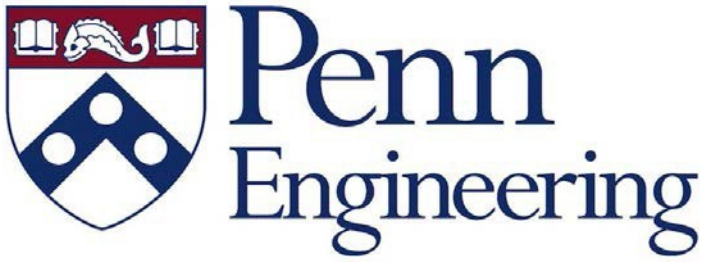

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT MANUAL

Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics

University of Pennsylvania

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WHAT IS MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND APPLIED MECHANICS?

Studying Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics teaches you how to analyze, design, and manufacture components, machines, and systems that can withstand force, deformation, heat, and motion while accomplishing a wide variety of useful functions for humanity.

The Department

The Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics (MEAM) was the second engineering curriculum established at the University of Pennsylvania (circa 1872). Our many alumni are noted for their distinguished careers and contributions in engineering, management, science, and education.

Careers in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics

The MEAM curriculum at Penn offers students a broad-based education that will allow them to adapt to technological developments in a rapidly changing society. It combines fundamental knowledge with a strong hands-on component. The curriculum offers the flexibility to specialize in one or more areas of mechanical engineering such as energy engineering, mechanical design, fluid mechanics, or structural mechanics, as well as cross-disciplinary areas such as robotics, biomechanics, micro-electromechanical systems (MEMS), nanotechnology, and mechanics of materials. Our students are encouraged to do research during their course of study and are provided every opportunity to master critical skills that will enable success in their future careers.

The career opportunities available to our graduates are perhaps the broadest among all fields of engineering. Many industries are keen to recruit mechanical engineers, including aerospace, automotive, robotics, electronics, computers, pharmaceuticals, chemical, and biomedical. Positions range from design and manufacturing to research and development to field engineering and testing. While the majority of our graduates pursue engineering careers in industry, some take positions with consulting and financial institutions, and others go on to graduate studies in business, law, and medicine. Given their passion for the subject, many of our students choose to pursue a master's degree in mechanical engineering or a related field at some point in their career, while a select few pursue doctoral degrees.

ADVISING AND DEGREE INFORMATION

Undergraduate Advisor

Each MEAM student is assigned a faculty advisor. This faculty member will work with the student to select courses and will need to approve administrative actions such as course enrollment and petitions. The advisor will also serve as a resource on academic, career, and other issues that may arise. Every effort will be made to maintain continuity from year to year, but advisors may need to be changed in some circumstances. Similarly, students are always free to change to any advisor who will accept them. Students will need to consult with their advisor during the pre-registration period each semester to plan courses for the following semester.

Students experiencing academic difficulties should meet with their advisor as soon as possible to obtain guidance. When needed, all students are also encouraged to seek help from the MEAM Undergraduate Chair (Professor Igor Bargatin, bargatin@seas.upenn.edu, Towne 277) and the MEAM Academic Coordinator for Undergraduate Programs (Katie Knorr, kknorr@seas.upenn.edu, Towne 229).

Accelerated Master's Program

Undergraduate students may choose to apply to the Accelerated Master's (AM) Program. This program provides qualified students with the opportunity to begin working on a master's degree while completing the undergraduate degree. Students applying to the AM program must provide an intentional academic plan showing how they will complete their Penn Engineering undergraduate degree in eight semesters for single-degree students, and ten semesters for coordinated dual-degree students. Students may take up to three graduate courses to fulfill both undergraduate and graduate degree requirements. To apply for the Accelerated Master's Program, submit an application with required materials, including a complete undergraduate course plan. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required in order to apply. Specific policies are indicated on the Penn Engineering Accelerated Master's Program website.

Minor in MEAM

Non-major students can earn a minor in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics by completing at least six approved course units with a grade of C or better. Courses taken on a pass/fail basis do not count toward the MEAM minor.

Students must take at least two courses from the following list:

- MEAM 2020 Introduction to Thermal-Fluid Engineering
- MEAM 2030 Thermodynamics I
- MEAM 2100 Statics and Strength of Materials
- MEAM 2110 Engineering Mechanics: Dynamics
- MEAM 3020 Fluid Mechanics
- MEAM 3200 Intro to Mechanical and Mechatronic Systems
- MEAM 3210 Dynamic Systems and Control
- MEAM 3330 Heat and Mass Transfer
- MEAM 3540 Mechanics of Solids

The other four courses may be any course with the prefix MEAM, except MEAM 4450 and 4460 (Senior Design). At most two course units may be at the 1000 level (i.e. MEAM 1XXX).

Up to two cognate courses may be substituted for MEAM courses with department approval. Please see the departmental website for an up-to-date listing of cognate courses: http://www.me.upenn.edu/prospective-students/undergraduates/majors-minors.php#minor

For additional details and requirements for the MEAM minor, please contact the MEAM Academic Coordinator for Undergraduate Programs (Katie Knorr, kknorr@seas.upenn.edu).

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student engineering societies are a strong force in shaping professional attitudes and providing information about the profession and job directions. Student organizations also provide opportunities for meeting practicing engineers and for socializing with people of similar professional interests.

Below are brief descriptions of the student organizations that are most closely related to MEAM.

ASME Student Chapter
https://fling.seas.upenn.edu/~asme/dynamic/wordpress/
Penn's American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) chapter is a student- run technical and professional society. Students elect their own officers and coordinate a variety of academic, professional, and social activities.

National Society of Black Engineers
https://nsbe.seas.upenn.edu/
The mission of NSBE is to increase the number of culturally responsible Black Engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community.
Email: nsbe@seas.upenn.edu

oSTEM at Penn
http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/lgbtc/studentgroups
oSTEM at Penn is a chapter of Out in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (oSTEM), the national student society dedicated to increasing participation of people who identify with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or ally (LGBTQA) communities in disciplines related to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM).
Email: ostematpenn@gmail.com

Penn Aerial Robotics
https://www.pennaerial.com/
The mission of Penn Aerial Robotics is to engage undergraduate students of the University of Pennsylvania in the development of aerial robots and unmanned aerial vehicles. The club aims to do so by providing students with the resources to construct, develop and test robots, travel to and compete at inter-collegiate competitions, and connect with people who share this same passion.

Penn Aerospace Club
https://aerospaceclub.seas.upenn.edu/
The Penn Aerospace Club (PAC) aims to teach and excite the Penn community about aerospace engineering and the aerospace industry through projects, competitions, and speaker events.
Email: aerospac@seas.upenn.edu

Penn Electric Racing (PER)
https://www.pennelectricracing.com/
Penn Electric Racing is a completely student-run project with the purpose of designing, building, and racing clean energy vehicles. Students are involved in design, construction, management, fundraising and educational outreach.
Email: electric@seas.upenn.edu

Penn EWB- Engineers Without Borders
https://pennewb.square.site/
The Penn chapter of Engineers Without Borders seeks to help its undergraduate members develop the skills and knowledge necessary to leave lasting social impact on a global scale.

SEAS Wellness
https://seaswellness.seas.upenn.edu/
SEAS Wellness is a student-run group dedicated to improving student mental health and wellness in Penn Engineering. The group's mission is to research how to improve student wellness, advocate for students by coordinating activities and events that emphasize well-being, and spread awareness about available resources.
Email: seaswellness@seas.upenn.edu

Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers (SASE)
https://saseupenn.weebly.com/
The Society of Asian Scientists & Engineers (SASE) is committed to helping STEM students achieve their full career potential through professional development, celebrating diversity, and giving back to our local communities. SASE is right at the intersection of culture, science, and technology. Join SASE for mentorship, community impact, and professional development events throughout the year!
Email: pennsase@gmail.com

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
www.seas.upenn.edu/~shpe/
SHPE promotes the development of Hispanics in engineering, science and other technical professions to achieve educational excellence, economic opportunity and social equity.
Email: sphe@seas.upenn.edu

The Society of Women Engineers
https://www.pennswe.com/
The mission of SWE is to stimulate women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders, to expand the image of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving the quality of life and to demonstrate the value of diversity.
Email: pennswe@gmail.com

A selection of additional student organizations is included below:

- Engineering Student Activities Council (ESAC)
- Engineering Dean's Advisory Board (EDAB)
- Underrepresented Student Advisory Board for Engineering (USABE)
- Access Engineering
- Assistive Devices and Prosthetic Tech (ADAPT)
- Alpha Omega Epsilon (AOE)
- Engineering Deans' Advisory Board (EDAB)
- Engineers in Medicine (eMED)
- Management and Technology Student Board (M&T Board)
- Penn ACM SIGGRAPH
- Penn Engineering Council (PEC)
- Penn Tech Review (PTR)
- Rachleff Scholars Society
- Theta Tau

The Engineering Students Activities Council (ESAC) oversees all student groups at Penn Engineering: https://www.pennesac.com/our-member-organizations

AP, IB, PRE-COLLEGE, AND TRANSFER CREDIT

Some MEAM requirements can be satisfied by AP, IB, and Pre-College credit, following these rules: https://admissions.upenn.edu/admissions-and-financial-aid/preparing-for-admission/freshman-admission/external-exam-credit

Students who go abroad will need to plan carefully, as many required MEAM classes are offered only once per year. Students should aim to satisfy some requirements using equivalent classes taken abroad. Here is some more information: https://abroad.seas.upenn.edu/steps-to-study-abroad/

CURRICULUM IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND APPLIED MECHANICS

Mechanical engineering students are expected to formulate a degree program that is well grounded in the fundamentals while having the breadth that is necessary in today's technology-intensive workplace. Our curriculum allows students to pursue a number of elective options in depth, either in traditional mechanical engineering subjects or in one or more multidisciplinary engineering programs at Penn. Flexibility in the curriculum, primarily in the junior and senior years, enables the student to study fields such as aerodynamics, robotics, design, manufacturing, mechatronics, business administration, advanced mathematics, control systems, and mechanics of materials.

To earn a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (B.S.E.) in MEAM, a student must complete at least 37 course units distributed among six categories, as listed below:

10 credit units = Math and Natural Science courses

9 credit units = Core MEAM courses

4 credit units = Concentration courses (or general curriculum courses if not pursuing a concentration)

7 credit units = Professional Electives

\+ 7 credit units = General Electives

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37 credit units = Total

MEAM students must follow all of the rules and regulations described in the **Penn Engineering Undergraduate Student Handbook**: https://ugrad.seas.upenn.edu/student-handbook/

CURRICULUM OPTIONS AND CONCENTRATIONS

Students may choose to pursue a broad-based mechanical engineering curriculum through the general curriculum, taking prescribed courses that cover the traditional pillars of mechanical engineering theory and practice; or, students may choose to declare an optional concentration in one of three areas:

- Dynamics, Controls, and Robotics
- Energy, Fluids, and Thermal Systems
- Mechanics of Materials, Structures and Design

Students in the MEAM major will automatically default into the general curriculum unless they declare an optional concentration.

All MEAM majors must

- take 10 CUs of math and natural science requirements, as prescribed in the MEAM BSE requirements
- take 9 CUs of common MEAM core classes, beginning in the sophomore year
- take 3 CUs/3 courses of MEAM upper levels (defined as any MEAM 5xxx course, excluding MEAM 5990)
- pursue the 2 CU/two semester Senior Design sequence

Key differences between the general curriculum (no concentration declared) and the three optional concentration areas are

- In the junior year, students take either four prescribed 3000-level MEAM courses covering fundamental theoretical foundations for mechanical engineering (general curriculum) *or* two prescribed 3000-level MEAM courses related to their declared concentration, in addition to one "breadth" 3000-level MEAM course in a foundational area not directly applicable to the concentration
- Students take either three MEAM upper levels of their choosing (general curriculum) *or* two MEAM upper levels of their choosing and one concentration-specific MEAM upper level

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Effective for students entering in Fall 2020 or after, students may select an *optional* concentration. Concentrations are intended to give students a more in-depth perspective into a particular area of focus within MEAM. Students will have the chance to declare their intention to follow a particular concentration or continue with the "general" curriculum. Only a single concentration choice will appear on a student's transcript. Students who do not wish to follow/declare a concentration must follow the "general" curriculum, which is the default for all incoming students; please see the UG Handbook for more details.

Students who do not declare their intention to follow one of the three optional concentrations must take a series of four prescribed foundational courses in their junior year:

- MEAM 3020 Fluid Mechanics (1 CU) – Fall
- MEAM 3210 Dynamic Systems and Control (1 CU) – Spring
- MEAM 3330 Heat & Mass Transfer (1 CU) – Spring
- MEAM 3540 Mechanics of Solids (1 CU) – Fall

**Courses appearing with an asterisk require permission of the instructor.*

Dynamics, Controls, and Robotics

Medical micro-robots, self-driving cars, interplanetary spacecraft, and hydrofoil catamarans critically rely on aspects of mechanical engineering. This concentration focuses on developing a practical and theoretical understanding of motion (dynamics) and algorithms for achieving desired motion (controls), along with the design and creation of just about anything that moves.

The Dynamics, Controls, and Robotics Concentration requires the completion of the following 4 CUs:

- MEAM 3200 Intro to Mechanical and Mechatronic Systems (1 CU) – Fall
- MEAM 3210 Dynamic Systems and Control (1 CU) – Spring
- MEAM 3000-level breadth elective (choose any MEAM 3000-level course beyond MEAM 3200 and MEAM 3210)
- Concentration-approved MEAM Upper-Level depth requirement (choose from the following list)
    - MEAM 5100 Design of Mechatronic Systems
    - MEAM 5130 Feedback Control Design and Analysis
    - MEAM 5170 Control and Optimization with Applications in Robotics
    - MEAM 5200 Introduction to Robotics
    - MEAM 5350 Advanced Dynamics*
    - MEAM 5430 Performance, Stability and Control of UAVs

Energy, Fluids, and Thermal Systems

Energy conversion and power generation, aerospace engineering, materials fabrication and manufacturing, cooling of microelectronic equipment, and thermal control and treatment of living organisms are critically important in today's economy. The MEAM Energy, Fluids, and Thermal Systems concentration is designed to provide the basic tools for dealing with these and other problems of current and future technological interest.

The Energy, Fluids, and Thermal Systems Concentration requires the completion of the following 4 CUs:

- MEAM 3020 Fluid Mechanics (1 CU) – Fall
- MEAM 3330 Heat & Mass Transfer (1 CU) – Spring
- MEAM 3000-level breadth elective (choose any MEAM 3000-level course beyond MEAM 3020 and MEAM 3330)
- Concentration-approved MEAM Upper-Level depth requirement (choose from the following list)
    - MEAM 5020 Energy Engineering
    - MEAM 5030 Direct Energy Conversion
    - MEAM 5040 Tribology
    - MEAM 5270 Finite Element Analysis
    - MEAM 5360 Viscous Fluid Flow
    - MEAM 5450 Aerodynamics
    - MEAM 5480 Wind Physics and the Atmosphere

- MEAM 5610 Thermodynamics
- MEAM 5620 Water Treatment Engineering
- MEAM 5800 Electrochemistry
- MEAM 5700 Transport*
- MEAM 5750 Micro and Nano Fluidics*

Mechanics of Materials, Structures and Design

Engineering materials, including metals, plastics, composites and biological tissues, are the building blocks of all engineered products. This concentration focuses on the experimental and mathematical characterization of the mechanical properties of these materials, as well as of the computation of internal forces (stresses) and deformations (strains) that develop on structures and mechanical devices made of these materials, either for design, manufacturing or performance evaluation including failure.

The Mechanics of Materials, Structures and Design Concentration requires the completion of the following 4 CUs:

- MEAM 3210 Dynamic Systems and Control (1 CU) – Spring
- MEAM 3540 Mechanics of Solids (1 CU) – Fall
- MEAM 3000-level breadth elective (choose any MEAM 3000-level course beyond MEAM 3210 and MEAM 3540)
- Concentration-approved MEAM Upper-Level depth requirement (choose from the following list)
  - MEAM 5040 Tribology
  - MEAM 5050 Mechanical Properties of Macro/Nanoscale Materials
  - MEAM 5060 Failure Analysis of Engineering Materials
  - MEAM 5070 Fundamentals of Materials
  - MEAM 5080 Materials and Manufacturing
  - MEAM 5190 Elasticity and Micromechanics of Materials*
  - MEAM 5270 Finite Element Analysis

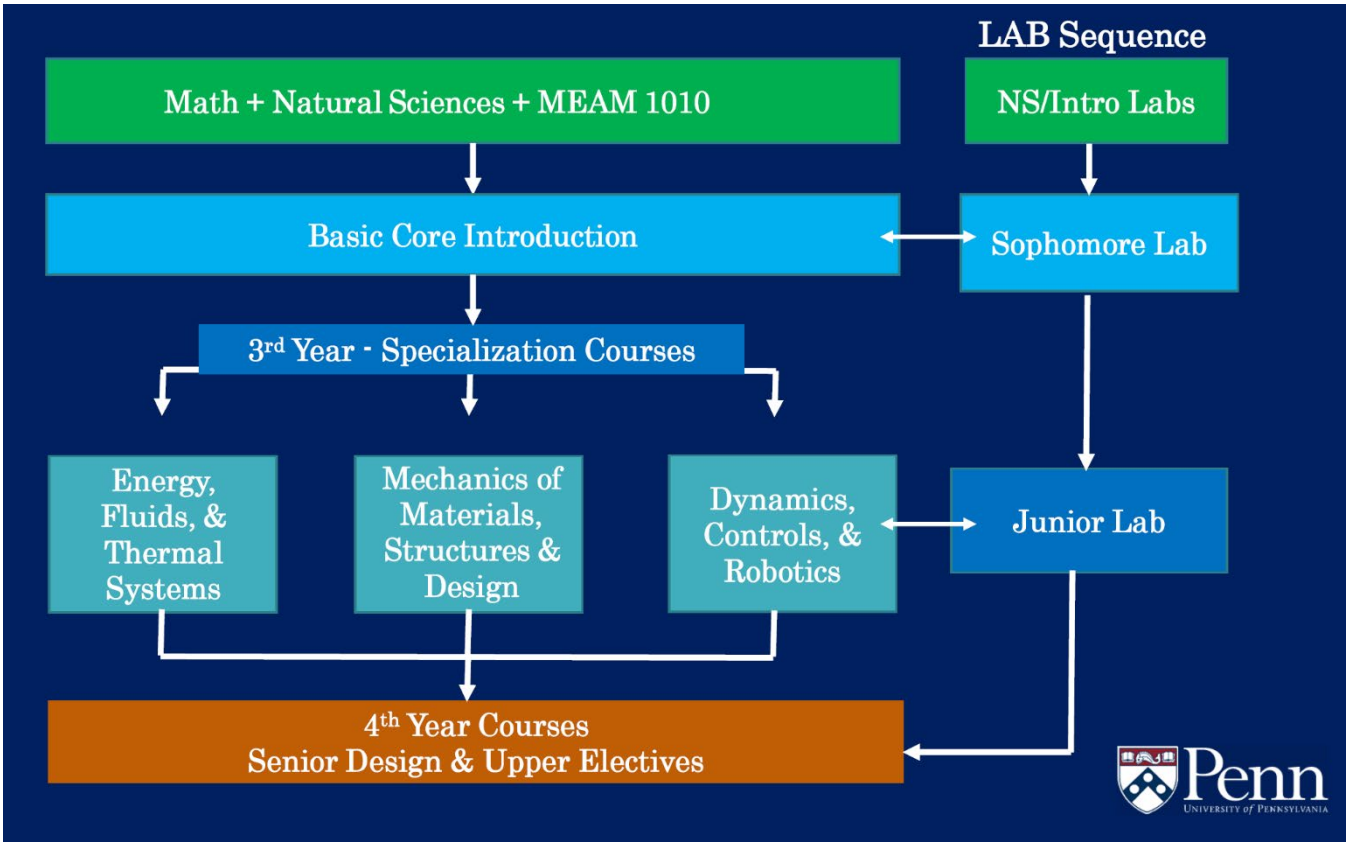
INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent Study is designed to provide students with a unique learning experience not achievable by ordinary course work. An Independent Study provides an opportunity to work closely with a professor in a research effort to develop research skills and techniques and/or to develop a program of independent in-depth study in a subject area in which you and the professor share a common interest. This faculty member will direct your independent study and is responsible for issuing your final grade.

You and the professor must jointly submit a detailed proposal for approval by the MEAM Undergraduate Chair and final approval by OAS. If approved, you will be registered for MEAM 0099. You may apply a maximum of 2 CUs of MEAM 0099 towards your degree requirements. MEAM 0099 may be used as a technical elective.

For more information, please see the Independent Study Application on the Penn Engineering Undergraduate Forms & Resources website:
https://ugrad.seas.upenn.edu/student-handbook/forms-resources/

Below is a flow chart visualization of the MEAM curriculum.



COURSE PLANNING GUIDE

The following page contains the Course Planning Guide (CPG), which indicates which courses are required and which are recommended in each of the above categories. The CPG also includes websites that provide further information on important topics, such as the writing requirement.

The CPG can also be found online:

- MEAM website: www.me.upenn.edu/current-students/undergraduates/degree-requirements.php

For individualized course planning guides for the general curriculum and three concentrations, consult the appendix at the end of this manual.

MEAM COURSE PLANNING GUIDE (for students entering fall 2025)

Math and Natural Science (10 CU)

https://ugrad.seas.upenn.edu/student-handbook/courses-requirements/mathematics-courses/

https://ugrad.seas.upenn.edu/student-handbook/courses-requirements/natural-science-courses/

- ❒ **MATH 1400 Calculus I**
- ❒ **MATH 1410 Calculus II**
- ❒ **MATH 2400 Calculus III**
- ❒ **ENM 2510** or **MATH 2410 Calculus IV**
- ❒ **Mathematics elective** [1]
- ❒ **MEAM 1100 Intro to Mechanics** [2]
- ❒ **MEAM 1470 Intro to Mechanics Lab** [2]
- ❒ **PHYS 0151 Principles of Physics II** or **ESE 1120 Engineering Electromagnetics**
- ❒ **CHEM 1012 Chemistry I** (Section 4, 5 or EAS 0091) or **BIOL 1121 Intro to Biology – The Molecular Biology of Life**
- ❒ **Math or Natural Science** [3]

1. Recommended: ENM 3600, STAT 4300, MATH 3120.
2. PHYS 0150 is also acceptable.
3. For example: PHYS 3364 (Laboratory Electronics).

MEAM Core (9 CU)*

- ❒ **MEAM 2020 Intro to Thermal and Fluids Eng.**
- ❒ **MEAM 2030 Thermodynamics I**
- ❒ **MEAM 2100 Statics & Strength of Materials**
- ❒ **MEAM 2110 Eng. Mechanics: Dynamics**
- ❒ **MEAM 2470 ME Lab I**
- ❒ **MEAM 2480 ME Lab I**
- ❒ **MEAM 3470 ME Design Lab**
- ❒ **MEAM 3480 ME Design Lab**
- ❒ **MEAM 4450 Design Project I**
- ❒ **MEAM 4460 Design Project II**

General Electives (7 CU) [4]

https://ugrad.seas.upenn.edu/student-handbook/courses-requirements/social-sciences-and-humanities-breadth/

https://ugrad.seas.upenn.edu/student-handbook/courses-requirements/technology-in-business-and-society-courses/

- ❒ **EAS 2030 Eng. Ethics**
- ❒ Social Science
- ❒ Humanities
- ❒ Humanities
- ❒ Social Science or Humanities
- ❒ SS, H, or TBS
- ❒ SS, H, or TBS

4. One of these electives must fulfill the **Writing Requirement**:
   https://ugrad.seas.upenn.edu/student-handbook/courses-requirements/writing-requirement/

*Required if no concentration declared (4 CU):

- ❒ **MEAM 3020 Fluid Mechanics**
- ❒ **MEAM 3210 Dynamic Systems & Control**
- ❒ **MEAM 3330 Heat & Mass Transfer**
- ❒ **MEAM 3540 Mechanics of Solids**

Concentration Courses (4 CU) [5]

Dynamics, Controls, and Robotics

- ❒ MEAM 3200 Intro - Mech & Mechatronic Sys
- ❒ MEAM 3210 Dynamic Systems & Control
- ❒ MEAM 3000-level Breadth Elective
- ❒ MEAM Upper Level [6]

Mechanics of Materials, Structures & Design

- ❒ MEAM 3210 Dynamic Systems & Control
- ❒ MEAM 3540 Mechanics of Solids
- ❒ MEAM 3000-level Breadth Elective
- ❒ MEAM Upper Level [6]

Energy, Fluids, and Thermal Systems

- ❒ MEAM 3020 Fluid Mechanics
- ❒ MEAM 3330 Heat & Mass Transfer
- ❒ MEAM 3000-level Breadth Elective
- ❒ MEAM Upper Level [6]

5. Students may only declare one concentration.
6. Students must choose from the list of concentration-approved courses (see MEAM undergraduate manual).

Professional Electives (7 CU) [7]

- ❒ ENGR 1050 Intro to Scientific Computing [8]
- ❒ MEAM Upper Level _____ [9]
- ❒ MEAM Upper Level _____ [9]
- ❒ MEAM U. L. **or** Tech Elect.* _____ [9, **10**]
- ❒ Technical Elective _____ [11]
- ❒ Technical Elective _____ [11]
- ❒ Technical Elective _____ [11, 12]

7. Maximum of three 1000-level courses.
8. CIS 1100 and CIS 1200 are also acceptable.
9. Choose from all MEAM 5000-level courses, excluding MEAM 5990.
10. If declaring a concentration, choose from a MEAM Upper Level or a Technical Elective.
11. Math, Natural Science, or Engineering categories. We recommend MEAM 1010 and MEAM/MSE 2200.
12. One Technical Elective may be satisfied with advanced dual degree requirements (with approval).

Note:
Bold courses are required MEAM courses.

MEAM B.S.E. SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR COURSE PLAN (GENERAL CURRICULUM)

Many courses have prerequisites, and therefore the sequence in which courses are taken may be important. The following sample course plan shows one sequence that satisfies the prerequisites for the specified courses. However, given the range of individual situations, each student must develop a complete course plan in consultation with their academic advisor.

Freshman Year

CUs	FALL	
1.5	**MEAM 1100 / 1470**	Intro to Mechanics & Lab
1	**MATH 1400**	Calculus I
1	**CHEM 1012** ***or*** **BIOL 1121**	General Chemistry *or* Intro to Biology
1	Social Science/Humanities elective	

Note: **Students with AP credit should consider taking ENGR 1050 or MEAM 1010**

CUs	SPRING	
1.5	**PHYS 0151** ***or*** **ESE 1120**	Principles of Physics II & Lab *or* Eng. Electromagnetics
1	**MATH 1410**	Calculus II
1	Technical elective, such as MEAM 1010	
1	Writing requirement	

Sophomore Year

CUs	FALL	
1	**MEAM 2020**	Intro to Thermal and Fluids Engineering
1	**MEAM 2100**	Statics & Strength of Materials
0.5	**MEAM 2470**	Mech. Engineering Lab I
1	**MATH 2400 / 0240**	Calculus III & Lab
1	ENGR 1050	Intro to Scientific Computing *or* another programming course

CUs	SPRING	
1	**MEAM 2030**	Thermodynamics
1	**MEAM 2110**	Engineering Mechanics: Dynamics
0.5	**MEAM 2480**	MEAM Laboratory I
1	**ENM 2510** ***or*** **MATH 2410**	Analytical Methods for Eng. *or* Calculus IV
1	**EAS 2030**	Engineering Ethics

Junior Year

CUs	FALL	
1	**MEAM 3020**	Fluid Mechanics
1	**MEAM 3540**	Mechanics of Solids
1	**MEAM 3470**	Mechanical Engineering Design Lab
1	Math elective	
1	Social Science/Humanities elective	

CUs	SPRING	
1	**MEAM 3210**	Dynamic Systems & Control
1	**MEAM 3330**	Heat & Mass Transfer
1	**MEAM 3480**	Mechanical Engineering Design Lab
1	Math or Natural Science elective	
1	Social Science/Humanities elective	

Senior Year

CUs	FALL	
1	**MEAM 4450**	Mechanical Engineering Design Projects
1	Upper-level MEAM course	
1	Upper-level MEAM course	
1	Technical elective	
1	Social Sciences/Humanities/TBS elective	

CUs	SPRING	
1	**MEAM 4460**	Mechanical Engineering Design Projects
1	Upper-level MEAM course	
1	Technical elective	
1	Social Science/Humanities/TBS elective	

Note: **Bold courses** are required MEAM courses.

MEAM ELECTIVE SCHEDULE

Fall 2025 Electives

MEAM 1010	Intro to Mechanical Design
MEAM 2010	Machine Design and Manufacturing
MEAM 2220 / MSE 2200	Introduction to Materials Science and Engineering
MEAM 4110 / IPD 5110 (/OIDD)	How to Make Things: Production Prototyping Studio
MEAM 4150 / IPD 5150 (/OIDD)	Product Design
MEAM 4210 / ESE 4210	Control for Autonomous Robots
MEAM 5020	Energy Engineering in Power Plants and Transportation Systems
MEAM 5060 / MSE 5060	Failure Analysis of Engineering Materials
MEAM 5070 / MSE 5070	Fundamentals of Materials
MEAM 5080	Materials and Manufacturing for Mechanical Design
MEAM 5100	Design of Mechatronic Systems
MEAM 5170	Control and Optimization with Applications in Robotics
MEAM 5180	Biomedical Microsystems
MEAM 5190	Elasticity and Micromechanics of Materials
MEAM 5200	Introduction to Robotics
MEAM 5350	Advanced Dynamics
MEAM 5450	Aerodynamics
MEAM 5480	Wind Physics and the Atmosphere
MEAM 5490	Order-of-Magnitude Estimation for Terrestrial and Space Engineering
MEAM 5530 / MSE 5610	Atomic Modeling in Materials Science
MEAM 5550 / CBE 5550 / BE 5550	Nanoscale Systems Biology
MEAM 5620	Water Treatment Engineering
MEAM 5700	Transport Processes I
ENGR 1050	Introduction to Scientific Computing
EAS 2020	Rivers in a Changing World
EAS 4010 / EAS 5010	Energy and Its Impacts **fulfills TBS*
EAS 5450 / IPD 5450	Engineering Entrepreneurship I **fulfills TBS*
EAS 5460	Engineering Entrepreneurship II **fulfills TBS*

Tentative Spring 2026 Electives

MEAM 1010	Introduction to Mechanical Design
MEAM 2010	Machine Design and Manufacturing
MEAM 4050 / MSE 4050	Mechanical Properties of Macro/Nanoscale Materials
MEAM 4110 / IPD 5110 (/OIDD)	How to Make Things: Production Prototyping Studio
MEAM 4150 / IPD 5150 (/OIDD)	Product Design
MEAM 5040	Tribology
MEAM 5100	Design of Mechatronic Systems
MEAM 5130 / ESE 5050	Feedback Control Design and Analysis
MEAM 5140 / IPD 5140	Design for Manufacturability
MEAM 5200	Introduction to Robotics
MEAM 5290 / ESE 5290	Introduction to Micro- and Nano-electromechanical Technologies
MEAM 5300	Continuum Mechanics
MEAM 5360	Viscous Fluid Flow
MEAM 5430	Performance, Stability and Control of UAVs
MEAM 5460	Hovering Vehicle Design and Analysis Techniques
MEAM 5750	Micro and Nano Fluidics
EAS 4020 / EAS 5020	Renewable Energy and Its Impacts **fulfills TBS*
EAS 5450 / IPD 5450	Engineering Entrepreneurship I **fulfills TBS*
EAS 5460	Engineering Entrepreneurship II **fulfills TBS*

RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES OUTSIDE OF MEAM

ASTR 1211	Introduction to Astrophysics I
BE 5140 / IPD 5040	Rehabilitation Engineering and Design
CBE 1500	Intro to Biotechnology
CIS 1100	Introduction to Computer Programming
CIS 1200	Programming Languages and Techniques
CIS 1600	Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science
CIS 2400	Introduction to Computer Systems
EESC 4320	Atmospheric Chemistry
EESC 4360	Environmental Fluid Dynamics
ESE 2100	Intro to Dynamic Systems
ESE 2150	Electrical Circuits and Systems (1.5 CU, with lab)
ESE 3010	Engineering Probability
ESE 3050	Foundations of Data Science
ENM 3600	Introduction to Data-driven Modeling
MATH 3120	Linear Algebra
MATH 4320	Game Theory
MSE 2210	Quantum Physics of Materials
MSE 2200	Introduction to Materials Science and Engineering
PHYS 1230	Thermal Physics and Waves
PHYS 2280 / BCHE 2280	Physical Models of Biological Systems
PHYS 3364	Laboratory Electronics
PHYS 4411	Intro to Quantum Mechanics
STAT 4300	Probability

MEAM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

L/L means lecture and lab
L/R means lecture and recitation
L/R/L means lecture, recitation, and lab
(A) means generally taught in the Fall
(B) means generally taught in the Spring
(C) means generally taught both Fall and Spring
(M) means taught only occasionally

0099. Independent Study. (C) Open to all students. A maximum of 2 c.u. of MEAM 0099 may be applied toward the B.S.E. degree requirements.
An opportunity for the student to become closely associated with a professor in (1) a research effort to develop research skills and technique and/or (2) to develop a program of independent in-depth study in a subject area in which the professor and student have a common interest. The challenge of the task undertaken must be consistent with the student's academic level.
To register for this course, the student and professor jointly submit a detailed proposal. Subject to the approval of the MEAM Undergraduate Chair.

L/L 1010. Introduction to Mechanical Design. (C) This course is available to all Engineering majors. Seniors are not permitted to register for this class.
This hands-on, project-based course covers the fundamentals of the modern mechanical design process, from needfinding and brainstorming to the basics of computerized manufacturing and rapid prototyping. Topics include: product definition (needfinding, observation, sketching, and brainstorming); computer-aided design (part creation, assemblies, and animation using SolidWorks); fundamental engineering design practices (material selection, dimensioning, tolerances, etc.); basic computer simulation and analysis; and rapid prototyping (laser cutter, 3-D fused-deposition modeling, and an introduction to computer-controlled machining).

L/R 1100. Introduction to Mechanics. (A) Corequisite(s): MATH 1400 and MEAM 1470.
This lecture course and a companion laboratory course (MEAM 1470) build upon the concepts of Newtonian (classical) mechanics and their application to engineered systems. This course introduces students to mechanical principles that are the foundation of upper-level engineering courses including MEAM 2100 and 2110. The three major parts of this course are: I. Vector Mechanics; II. Statics and Structures; and III. Kinematics and Dynamics. Topics include: vector analysis, statics of rigid bodies, introduction to deformable bodies, friction, kinematics of motion, work and energy, and dynamics of particles. Case studies will be introduced, and the role of Newtonian mechanics in emerging applications including bio- and nano-technologies will be discussed.

1470. Introduction to Mechanics Lab. (A) Corequisite(s): MEAM 1100.
This half-credit laboratory class is a companion to the Introduction to Mechanics lecture course (MEAM 1100). It investigates the concepts of Newtonian (classical) mechanics through weekly hands-on experiments, emphasizing connections between theoretical principles and practical applications in engineering. In addition to furthering their understanding about the workings of the physical world, students will improve their skills at conducting experiments, obtaining reliable data, presenting numerical results, and extracting meaningful information from such numbers.

L/L 2010. Machine Design and Manufacturing. (C) Prerequisite(s): MEAM 1010.
Building upon the fundamentals of mechanical design taught in MEAM 1010, this hands-on, project-based course provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to design, analyze, manufacture and test fully-functional mechanical systems. Topics covered include an introduction to machine elements, analysis of the mechanics of machining, manufacturing technology, precision fabrication (milling, turning, and computer-controlled machining), metrology, tolerances, cutting-tool fundamentals and engineering materials. Enrollment is limited.

L/R 2020. Introduction to Thermal and Fluids Engineering. (A) Prerequisite(s): Math 1400 and MEAM 1100 or PHYS 0150. Corequisite(s): MATH 1410.
This course introduces students to the main concepts and applications of thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, and heat transfer. Topics covered include the first law of thermodynamics, fluid statics, Bernoulli's equation, drag, lift, streamlines, conduction, convection, radiation, thermal resistances, and lumped capacitance. Mass, momentum, and energy equations are developed using the Reynolds Transport Theorem.

L/R 2030. Thermodynamics I. (B) Prerequisite(s): Math 1400 and Math 1410. Corequisite(s): MEAM 2480 for MEAM majors.
Thermodynamics studies the fundamental concepts related to energy conversion in such mechanical systems as internal and external combustion engines (including automobile and aircraft engines), compressors, pumps, refrigerators, and turbines. This course is intended for students in mechanical engineering, chemical engineering, materials science, physics and other fields. The topics include properties of pure substances, firs-law analysis of closed systems and control volumes, reversibility and irreversibility, entropy, second-law analysis, exergy, power and refrigeration cycles, and their engineering applications.

L/R 2100. Statics and Strength of Materials. (A) Prerequisite(s): MEAM 1100/1470 or Physics 0150. Corequisite(s): Math 2400 and MEAM 2470 are strongly recommended.
This course is primarily intended for students in mechanical engineering, but may also be of interest to students in materials science and other fields. It continues the treatment of statics of rigid bodies begun in MEAM 1100/PHYS 0150 and progresses to the treatment of deformable bodies and their response to loads. The concepts of stress, strain, and linearly elastic response are introduced and applied to the behavior of rods, shafts, beams and other mechanical components. The failure and design of mechanical components are discussed.

L/R 2110. Engineering Mechanics: Dynamics. (B) Prerequisite(s): MEAM 2100 and MATH 2400 and ENGR 1050. Corequisite(s): MATH 2410 or ENM 2510. MEAM majors should take MEAM 2480 as a Corequisite.
This course introduces the basic concepts in kinematics and dynamics that are necessary to understand, analyze and design mechanisms and machines. These concepts are also fundamental to the modeling and analysis of human movement, biomechanics, animation of synthetic human models and robotics. The topics covered include: Particle dynamics using energy and momentum methods of analysis; Dynamics of systems of particles; Impact; Systems of variable mass; Kinematics and dynamics of rigid bodies in plane motion; Computer-aided dynamic simulation and animation.

2200. Fundamentals of Materials Science and Engineering. (A) Prerequisites: CHEM 1012 or PHYS 0140 or MEAM 1100.
The course is an introduction to the most important concepts in materials science and engineering. You will learn how the control of chemical bonding, synthesis, processing, structure and defects can be used to tailor the properties and performance of materials for applications that range from sustainable sources of energy, to construction, to consumer electronics. Case studies are also included to highlight environmental issues associated with materials degradation. This course includes lab demonstrations of key materials properties and a final project where students research an area of materials technology of their own interest.

2250. Engineering in the Environment. (M) Prerequisites: MATH 1410 AND PHYS 0150
This course will lead with applications related to the environment and climate change, and use simple scaling and dimensional analysis to develop physical intuition. Students will be introduced to topics such as mechanics (e.g., failure) and flow of soil and rock, river erosion, and transport and dispersion of contaminants in water and air, as well as basic phenomena of weather and climate. The primary objective for this course is that students discover how to apply basic engineering insight to non-engineered (i.e., natural), unconstrained systems. A secondary objective is to entice mechanical engineers to become interested in the environment.

2300. Bicycles: The Mechanical Advantages (A)
This interdisciplinary course combines bicycle design, engineering, and service learning to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the history, evolution, and impact of bicycles on society and the environment. Through hands-on projects, community engagement, and class discussions, students will develop bicycle design and engineering skills, gain practical experience and exposure to bicycle repair and maintenance, explore the impact of bicycles and related technologies on society and the environment, and understand the role of bicycles in sustainable urban mobility and planning.

L/L 2470. Mechanical Engineering Laboratory I. (A) Prerequisite(s): Sophomore standing in engineering. Corequisite(s): MEAM 2020 and MEAM 2100 strongly recommended.
This is the first of a two semester sophomore level laboratory sequence that students complete over the fall and spring semesters. The course teaches the principles of experimentation and measurement as well as analysis and application to design. This fall semester course follows closely with MEAM 2020 and MEAM 2100, involving experiments to explore the principles of statics and strength of materials.

L/L 2480. Mechanical Engineering Lab I. (B) Prerequisite(s): Sophomore standing in engineering. Corequisite(s): MEAM 2030 and MEAM 2110 are strongly recommended.
This is the second of a two-semester sophomore level laboratory sequence that students complete over the fall and spring semesters. The course teaches the principles of experimentation and measurement as well as analysis and application to design. The spring semester course follows closely with MEAM 2030 and MEAM 2110, expanding upon the principles of experimentation, measurement, analysis, and design of systems through hands-on laboratories and projects in thermodynamics and dynamics.

L/R 3020. Fluid Mechanics. (A) Prerequisite(s): MATH 2410 or ENM 2510 and PHYS 0150 or MEAM 1100/1470.
Physical properties; fluid statics; Bernoulli equation; fluid kinematics; conservation laws and finite control-volume analysis; conservation laws and differential analysis; inviscid flow; The Navier-Stokes equation and some exact solutions; similitude, dimensional analysis, and modeling; flow in pipes and channels; boundary layer theory; lift and drag.

L/R 3200. Intro to Mechanical and Mechatronic Systems. (A) Prerequisite: MEAM 2110. Corequisite: MEAM 3470.
This course introduces topics in the design and analysis of modern mechanical systems. The course will cover concepts in mechanism design, kinematics, electronic circuits, motors and electromechanical systems, and measurement and filtering. Specific topics include kinematics of linkages, operational amplifiers, and interfacing with mechanical systems by programming microcontrollers.

L/R 3210. Dynamic Systems and Control. (B) Prerequisite(s): MATH 2410 or ENM 2510 and MEAM 2110.
This course teaches the fundamental concepts underlying the dynamics of vibrations for single-degree of freedom, multi-degree and infinite-degree of freedom mechanical systems. The course will focus on Newton's Force Methods, Virtual-Work Methods, and Lagrange's Variation Methods for analyzing problems in vibrations. Students will learn how to analyze transient, steady state and forced motion of single and multi-degree of freedom linear and non-linear systems. The course teaches analytical solution techniques for linear systems and practical numerical and simulation methods for analysis and design of nonlinear systems.

L/R 3330. Heat and Mass Transfer. (B) Prerequisite(s): MEAM 2030 and MEAM 3020.
This course covers fundamentals of heat and mass transfer and applications to practical problems in energy conversion and conservation. Emphasis will be on developing a physical and analytical understanding of conductive, convective, and radiative heat transfer, as well as design of heat exchangers and heat transfer with phase change. Topics covered will include: types of heat transfer processes, their relative importance, and the interactions between them, solutions of steady state and transient state conduction, emission and absorption of radiation by real surfaces and radiative transfer between surfaces, heat transfer by forced and natural convection owing to flow around bodies and through ducts, analytical solutions for some sample cases and applications of correlations for engineering problems. Students will develop an ability to apply governing principles and physical intuition to solve problems.

L/L 3470. Mechanical Engineering Design Laboratory. (A) Prerequisite(s): Junior standing in engineering.
This is the first of a two-semester junior level laboratory sequence that students complete over the fall and spring semesters. The course is project-based, with problems whose solution requires experimental data and quantitative analysis, as well as creative mechanical design. The technical content is connected to MEAM 3020 and MEAM 3540, including aerodynamics, applied fluid systems and structural analysis. The course also includes electromechanical systems and applications of finite element analysis.

L/L 3480. Mechanical Engineering Design Laboratory. (B) Prerequisite(s): Junior standing in engineering.
This is the second of a two-semester junior level laboratory sequence that students complete over the fall and spring semesters. The course is project-based, with open-ended design problems that challenge students to develop original experiments and choose appropriate analyses, with an increasing emphasis on teamwork and project planning. The technical content is connected to MEAM 3210 and MEAM 3330, including multimodal transient heat transfer and dynamic systems modeling.

L/R 3540. Mechanics of Solids. (A) Prerequisite(s): MEAM 2100 or equivalent, BE 2000 or permission of instructor.
This course builds on the fundamentals of solid mechanics taught in MEAM 2100 and addresses more advanced problems in strength of materials. The students will be exposed to a wide array of applications from traditional engineering disciplines as well as emerging areas such as biotechnology and nanotechnology. The methods of analysis developed in this course will form the cornerstone of machine design and also more advanced topics in the mechanics of materials.

4110. (IPD 5110) How to Make Things: Production Prototyping Studio. (C)
The course centers around a sequence of three projects that each culminate in the design and fabrication of functional objects. A 2D Design, 3D Design, and final "Micro-Manufacturing" project will introduce students to a wide variety of design, engineering, and fabrication skills made possible by the new Studios @ Tangen Hall. The micro-manufacturing final project will task interdisciplinary student teams to create a "micro-business" where they will design and utilize 3D printed molding and casting techniques to create a small-scale run of functional products. These products will then be showcased in an end of semester exposition, where the teams will merchandise and market their products to the Penn community. This exposition will also be a wonderful inaugural use of the student and alumni retail space on the 1st floor of Tangen Hall and serve as a great university-wide event to show case the work of SEAS students. Requires proficiency in solid modeling software (e.g., SolidWorks, Maya, Rhino), practice with design process, and hands-on fabrication experience.

4150. (IPD 5150) Product Design. (C)
This course provides tools and methods for creating new products. The course is intended for students with a strong career interest in new product development, entrepreneurship, and/or technology development. The course follows an overall product design methodology, including the identification of customer needs, generation of product concepts, prototyping, and design-for-manufacturing. Weekly student assignments are focused on the design of a new product and culminate in the creation of a prototype, which is launched at an end-of-semester public Design Fair. The course project is a physical good - but most of the tools and methods apply to services and software products. The course is open to any Penn sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student.

L/L 4210. (ESE 4210) Control for Autonomous Robots. (M) Prerequisite(s): Any one of CIS 1100, CIS 1200, or ENGR 1050; and any one of ESE 2100, 2150, or MEAM 2110; or permission of instructor.
This course introduces the hardware, software and control technology used in autonomous ground vehicles, commonly called "self-driving cars." The weekly laboratory sessions focus on development of a small-scale autonomous car, incrementally enhancing the sensors, software, and control algorithms to culminate in a demonstration in a realistic outdoor operating environment. Students will learn basic physics and modeling; controls design and analysis in Matlab and Simulink; software implementation in C and Python; sensor systems and filtering methods for IMUs, GPS, and computer vision systems; and path planning from fixed map data.

4450. Mechanical Engineering Design Projects. (A) Prerequisite(s): Junior standing.
This capstone design project course is required of all mechanical engineering students. Student teams will design and test complex mechanical systems that address a societal or consumer need. Projects are devised by the team, sponsored by industry, or formulated by Penn professors. Each project is approved by the instructor and a faculty advisor. Topics treated in the course include project planning, prototyping, patent and library searches, intellectual property, ethics, and technical writing and presentations. The work is spread over MEAM 4450 and MEAM 4460.

4460. Mechanical Engineering Design Projects. (B)
This is the second course in the two-course sequence involving the capstone design project. See MEAM 4450.

5020. Energy Engineering in Power Plants and Transportation Systems. (A) Prerequisite(s): MEAM 2030 or equivalent, and MEAM 3330 or equivalent.
Most energy consumed in the U.S. and in the world is produced using thermal-to-mechanical energy conversion. In this course, students will learn the engineering principles that govern how heat is converted to mechanical power in electric power plants, jet aircraft, and internal combustion engines. Topics covered include a review of thermodynamics and basic power cycles, supercritical, combined, and hybrid cycles, cogeneration, jet propulsion, and reciprocating internal combustion engines. A brief introduction to desalination and combustion is also included. The material in this course will provide students a foundation important for industrial and research employment in energy engineering.

L/R 5030. Direct Energy Conversion: from Macro to Nano. (M) Prerequisite(s): Basics of thermodynamics (MEAM 2030 or equivalent), basics of heat transfer (MEAM 3330 or equivalent).
The course focuses on devices that convert thermal, solar, or chemical energy directly to electricity, i.e., without intermediate mechanical machinery such as a turbine or a reciprocating piston engine. A variety of converters with sizes ranging from macro to nano scale will be discussed, with the advantages offered by nanoscale components specifically highlighted. Topics will include thermoelectric energy converters and radioisotope thermoelectric generators (RTGs), thermionic energy converters (TEC), photovoltaic (PV) and thermophotovoltaic (TPV) cells, as well as piezoelectric harvesters. Additional topics may include magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) generators, alkali metal thermal-to-electric converters (AMTEC), and fuel cells.

5040. Tribology. (M) Prerequisite: Senior standing in Mechanical Engineering or Material Science or permission of the instructor

The course will comprehensively cover both theoretical and practical tribology, the science and technology of interacting surfaces in relative motion. The various modes of lubrication, hydrodynamic, elastohydrodynamic, hydrostatic, mixed, solid and dry, will be studied in detail. The contact between solid surfaces will be covered, leading to an understanding of friction and various modes of wear. At each stage, it will be shown how the tribological principles learned can be applied in practice to improve the efficiency and durability of mechanical equipment and thereby enhance sustainability through energy and materials conservation

5080. Materials Manufacturing for Mechanical Design. (A)

The selection of materials and manufacturing processes are critical in the design of mechanical systems. Material properties and manufacturing processes are often tightly linked, thus this course covers both topics in an integrated manner. The properties and manufacturing processes for a wide range of materials (i.e., metals, ceramics, polymers, composites) are examined from both a fundamental and practical perspective. From a materials standpoint, the course focuses on mechanical properties, including modulus, strength, fracture, fatigue, wear, and creep. Established and emerging manufacturing processes will be discussed. Design-based case studies are used to illustrate the selection of materials and processes.

L/R 5100. Design of Mechatronic Systems. (C) Prerequisite(s): Junior or Senior standing in MEAM and a first course in Programming.

In many modern systems, mechanical elements are tightly coupled with electronic components and embedded computers. Mechatronics is the study of how these domains are interconnected, and this hands-on, project-based course provides an integrated introduction to the fundamental components within each of the three domains, including: mechanical elements (prototyping, materials, actuators and sensors, transmissions, and fundamental kinematics), electronics(basic circuits, filters, op amps, discrete logic, and interfacing with mechanical elements), and computing (interfacing with the analog world, microprocessor technology, basic control theory, and programming).

L/L 5130. (ESE 5050) Feedback Control Design and Analysis. (B) Prerequisite(s): MEAM 3210 or ESE 2100. Juniors and Seniors encouraged to enroll.

Basic methods for analysis and design of feedback control in systems. Applications to practical systems. Methods presented include time response analysis, frequency response analysis, root locus, Nyquist and Bode plots, and the state-space approach.

5140. (IPD 5140) Design for Manufacturability. (B) Prerequisite(s): MEAM 1010 or equivalent, MEAM 2100 or equivalent, Senior or Graduate standing in the School of Design, Engineering, or Business with completed product development and/or design engineering core coursework or related experience.

This course is aimed at providing current and future product design/development engineers, manufacturing engineers, and product development managers with an applied understanding of Design for Manufacturability (DFM) concepts and methods. The course content includes materials from multiple disciplines including: engineering design, manufacturing, marketing, finance, project management, and quality systems.

L/L 5160. (IPD 5160) Advanced Mechatronic Reactive Spaces. (M) Prerequisite: MEAM 5100 (Mechatronics) or equivalent.

This course combines performance art and advanced mechatronics concepts that include the design and implementation of large-scale actuation, advanced sensing, actuation and control. This course pairs design school and engineering students to form interdisciplinary teams that together design and build electro-mechanical reactive spaces and scenic/architectural elements in the context of the performing arts. The two disciplinary groups will be treated separately and receive credit for different courses (ARCH 7460 will be taught concurrently and in some cases co-located) as they will be learning different things. Engineering students gain design sensibilities and advanced mechatronics in the form of networked embedded processing and protocols for large scale actuation and sensing. Design students learn elementary mechatronics and design reactive architectures and work with engineering students to build them. The class will culminate in an artistic performance (typically with professional artists) such as a Shakespeare play, robotic ballet, a mechatronic opera.

5170. Control and Optimization with Applications in Robotics. (A) Prerequisite: Functional knowledge of Python and basic knowledge of controls or robotics (e.g. MEAM 5130 / ESE 5050, ESE 5000, MEAM 5200, or equivalent), linear algebra (MATH 3120 or equivalent), and dynamics MEAM 2110 or equivalent)

This course covers a variety of advanced topics in model-based nonlinear control, primarily focused on computational techniques and dynamic robotic applications. Students will learn both the theoretical basics of nonlinear and optimal control along with computational algorithms. Topics include dynamic programming, trajectory optimization, canonical underactuated systems, control of limit cycles, stability analysis, nonsmooth mechanics, and model predictive control.

Applications include walking and running robots, manipulation, and flying machines. As the course will cover state of the art techniques, we will review relevant research papers. At the end of the semester, students will prepare and present a final project on a related topic of their choosing.

5180. Biomedical Microsystems. (A) Prerequisite: Undergraduate-level mathematics and physics
This course introduces biomedical microsystems (BioMEMS), focusing on the fundamentals of miniaturization, microfabrication, nanotechnology, and biomaterials, and their applications in engineering, biology, and medicine. Reflecting the interdisciplinary nature of the field, we will cover topics such as miniaturization and scaling laws, microfabrication techniques, lab-on-a-chip and Micro Total Analysis Systems (MicroTAS), and sensing and detection methods. We will also explore bio-applications ranging from molecules and cells to tissues, with an emphasis on BioMEMS in areas such as point-of-care diagnostics, cell biology, drug delivery, microfabricated implants, and tissue engineering.

5190. (MSE 5500) Elasticity and Micromechanics of Materials. (A) Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of the instructor.
This course is targeted to engineering students working in the areas on micro/nanomechanics of materials. The course will start with a quick review of the equations of linear elasticity and proceed to solutions of specific problems such as the Hertz contact problem, Eshelby's problem etc. Failure mechanisms such as fracture and the fundamentals of dislocations/plasticity will also be discussed.

5200. Introduction to Robotics. (C) Prerequisite(s): MEAM 2110 and MATH 2400 or equivalent. Working knowledge of MATLAB will be very useful.
The rapidly evolving field of robotics includes systems designed to replace, assist, or even entertain humans in a wide variety of tasks. Recent examples include human-friendly robot arms for manufacturing, interactive robotic pets, medical and surgical assistive robots, and semi-autonomous search-and-rescue vehicles. This course presents the fundamental kinematic, dynamic, and computational principles underlying most modern robotic systems. The main topics of the course include: rotation matrices, homogeneous transformations, manipulator forward kinematics, manipulator inverse kinematics, Jacobians, path and trajectory planning, sensing and actuation, and feedback control. The material is reinforced with hands-on lab exercises involving a robotic arm.

L/R 5270. Finite Element Analysis. (A) Prerequisite(s): MATH 2410 or ENM 2510 and PHYS 0151.
The objective of this course is to equip students with the background needed to carry out finite elements-based simulations of various engineering problems. The first part of the course will outline the theory of finite elements. The second part of the course will address the solution of classical equations of mathematical physics such as Laplace, Poisson, Helmholtz, the wave and the Heat equations. The third part of the course will consist of case studies taken from various areas of engineering and the sciences on topics that require or can benefit from finite element modeling. The students will gain hands-on experience with the multi-physics, finite element package FemLab.

5300. Continuum Mechanics. (B) Prerequisite(s): Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, Partial Differential Equations.
This course serves as a basic introduction to the Mechanics of continuous media, and it will prepare the student for more advanced courses in solid and fluid mechanics. The topics to be covered include: Tensor algebra and calculus, Lagrangian and Eulerian kinematics, Cauchy and Piola-Kirchhoff stresses, General principles: conservation of mass, conservation of linear and angular momentum, energy and the first law of thermodynamics, entropy and the second law of thermodynamics; constitutive theory, ideal fluids, Newtonian and non-Newtonian fluids, finite elasticity, linear elasticity, materials with microstructure.

5350. Advanced Dynamics. (A) Prerequisite(s): MEAM 2110 and some Linear Algebra. Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.
Three-Dimensional Geometry: Introduction to Reference Frames, Geometry of Rotations of Reference Frames and of Vectors, Euler Angle, Axis-Angle Representations, Properties of Rotation Matrices. Kinematics: Kinematics of Rigid-Body Motion, Rotations, Angular Velocity and Acceleration, Linear Velocity and Acceleration, Applications to Planar Linkage Analysis. Constraints: Configuration Space, Holonomic and Non-holonomic Constraints, Degrees of Freedom, Tests for Holonomic versus Non-holonomic Constraints, Generalized Coordinates, Generalized Speeds, Partial Speeds, Partial Velocities, Principle of Virtual Work for Holonomic and Non-holonomic systems. Constraint Forces: Virtual Work, D'Alembert Equations, Lagrange's Equations for Non-holonomic systems. Distribution of Mass: Center-of-Mass, Vector and Scalar Moments of Inertia. Vector Spaces: Operators, Dyads, Dyadic, Moment-of-Inertia Tensor, Rigid Bodies. Dynamics: Kinetic Energy and Angular Momentum, Lagrangian/Hamiltonian Mechanics and Conservation Laws, Poisson Brackets and Constants of the Motion, Kane-Lagrange Equations with Non-Holonomic Constraints, Kane-Lagrange Equations, Null Spaces and Computing Constraint Forces. Variational Calculus: The Principle of Least Action, A Study of Small Perturbations and Linear Stability

Analysis.

5360. Viscous Fluid Flow and Modern Applications. (B) This course is intended for juniors, seniors and graduate students from the Schools of Engineering and/or Arts and Sciences that have a general interest in fluid dynamics and its modern applications. Students should have an understanding of basic concepts in fluid mechanics and a good grasp on differential equations. This is an intermediate course that builds on the basic principles of Fluid Mechanics. The course provides a more in depth and unified framework to understand fluid flow at different time and length scales, in particular viscous flows. Topics include review of basic concepts, conservation laws (momentum, mass, and heat), fluid kinematics, tensor analysis, Stokes' approximations, non- Newtonian fluid mechanics, and turbulence. The course will explore important modern topics such as microfluidics, swimming of micro-organisms, wind turbines, rheology, biofluid mechanics, and boundary layers.

5370. (MSE 5370) Nanotribology. (M) Prerequisite(s): Freshman physics; MEAM 3540 or equivalent, or consent of instructor.
Engineering is progressing to ever smaller scales, enabling new technologies, materials, devices, and applications. This course will provide an introduction to nano-scale tribology and the critical role it plays in the developing areas of nanoscience and nanotechnology. We will discuss how contact, adhesion, friction, lubrication, and wear at interfaces originate, using an integrated approach that combines concepts of mechanics, materials science, chemistry, and physics. We will cover a range of concepts and applications, drawing connections to both established and new approaches. We will discuss the limits of continuum mechanics and present newly developed theories and experiments tailored to describe micro- and nano-scale phenomena. We will emphasize specific applications throughout the course. Reading of scientific literature, critical peer discussion, individual and team problem assignments, and a peer-reviewed literature research project will be assigned as part of the course.

5380. Turbulence. (M) Prerequisite(s): MEAM 5700 and MEAM 5360 or equivalents. Permission of the instructor required for undergraduates.
This course is an introductory course on turbulent flows. The course provides physical and mathematical framework for quantitative and qualitative descriptions of fundamental processes involved in turbulent flows. Topics include the Navier-Stokes equations, the statistical description of turbulence, equations for mean and fluctuations, energy cascade, turbulence spectra, Kolmogorov hypotheses, behavior of shear flows, and isotropic turbulence. The course will also explore modern topics such as computational modeling of turbulence.

5430. Performance, Stability and Control of UAVs. (B) Prerequisite(s): MEAM 2100, 2110, MATH 2400 or equivalents.
This course covers the application of classical aircraft performance and design concepts to fixed-wing and rotary-wing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs). A survey of the latest developments in UAV technology will be used to motivate the development of quantitative mission requirements, such as payload, range, endurance, field length, and detectability. The implications of these requirements on vehicle configuration and sizing will be revealed through application of the fundamentals of aerodynamics and propulsion systems. The course will also cover basic flight dynamics and control, including typical inner-loop feedback applications.

5450. Aerodynamics. (A) Prerequisite(s): MEAM 3020.
Review of fluid kinematics and conservation laws; vorticity theorems; two-dimensional potential flow; airfoil theory; finite wings; oblique shocks; supersonic wing theory; laminar and turbulent boundary layers.

5460. Hovering Vehicle Design and Analysis Techniques. (B) Prerequisite(s): MEAM 2110 and MEAM 2020 or equivalent are required; MEAM 3020 and MEAM 3210 are recommended.
This course aims at providing an overview of the fundamental concepts in the design and analysis of helicopters. The course will start with an overview of how helicopters of various types work (single main rotor, tandem rotor, tilt-rotor, quad-copter etc.). This will be followed by the introduction of how rotors work with a specific emphasis on the aerodynamic operating environment. The course will introduce topics pertaining to the rotor wake, inflow and will provide opportunities to exercise analysis techniques such as momentum and blade element theory. The latter portion of the course will cover the dynamic operation of larger scale rotors and will introduce concepts of blade articulation and associated analysis models/techniques. The content of the course will be laid to showcase the varying operating environments of rotor at different scales (e.g. small quadcopter, large multi-person carrier etc). The course will require students to code their analysis models using the language of their choice (C, C++, FORTRAN, MATLAB, Python etc.) and is intended to emphasize the importance of computational methods to engineering analysis.

5480. Wind Physics and Applications. (A)
This course aims at providing an overview of the fundamental concepts in the design and analysis of helicopters. The course will start with an overview of how helicopters of various types work (single main rotor, tandem rotor, tilt-rotor, quad-copter etc.). This will be followed by the introduction of how rotors work with a specific emphasis on the aerodynamic operating environment. The course will introduce topics pertaining to the rotor wake, inflow and will provide opportunities to exercise analysis techniques such as momentum and blade element theory. The latter portion of the course will cover the dynamic operation of larger scale rotors and will introduce concepts of blade articulation and associated analysis models/techniques. The content of the course will be laid to showcase the varying operating environments of rotor at different scales (e.g. small quadcopter, large multi-person carrier etc). The course will require students to code their analysis models using the language of their choice (C, C++, FORTRAN, MATLAB, Python etc.) and is intended to emphasize the importance of computational methods to engineering analysis.

5490. Order-of-Magnitude Estimation for Terrestrial and Space Engineering. (M)
The goal of this course is to develop the ability to make quick order-of-magnitude estimates that are not completely rigorous and precise but still very useful. In practicing engineering, one is often confronted with real-life problems where multiple technical approaches are possible, but rigorous theoretical analysis of all options would require too much time. Making quick order-of-magnitude (back-of-the-envelope) estimates of the performance limits can quickly eliminate some approaches and allow one to focus on the ones that offer the best chance of succeeding. Examples covered in this course will focus on Earth's climate and planetary science, aircraft and spacecraft, orbital mechanics, and space travel.

5610. Thermodynamics: Foundations, Energy, Materials. (M) Prerequisite(s): Undergraduate thermodynamics.
To introduce students to advanced classical equilibrium thermodynamics based on Callen's postulatory approach, to exergy (Second-Law) analysis, and to fundamentals of nonequilibrium thermodynamics. Applications to be treated include the thermodynamic foundations of energy processes and systems including advanced power generation and aerospace propulsion cycles, batteries and fuel cells, combustion, diffusion, transport in membranes, materials properties and elasticity, superconductivity, biological processes.

5620. (CBE 5600) Water Treatment Engineering (A)
Globally, 2 billion people lack access to clean, safe water that is vital for drinking, sanitation, and agriculture. Climate change coupled with contamination of existing water supplies have exacerbated water scarcity, making technologies to remediate, reuse, and desalinate water more critical than ever. This course will cover the fundamental principles of water treatment engineering and examine how it can be applied to ensure access to safe and clean water, mitigate waterborne diseases, protect the environment, and support sustainable development. Water treatment engineering is the application of scientific and engineering principles to design, develop, and implement processes and technologies to purify and manage water resources for specific quality and safety standards. We will explore a wide range of water engineering technologies used in drinking water treatment, wastewater remediation, resource recovery, and desalination. Fundamental principles and advanced concepts governing water treatment systems will be introduced with a particular focus on the application of fundamental engineering sciences including thermodynamics, mass transport, and fluid dynamics to examine the efficiency of treatment and utilization of energy/emissions required for treatment. In addition to the engineering and scientific aspects of water treatment, this course will also place emphasis on the important humanitarian and economic aspects of water engineering and discuss global issues on water quality, scarcity, and environmental justice. Course content includes: (1) an overview of water engineering and its significance in environmental, societal, industrial, and municipal contexts, (2) a review of key concepts from fluid mechanics, mass transfer, and thermodynamics, (3) a brief introduction to water chemistry and contaminants of importance for human health and ecosystem protection, (4) the key physio-chemical and thermodynamic principles underlying all water treatment processes, (5) analysis of specific unit operations used in municipal water treatment, wastewater treatment, and desalination including membrane processes; and (6) an overview of advanced treatment operations for specific industrial and emerging applications.

5700. Transport Processes I. (A)
The course provides a unified introduction to momentum, energy (heat), and mass transport processes. The basic mechanisms and the constitutive laws for the various transport processes will be delineated, and the conservation equations will be derived and applied to internal and external flows featuring a few examples from mechanical, chemical, and biological systems. Reactive flows will also be considered. Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

5750. Micro and Nano Fluidics. (B)
The course focuses on topics relevant for micro-fluidics, lab on chip technology, point of care diagnostics, nano-technology, biosensing, and interfacial phenomena. Although we will discuss briefly the fabrication of micro and nano fluidic devices, the course will mostly focus on physical phenomena from the continuum point of view. The mathematical complexity will

be kept to a minimum. The course will be reasonably self-contained, and any necessary background material will be provided, consistent with the students' background and level of preparation. Specifically, we will examine fluid and nanoparticle transport under the action of pressure, electric, magnetic, and capillary forces; the structure and role of superhydrophobic surfaces; how the solid/liquid interface acquires electric charge; ion transport in electrolytes (Poisson-Nernst-Planck equations); colloid stability; electroosmosis, electrophoresis, and particle polarization; electrowetting and digital microfluidics; particle and cell sorting; immunoassays; and enzymatic amplification of nucleic acids.

EAS 2020. Rivers in a Changing World. (M)
Like many cities, Philadelphia was built and developed around rivers. These rivers historically provided drinking water, food, power, trade routes, and recreation. Human development, however, has led to flooding, erosion and pollution; these factors degrade the ability of rivers to provide ecological habitat, and ultimately may turn rivers from a resource into a hazard. Unfortunately, lower income neighborhoods often bear the brunt of these negative impacts. In the face of climate change, extreme floods and erosion are only getting worse. The news, however, is not all bad. With improving understanding of environmental science and engineering, techniques that counteract flooding and clean up waterways are being developed and deployed. Armed with knowledge of science, citizens can become agents of change in their communities. It is in this context that we propose a partnership among Sayre High School, Penn's Netter Center, and the School of Engineering and Applied Science, to develop an Academically Based Community Service (ABCS) course on "Rivers in a changing world". We seek to take advantage of the newly refurbished Cobbs Creek Environmental Center, which will host a brand new environmental laboratory space. A Project for Progress award from Penn has provided additional funding for state of the art equipment, including a "stream table"; this is a laboratory river that allows interactive and discovery-driven learning. The unique setting of an environmental river laboratory that is just steps from a natural river (Cobbs Creek), and close to Sayre High School, presents a special opportunity for meaningful hands-on learning of Sayre students in collaboration with Penn undergraduates.

ENGR 1050. Introduction to Scientific Computing. (C)
This course will provide an introduction to computation and data analysis using MATLAB - an industry standard programming and visualization environment. The course will cover the fundamentals of computing including: variables, functions, decisions, iteration, and recursion. These concepts will be illustrated through examples and assignments which show how computing is applied to various scientific and engineering problems. Examples will be drawn from the simulation of physical and chemical systems, the analysis of experimental data, Monte Carlo numerical experiments, image processing, and the creation of graphical user interfaces. This course does not assume any prior programming experience but will make use of basic concepts from calculus and Newtonian physics.

L/R ENM 2510. Analytical Methods for Engineering. (B) Prerequisite(s): MATH 2400.
This course introduces students to physical models and mathematical methods that are widely encountered in various branches of engineering. Illustrative examples are used to motivate mathematical topics including ordinary and partial differential equations, Fourier analysis, eigenvalue problems, and stability analysis. Analytical techniques that yield exact solutions to problems are developed when possible, but in many cases, numerical calculations are employed using programs such as Matlab and Maple. Students will learn the importance of mathematics in engineering. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing in SEAS or permission of instructor(s).

ENM 3600. Introduction to Data-driven Modeling. (M) Prerequisite(s): ENGR 1050, MATH 2400.
From recognizing voice, text or images to designing more efficient airplane wings and discovering new drugs, machine learning is introducing a transformative set of tools in data analysis with increasing impact across engineering, sciences, and commercial applications. In this course, you will learn about principles and algorithms for extracting patterns from data and making effective automated predictions. We will cover concepts such as regression, classification, density estimation, feature extraction, sampling and probabilistic modeling, and provide a formal understanding of how, why, and when these methods work in the context of analyzing physical, biological, and engineering systems.

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University of Pennsylvania's Code of Academic Integrity

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Since the University is an academic community, its fundamental purpose is the pursuit of knowledge. Essential to the success of this educational mission is a commitment to the principles of academic integrity. Every member of the University community is responsible for upholding the highest standards of honesty at all times. Students, as members of the community, are also responsible for adhering to the principles and spirit of the following Code of Academic Integrity.*

Academic Dishonesty Definitions

Activities that have the effect or intention of interfering with education, pursuit of knowledge, or fair evaluation of a student's performance are prohibited. Examples of such activities include but are not limited to the following definitions:

A. Cheating Using or attempting to use unauthorized assistance, material, or study aids in examinations or other academic work or preventing, or attempting to prevent, another from using authorized assistance, material, or study aids. Example: using a cheat sheet in a quiz or exam, altering a graded exam and resubmitting it for a better grade, etc.

B. Plagiarism Using the ideas, data, or language of another without specific or proper acknowledgment. Example: copying another person's paper, article, or computer work and submitting it for an assignment, cloning someone else's ideas without attribution, failing to use quotation marks where appropriate, etc.

C. Fabrication Submitting contrived or altered information in any academic exercise. Example: making up data for an experiment, fudging data, citing nonexistent articles, contriving sources, etc.

D. Multiple Submissions Submitting, without prior permission, any work submitted to fulfill another academic requirement.

E. Misrepresentation of Academic Records Misrepresentation of academic records: misrepresenting or tampering with or attempting to tamper with any portion of a student's transcripts or academic record, either before or after coming to the University of Pennsylvania. Example: forging a change of grade slip, tampering with computer records, falsifying academic information on one's resume, etc.

F. Facilitating Academic Dishonesty Knowingly helping or attempting to help another violate any provision of the Code. Example: working together on a take-home exam, etc.

G. Unfair Advantage Attempting to gain unauthorized advantage over fellow students in an academic exercise. Example: gaining or providing unauthorized access to examination materials, obstructing or interfering with another student's efforts in an academic exercise, lying about a need for an extension for an exam or paper, continuing to write even when time is up during an exam, destroying or keeping library materials for one's own use., etc.

* If a student is unsure whether his or her action(s) constitute a violation of the Code of Academic Integrity, then it is that student's responsibility to consult with the instructor to clarify any ambiguities.

APPENDIX

Course Planning Guide (General Curriculum—no concentration declared)
Course Planning Guide (Dynamics, Controls, and Robotics concentration)
Course Planning Guide (Mechanics of Materials, Structures and Design concentration)
Course Planning Guide (Energy, Fluids, and Thermal Systems concentration)

MEAM COURSE PLANNING GUIDE (for students entering fall 2025)
GENERAL CURRICULUM (no concentration declared)

Math and Natural Science (10 CU)

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- ❒ **MATH 1400 Calculus I**
- ❒ **MATH 1410 Calculus II**
- ❒ **MATH 2400 Calculus III**
- ❒ **ENM 2510** or **MATH 2410 Calculus IV**
- ❒ **Mathematics elective**[1]
- ❒ **MEAM 1100 Intro to Mechanics** [2]
- ❒ **MEAM 1470 Intro to Mechanics Lab** [2]
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Core MEAM (9 CU)

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- ❒ **MEAM 2110 Eng. Mechanics: Dynamics**
- ❒ **MEAM 2470 ME Lab I**
- ❒ **MEAM 2480 ME Lab I**
- ❒ **MEAM 3470 ME Design Lab**
- ❒ **MEAM 3480 ME Design Lab**
- ❒ **MEAM 4450 Design Project I**
- ❒ **MEAM 4460 Design Project II**

Note:
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Other Required MEAM Courses (4 CU)

- ❒ **MEAM 3020 Fluid Mechanics**
- ❒ **MEAM 3210 Dynamic Systems & Control**
- ❒ **MEAM 3330 Heat & Mass Transfer**
- ❒ **MEAM 3540 Mechanics of Solids**

Professional Electives (7 CU) [4]

- ❒ ENGR 1050 Intro to Scientific Computing [5]
- ❒ MEAM Upper Level_____ [6]
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4. Maximum of three 1000-level courses.
5. CIS 1100 and CIS 1200 are also acceptable.
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General Electives (7 CU) [9]

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- ❒ **EAS 2030 Eng. Ethics** ❒ H _____
- ❒ SS _____ ❒ H _____
- ❒ SS or H _____
- ❒ SS, H, or TBS _____
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Concentration Courses (4 CU)

- ❒ **MEAM 3200 Intro to Mech & Mechatronic Sys**
- ❒ **MEAM 3210 Dynamic Systems & Control**
- ❒ MEAM 3000-level Breadth Elective
- ❒ MEAM Upper Level (concentration-specific)

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Concentration Courses (4 CU)

- ❒ **MEAM 3210 Dynamic Systems & Control**
- ❒ **MEAM 3540 Mechanics of Solids**
- ❒ MEAM 3000-level Breadth Elective
- ❒ MEAM Upper Level (concentration-specific)

Professional Electives (7 CU) [4]

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Math and Natural Science (10 CU)

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- ❒ **Mathematics elective**[1]
- ❒ **MEAM 1100 Intro to Mechanics** [2]
- ❒ **MEAM 1470 Intro to Mechanics Lab** [2]
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