefore are required to fulfill the seminar requirement prior to graduation.

11. SUBMATRICULATION

Outstanding undergraduate students at the university may submatriculate in the MSE degree program and take graduate-level courses as electives during their junior and senior years. After fulfilling the requirements of both programs, the student will receive a BSE and a MSE degree. Undergraduates at the University of Pennsylvania may double-count up to three graduate-level courses taken while enrolled as a submatriculant towards both the undergraduate and the graduate degree. The MSE degree may be completed in one to two extra semesters of study. In order to complete both degrees in only four and one-half years, students can consider:

- Taking independent study courses in the summer of the fourth year (up to 2 course units of study),
- Taking five courses in the final term,
- Taking extra graduate-level courses (cannot be counted towards the B.S.E. degree) during the undergraduate program.

Students enrolled as a submatriculant can only count graduate courses taken at Penn towards the master's degree. No transfer credit, study abroad, or study away courses will be accepted.

Submatriculation applications (http://www.seas.upenn.edu/undergraduate/pdf/ug-appl-submatriculation.pdf) must be submitted by the end of the junior year.

12. DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

**Dual Degree in Two Engineering Disciplines**
Students may enroll in a dual degree program and receive an MSE degree in Mechanical Engineering and any of the other disciplines in the Engineering School such as Electrical and Systems Engineering, Bioengineering, Computer Science, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, and Materials Science and Engineering. The dual degree program requires the completion of at least 16 courses and satisfaction of the MSE requirements of each department in which the student wishes to major. This program typically requires four semesters to complete. To enroll in this program, the student must complete an application form, listing the course plan for both programs and obtain the approval from the Graduate Group Chair of each department. Applications for this program are available via the following website: http://www.seas.upenn.edu/graduate/advising/documents/g-apply-for-dual-masters.pdf.

**MBA/MSE Dual Degree Programs**
The Mechanical Engineering Department and the Wharton School of Business Administration are committed to the education of excellent managers and engineers who will contribute significantly to the challenges faced by industry. This program leads to two degrees: Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Science in Engineering (MSE). Typically, the program requires 5 semesters of study. To participate in the MBA/MSE Dual
Degree Program, the student must apply to, be accepted by, and meet all the requirements of both schools: the Graduate School of Business and the School of Engineering and Science. This requires separate applications to both schools.

13. SUMMER STUDIES

There are several possibilities for scholarly activities by graduate students at the University during the summer which include:

- Independent study and research (MEAM 599 or 597) with an instructor willing to act as a supervisor during the summer.
- Course work outside SEAS, as well as a limited number of regular courses occasionally offered by some SEAS departments. The advisor, in consultation with the Graduate Group Chair, must approve summer school courses.

Questions on summer session registration should be referred to the Graduate Coordinator.

14. RECORDS

The official graduate student records are kept in 111 Towne Building; transcripts can be viewed on Penn InTouch at https://portal.apps.upenn.edu/penn_portal/intouch/splash.html Graduate students are encouraged to periodically check the accuracy of their records and to bring any discrepancies to the attention of the Graduate Group Chair.

15. GRADUATE ENVIRONMENT

The size of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics fosters a close interaction between the graduate students and the entire faculty. Every effort is made to create an environment of scholarship, creativity and learning, which is the very essence of graduate study. This enhances the quality of student-faculty communications and enriches the academic environment to benefit both learning and discovery. The Department strongly supports the Mechanical Engineering Graduate Association (MEGA). MEGA is a student-run association that represents the entire graduate student community in MEAM, and organizes both social and technical events. A chosen representative of MEGA will be invited, if appropriate, to attend Graduate Group meetings to serve as a communication channel for information between the Graduate Group and students.
APPENDIX A

List of approved mathematics courses (all concentrations)

**MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENTS**
All MSE students are required to take at least two mathematics courses. Students are required to take ENM 510 and the second course must be selected from the following list. Prior approval from the Graduate Group Chair is required if a student would like to take a course other than the ones listed below to satisfy the math requirement.

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<td>ENM 502</td>
<td>Numerical Methods and Modeling</td>
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<td>ENM 503</td>
<td>Introduction to Probability and Statistics</td>
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<td><strong>ENM 510</strong>*</td>
<td><strong>Foundations of Engineering Mathematics I (Required)</strong></td>
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<td>ENM 512</td>
<td>Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos</td>
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<td>ENM 511</td>
<td>Foundations of Engineering Mathematics II</td>
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<td>ENM 540</td>
<td>Topics in Computational Science &amp; Engineering</td>
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<td>ENM 600</td>
<td>Advanced Engineering Mathematics</td>
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<td>ENM 601</td>
<td>Special Topics in Engineering Mathematics</td>
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<td>MEAM 527</td>
<td>Finite Element Analysis (This course cannot be double-counted for both the math and core requirement.)</td>
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3 ENM - Engineering Mathematics
List of approved courses for students concentrating in

MECHATRONIC AND ROBOTIC SYSTEMS
Ongoing effort in mechanical systems focuses on modeling and controlling dynamical systems, especially as applied to mechatronic and robotic systems. The graduate courses provide students with a firm theoretical foundation and the interdisciplinary experimental skills that are necessary for dealing with modern-day complex systems. Much of our work involves collaborations with Computer and Information Science and Electrical and Systems Engineering, as well as the Wharton School of Business Administration.

Required Course
MEAM 510   Design of Mechatronic Systems (Offered in the fall semester only.)

Preapproved Core Requirement Courses (choose at least 2 from the list below)
MEAM 513   Control of Systems
MEAM 516   Advanced Mechatronic Reactive Spaces
MEAM 520   Introduction to Robotics
MEAM 528   Advanced Kinematics (rarely taught)
MEAM 535   Advanced Dynamics
MEAM 543   Performance and Design of Unmanned Aerial
MEAM 550   Design of Microelectromechanical Systems
MEAM 613   Nonlinear Control Theory
MEAM 620   Advanced Robotics
MEAM 625   Haptic Interfaces (rarely taught)

Choose two more MEAM graduate level courses

Preapproved Electives Requirement Courses (choose 3 from list below or any graduate level MEAM course)
EAS 507   Intellectual Property and Business Law for Engineers
EAS 512   Engineering Negotiation
EAS 545   Engineering Entrepreneurship I
EAS 546   Engineering Entrepreneurship II
EAS 547   High Tech. Ventures (rarely taught)
EAS 548   High Tech. Venture Development
EAS 595   Foundations of Leadership
ESE 500   Linear Systems Theory
ESE 504   Introduction to Optimization Theory
ESE 519   Real-Time Embedded Systems
ESE 531   Digital Signal Processing
ESE 540   Engineering Economics
ESE 650   Learning in Robotics
CIS 520   Machine Learning
CIS 521   Fundamentals of AI
CIS 540   Principles of Embedded Computation
CIS 543   Physically Based Animation
CIS 580   Machine Perception Development
CIS 581   Computer Vision and Computational Photography
CIT 590   Programming Languages and Techniques
IPD 501   Integrated Computer-Aided Design, Manufacturing and Analysis

Advisor approval is required if a student wishes to take an elective graduate course not on the above list.
List of approved courses for students concentrating in

**MICRO/NANO SYSTEMS**

Micro/Nano systems is a broad field encompassing the design, development, and fabrication of devices and systems that derive unique functionality due to the small size of key components within them. Examples of such systems include microelectromechanical systems (MEMS), nanoelectronic devices, and microfluidics. Mechanical Engineering plays a central role in all of these systems, such as the mechanical design of MEMS-based sensors and the understanding of heat transfer in nanoelectronics. The graduate courses in this area of concentration provide students with a solid theoretical foundation, knowledge of micro/nano-fabrication techniques, and skills to design micro/nano systems.

**Required Course**

MEAM 537  Nanomechanics and Nanotribology at Interfaces (Spring Course)

Or

MEAM 550  Design of Microelectromechanical Systems (Spring Course)

**Preapproved Core Requirement Courses (choose at least 2 from the list below)**

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<td>Fundamentals of Materials</td>
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<td>MEAM 519</td>
<td>Elasticity and Micromechanics of Materials.</td>
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<td>MEAM 527</td>
<td>Finite Element Analysis (This course cannot be double-counted for both the math and core requirement.)</td>
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<td>MEAM 572</td>
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<td>MEAM 580</td>
<td>Electrochemistry for Energy, Nanofabrication, and Sensing</td>
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Choose two more MEAM graduate level courses

**Preapproved Electives Requirement Courses (choose 3 from list below or any graduate level MEAM course)**

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List of approved courses for students concentrating in

HEAT TRANSFER, FLUID MECHANICS, AND ENERGY SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Aerospace engineering, materials fabrication and manufacturing, cooling of microelectronic equipment, energy conversion and power generation, and thermal control and treatment of living organisms are critically important in today’s economy. Our program in heat transfer, fluid mechanics, and energy is designed to provide the basic tools for dealing with these and other problems of current and future technological interest. The program maintains close collaboration with the departments of Chemical Engineering, Bioengineering, Electrical and Systems Engineering, and Materials Science.

**Required Course**
MEAM 536  Viscous Fluid Flow (Offered in the spring semester only.)

Or
MEAM 570  Introduction to Transport (Offered in the fall semester only.)

**Preapproved Core Requirement Courses (choose at least 2 from the list below)**
MEAM 502  Energy Engineering
MEAM 503  Direct Energy Conversion: From Macro to Nano
MEAM 504  Tribology
MSE 525  Nanoscale Science and Engineering
MEAM 527  Finite Element Analysis (This course cannot be double-counted for both the math and core requirement.)
MEAM 536  Viscous Fluid Flow
MEAM 530  Continuum Mechanics
MEAM 545  Aerodynamics
MEAM 561  Thermodynamics: Foundations, Energy, Materials
MEAM 570  Introduction to Transport
MEAM 571  Advanced Transport
MEAM 572  Micro/Nano Energy Transport (rarely offered)
MEAM 575  Micro and Nano Fluidics
MEAM 580  Electrochemistry for Energy, Nanofabrication, and Sensing
MEAM 642  Advanced Fluid Mechanics (rarely offered)
MEAM 646  Computational Mechanics
MEAM 647  Foundations of Complex Fluids (rarely offered)
MEAM 662  Advanced Molecular Thermodynamics

Choose two more MEAM graduate level courses

**Preapproved Electives Requirement Courses (choose 3 from list below or any graduate level MEAM course)**
CBE 545  Elec. Energy Conv. & Storage
CBE 546  Fundamentals of Industrial Catalytic Processes
CBE 617  Control of Nonlinear Systems
CBE 618  Advanced Molecular Thermodynamics
CBE 640  Transport Processes I
CBE 641  Transport Processes
EAS 501  Energy and Its Impacts
EAS 507  Intellectual Property and Business Law for Engineers
EAS 512  Engineering Negotiation
EAS 545  Engineering Entrepreneurship I
EAS 546  Engineering Entrepreneurship II
EAS 547  High Tech. Ventures (rarely taught)
EAS 548  High Tech. Venture Development
EAS 595  Foundations of Leadership
ENGR 503  Engineering in Oil, Gas and Coal, from Production to End Use
MSE 545  Materials for Energy Storage and Generation
MSE 555  Environmental Degradation of Materials

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List of approved courses for students concentrating in MECHANICS OF MATERIALS

The development of new technologies often depends critically on the availability of materials systems capable of withstanding extreme thermomechanical loading conditions. Current examples are provided by the development of advanced engines in the aerospace industry and the design of microchips that are resistant to thermal cycling in the microelectronics industry. In addition, new technologies, such as biomedical technologies, often require the development and understanding of completely new classes of materials systems. The Penn MEAM MSE in Mechanics of Materials is designed to provide the fundamental tools needed to tackle these and other problems of current and future technological interest. These include basic courses in continuum mechanics, elasticity, and plasticity, as well as more advanced ones in fracture, composite materials, biomechanics, and atomistic modeling of materials. The program maintains close collaborations with the Material Science Department and with the biomedical community.

**Required Course**
MEAM 519  Introduction to Elasticity (Offered in the fall semester only.)

**Preapproved Core Requirement Courses (choose at least 2 from the list below)**
- MEAM 504  Tribology
- MEAM 505  Mechanical Properties of Macro/Nanoscale Materials
- MEAM 507  Fundamentals of Materials
- MEAM 508  Materials and Manufacturing for Mechanical Design
- MEAM 527  Numerical and Finite Element Methods (This course cannot be double-counted for both the math and core requirement.)
- MEAM 530  Continuum Mechanics
- MEAM 537  Nanomechanics and Nanotribology at Interfaces
- MEAM 553  Atom Mod in Mats Science
- MEAM 554  Mechanics of Materials
- MEAM 555  Nanoscale Systems Biology
- MEAM 631  Advanced Elasticity
- MEAM 632  Plasticity (rarely taught)
- MEAM 633  Fracture Mechanics (rarely taught)
- MEAM 634  Rods & Shells (rarely taught)
- MEAM 635  Composite Materials (rarely taught)
- MEAM 663  Entropic Forces in Biomechanics (rarely taught)

Choose two more MEAM graduate level courses

**Preapproved Electives Requirement Courses (choose 3 from list below or any graduate level MEAM course)**
- BE 645  Biological Elasticity
- EAS 504  Fundamental Concepts of Nanotechnology
- EAS 507  Intellectual Property and Business Law for Engineers
- EAS 512  Engineering Negotiation
- EAS 545  Engineering Entrepreneurship I
- EAS 546  Engineering Entrepreneurship II
- EAS 547  High Tech. Ventures (rarely taught)
- EAS 548  High Tech. Venture Development
- EAS 595  Foundations of Leadership
- MSE 660  Atomistic Modeling in Materials Science

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List of approved courses for students concentrating in

**DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING**

Global business trends have created a demand for companies to rapidly develop new products at lower costs. In response to these demands companies have been exploring new methods to decrease costs, increase productivity, and create innovative products. In keeping with the needs of local industry the graduate courses below prepare students for careers in Product Design and Manufacturing. Students in the program will study topics such as mechatronics, CAD, computer graphics, industrial design, product design, materials engineering, manufacturing processes, assembly, tolerances, design analysis, plant/process modeling and design, robotics, electrical systems, mechanical systems, controls, intellectual property, and management skills. Graduates of the program will be prepared to be leaders in global manufacturing environment. Much of our work involves collaborations with, among others, the Departments of Computer and Information Science, Electrical and Systems Engineering as well as the School of Design and the Wharton School of Business Administration.

**Required Course**
MEAM 514 Design for Manufacturability (Offered in the spring semester only.)

**Preapproved Core Requirement Courses (choose at least 2 from the list below)**
- MEAM 504 Tribology
- MEAM 508 Materials and Manufacturing for Mechanical Design
- MEAM 510 Mechatronics
- MEAM 516 Advanced Mechatronics
- MEAM 527 Numerical and Finite Element Methods (This course cannot be double-counted for both the math and core requirement.)
- MEAM 537 Nanomechanics and Nanotribology at Interfaces
- MEAM 543 Performance and Design of Unmanned Aerial
- MEAM 550 Design of Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems
- MEAM 625 Haptic Interfaces (rarely taught)
- MEAM 564 The Principles and Practice of Microfabrication Technology

Choose two more MEAM graduate level courses

**Preapproved Electives Requirement Courses (choose 3 from list below or any Graduate Level MEAM course)**
- ARCH 726 Furniture Design
- CIS 510 Curves & Surface: Theory & Applications
- CIS 560 Computer Graphics
- EAS 507 Intellectual Property and Business Law for Engineers
- EAS 512 Engineering Negotiation
- EAS 545 Engineering Entrepreneurship I
- EAS 546 Engineering Entrepreneurship II
- EAS 547 High Tech. Ventures (rarely taught)
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- EAS 595 Foundations of Leadership
- IPD 501 Integrated Computer Aided Design
- IPD 504 Rehab Engineering & Design
- IPD 511 Creative Thinking and Design
- IPD 515 Product Design
- IPD 525 Ergonomics/Human Factors Based Product Design
- IPD 527 Industrial Design I

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