THE ALBERT NERKEN SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

MISSION STATEMENT

The Albert Nerken School of Engineering will create an educational culture with a commitment to excellence. We will bring together the best and brightest engineering students; we will nurture and develop their talents; we will encourage them to work and learn at their highest levels; and we will instill in them the desire and the ability to use their engineering background to fulfill their potential as knowledgeable, creative and responsible leaders in society.

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OVERVIEW

With an average enrollment of about 550 undergraduate students, engineering is the largest of The Cooper Union’s schools. The school maintains small class sizes in courses and laboratories in order to provide for personal attention. It offers bachelor of engineering (B.E.) degree programs in chemical, civil, mechanical and electrical engineering, accredited by the EAC commission of ABET*.

Degree programs are designed to prepare students to enter the engineering profession immediately after graduation or to pursue graduate study. An extraordinary number of Cooper Union engineering graduates have gone on to earn Ph.D. degrees at the nation’s most prestigious graduate schools. Others have gone on to study in fields such as medicine, law or business. Many graduates have risen to leadership positions in industry, education and government.

The early curricula in engineering are based on intensive work in the sciences, mathematics, computer science and engineering sciences, which serve as preparation for in-depth study within the various engineering fields. Building on this strong base of mathematics and sciences, and emphasizing the integration of knowledge, these curricula are concerned with an understanding of nature, the limitations of our present knowledge and the potential for advancing that knowledge.

Strong mathematical and computer skills are developed in all engineering students. This includes the ability to mathematically model and solve problems algorithmically, in a suitable language, and to use existing commercial packages for analysis and design. Students are expected to be fluent in at least two computer languages, and many specialized packages are used both in elective and in required courses. The faculty expect assignments to be carried out using the computer in appropriate ways, both as a design tool using packages and also as a platform for original software.

Defining characteristics of the School of Engineering’s programs are the emphasis on project-based learning and opportunities for undergraduate research. Students and their peers regularly join the faculty in solving real-life problems that exist in contemporary society. Multi-disciplinary teams work together, frequently cooperating with outside professionals, who act as mentors. Superior analytical abilities and thorough grounding in engineering fundamentals and design enable students to collaborate on these projects. Results may be published, presented at conferences or even patented.

A strong background in engineering design threads throughout the curriculum, starting with the first year. This design experience takes into consideration factors such as environmental issues, sustainability, economics, teamwork, societal impact, safety and political climate—showing students that a “design” is much more than a purely technological solution.

Some design problems are offered in collaboration with foreign universities to increase awareness of the global nature of the engineering profession (e.g., The Cooper Union’s study abroad and international programs). Others may involve collaboration with industry or hospitals.

Diverse electives are offered so that interested students can add a background in business and entrepreneurship, additional mathematics and science or a “concentration” in an additional engineering area.

Like The Cooper Union’s other schools, the Albert Nerken School of Engineering is intimately involved with the New York metropolitan area. Sometimes, the city and its infrastructure are used as a laboratory. The school also draws on the region’s abundant talent and resources, including an outstanding array of engineers and scientists employed at major corporations, governmental agencies and consulting firms in the New York region. The school calls on physicians, lawyers and other specialists to collaborate on research and mentoring and to give unique insights into contemporary problems and social issues confronting modern engineers.

Many of these professionals serve as adjunct faculty members who lend a dynamism to the classroom.

Students benefit from an uncommonly close interaction with devoted faculty, many of whom are loyal alumni, in a conservatory-style environment. Our faculty bring their diverse experiences to the classroom and laboratory setting and serve as role models to our students. Our students are encouraged to participate in The Cooper Union’s rich seminar and cultural programs as well as to attend talks by guest speakers. They join various professional societies, many of which have chapters at The Cooper Union. Students are inspired to qualify for membership in national engineering honor societies; many join before graduation. They also participate in student government and sports, and take advantage of the vast cultural environment offered by New York City and the neighborhood.

In preparation for their responsibilities as engineers who are affected by the dynamics of technological advances and social change, students are exposed to and challenged in the fields of social science, humanities and other general studies.

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The School of Engineering strongly encourages undergraduate research activities and permits juniors and seniors to register for graduate level courses, when deemed appropriate. This enrollment does not guarantee admission to the master’s program however. A Cooper Union undergraduate may apply to the graduate program (Master of Engineering) in one of the degree-granting departments during the second semester of the senior year.

Graduates of The Cooper Union are recruited regularly by major national and international corporations and graduate schools nationwide. Alumni are found in the top management and research leadership of many American corporations; hold key positions in federal, state and city agencies; and distinguish themselves on university faculties and administrations nationwide. Through their many and varied professional accomplishments, alumni have earned for the school its reputation for excellence.

### FACILITIES AND RESEARCH

**The Brooks Computer Center** is available to all students and faculty. It provides a centralized administration and technological support for all academic computing needs, and allows students to take advantage of rapidly emerging hardware and software technologies. The center maintains an ample supply of computers of all major types—Intel™ based machines, Apple Macintosh™, Sun Microsystems™, IBM™ are examples. Workstations are concentrated in computer classrooms, offices, laboratories, the residence hall and special centers.

The Department of Information Technology provides a wired and wireless network resulting in a rich and reliable computing environment. It is locally accessible through the intranet, which connects all but specialized stand-alone systems. Students have access to all the major operating systems such as the varieties of Microsoft Windows™, Solaris™, Linux™ and Mac/OS™.

The Department of Information Technology has both formal classroom instructional facilities and informal drop-in accommodations. Currently, there exist no restrictions or charges for computer time and availability is widespread.

A full complement of applications, programming languages and Internet tools are available. Multimedia hardware includes audio/video capture and output, print and film scanners, digital cameras, CD burners and large-format color plotters.

Data communications with the outside community are maintained via multiple dedicated high-speed Internet connections. Students and faculty have access to software packages and programming languages on the local network and can download content from all Internet sites worldwide. Students are expected to pay careful attention to copyright and ethical uses of the Internet and to conduct themselves professionally at all times.

**C.V. Starr Research Foundation** The C.V. Starr Research Foundation, whose forerunner was established in 1976 as The Cooper Union Research Foundation, is a not-for-profit corporation and sponsors many of the externally funded research projects in the School of Engineering. By encouraging and supporting research, the foundation augments the educational opportunities for students, enhances professional development of faculty, promotes multidisciplinary research and serves the community through its research and development efforts and as a sponsor of public seminars and conferences.

Participation in research activities by faculty and students is essential to the vitality of the educational programs. In attempting to meet this objective, The C.V. Starr Research Foundation plays an important role for faculty and students having research talent.
who wish to pursue sponsored research individually or in concert with other faculty and students. The foundation facilitates collaboration with other universities, hospitals, industry and government.

Projects undertaken by The C.V. Starr Research Foundation are externally funded. Faculty serve as project directors, assisted by other faculty members, outside consultants and undergraduate and graduate students of The Cooper Union.

The C.V. Starr Research Foundation supports all programs in all of the schools at The Cooper Union, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels, by providing real-life research projects throughout the curriculum. To this end, several inter-disciplinary research centers have been developed.

Each of the centers aims to draw upon the varied faculty expertise across The Cooper Union and uses laboratory resources in the School of Engineering, as well as the resources of the Schools of Art and Architecture.

Recent research sponsors of The C.V. Starr Research Foundation include Zimmer, Pfizer, EPRI, Con Edison, the National Security Agency, the City of New York Departments of Transportation, Environmental Protection and Design and Construction, Transpo, Lucent, NYSERDA, the U.S. DOE, Lenox Hill Hospital, the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, Albert Einstein, STRYKER, Verdant Technologies and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

The C.V. Starr Research Foundation has a proprietary interest in several new technologies, all of them patented and most of them developed at The Cooper Union. Examples include several patents in asphalt technology, a clean coal-burning technology, an innovative hydro-electric generation process, fuel-cell processes, a micro-balance sensor and several patents in telecommunications and environmental measurement devices.

The Maurice Kanbar Center for Biomedical Engineering pursues groundbreaking biomedical research in such fields as orthopedic biomechanics, medical imaging, minimally invasive surgery, tissue engineering, medical device design, ergonomics and injury rehabilitation. The center has established collaborative relationships with several hospitals and medical research institutions in the New York City area.

The Center for Innovation and Applied Technology is an interdisciplinary research and educational resource that provides answers to our technological and productivity challenges. Bold and innovative concepts are linked with successful planning and practical implementation strategies.

Innovation is the result of creative conceptualizations that are developed and brought to market. Inventors, innovators and entrepreneurs are needed to make lasting societal contributions. The center enables collaborations between the Cooper Union community and distinguished mentors from industry and other educational institutions, who contribute their time, insights and resources.

Applied skill sets are required to develop, fund and ultimately bring to market a successful product. The center provides a supportive, flexible research and learning laboratory based upon real-world problem solving.

Technology depends upon the skills of numerous disciplines and lateral thinkers. CIAT will make a difference by solving some of today’s challenges and providing a forum where the disciplines can be merged.

The Center for Urban Systems and Infrastructure has started research in the areas of urban security and protective design, infrastructure rehabilitation, new energy technologies, acoustics and noise abatement and sustainable environment. Industrial partnerships have been formed with various corporations and government agencies. The Cooper Union Institute for Urban Security operates under the auspices of this center, and the following institutes are being developed:

- The Institute of Water Resources and the Environment,
- The Institute of Renewable Energy and
- The Institute for Soil Structure Interaction and the Underground Built Environment.

The Center for Materials and Manufacturing Technology engages in research in composite materials, fire-resistant and blast-resistant materials, robotics, mechatronics, nano-technologies and nano-biosensors. The center is also active in innovative product design and automation.

The Center for Signal Processing, Communications and Computer Engineering (S*PROCOM) engages in ongoing research in biomedical signal and image processing, neuroscience, software engineering, mapping algorithms to FPGA and other specialized architectures, network security, Monte Carlo simulations and wireless communications. Other areas of interest include sensor arrays and networks, embedded control systems and cognitive systems. Partnerships and collaboration have been established with technology firms, both small and large, medical research institutions and financial firms in and around New York City.
The Center for Sustainable Engineering, Art and Architecture—Materials, Manufacturing and Minimalization (SEA2M3). SEA2M3 seeks to develop an awareness of solutions to engineering problems that preserve the integrity of the commons; it is a space where true cross-disciplinary conversation and reciprocal learning generate real solutions that can be imagined, created and implemented. Using their ability to communicate and infused with an understanding of the world, its people and cultures, students create and disseminate designs suited to, and in harmony with their place of use. SEA2M3 provides a forum within which students from the schools of engineering, art and architecture come together to develop new design criteria that yield materials, manufacturing techniques, habitats and lifestyles that are sustainable, and that, ultimately, reduce the chasm between the rich and the poor.

BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING CURRICULUM

The requirements for the bachelor’s degree programs must be completed within four years of first registration, except with the explicit consent of the dean/associate dean. Requests for extension must be presented in writing to the dean’s office prior to the sixth semester of registration (or the end of junior year). It is the responsibility of the student to maintain normal and reasonable progress toward the degree.

Courses may be taken at other institutions for credit with prior appropriate adviser(s) approval only. The student is responsible for all costs incurred. As a general matter, many courses simply may not be taken elsewhere (e.g., Physics I). In order to get a course pre-approved, bring as much course documentation as possible to the Chair of the appropriate department to have the course assessed. These materials must include at least the syllabus and textbook. The course must be judged to be equivalent to one taught at Cooper. Note that only grades “B” or better can be transferred (not B-) and the grade will not be factored into your G.P.A.

Additionally, ABET accreditation requires:
• one year of a combination of mathematics and sciences (some with experimental experience) appropriate to the discipline,
• one and a half years of engineering topics consisting of engineering sciences and engineering design appropriate to the student’s field of study and
• a general educational component that complements the technical content of the curriculum and is consistent with the program and institutional objectives.

In order to graduate, all students must meet the following conditions:
• A minimum of 135 credits are required;
• Satisfaction of all program curricula;
• Satisfaction of the residence study requirements;
• A minimum grade point average (G.P.A.) of 2.0;
• A minimum grade point average (G.P.A.) of 2.0 for the junior and senior years combined.

Faculty Advisers All first-year students have the same faculty adviser. For subsequent years, students will be assigned one, two or more advisers each, appropriate to their field of study. Each student’s program is established in consultation with his or her adviser(s); changes can only be made with approval of the adviser(s).
Humanities and Social Sciences The requirements in this area are satisfied by courses offered by The Cooper Union Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences or by transfer credit for liberal arts courses taken at other institutions. The courses in this area are intended to provide both breadth and depth and should not be limited to a selection of unrelated introductory courses.

The Cooper Union liberal arts courses, shown elsewhere in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences catalog section, have prefixes H, S and HTA. The basic courses HSS1–HSS2 and HSS3–HSS4 are prerequisites for all higher level courses in the same prefix family. H and S courses carry three credits each; HTA courses carry two credits. Engineering students should consult with the dean of Humanities and Social Sciences about choice of courses to satisfy particular interests.

Transfer credits for liberal arts courses must be approved by the dean of Humanities and Social Sciences. Courses that cannot be used to satisfy the Humanities and Social Sciences requirement are:

• language skills courses such as introductory foreign language, public speaking, report writing;
• craft and performance courses unless accompanied by theory or history;
• subjects such as accounting, finance, engineering economy, industrial management, personnel administration.

Some programs require “free electives or non-technical electives.” For transfer credit for particular courses, the School of Art or the School of Architecture may be a more appropriate authority to sanction the transfer. Students who are uncertain should approach the Office of the Dean of Engineering in the first instance and be directed to the correct group of faculty.

Program Requirements The specific programs for entering students are shown in detail in the curriculum tables which are shown in “Departments and Programs” starting on page 82. From time to time, changes are made to these programs following curricular developments authorized by the faculty. Advances in technology and new technologies are closely monitored and are reflected by adjustments in all the engineering programs.

Course Substitutions and Credits A student may request to substitute for a required course or courses given in the School of Engineering provided that:

• the substitution is limited to 12 credits maximum toward the total number of credits required for graduation,
• the substitution is approved by the dean/associate dean and program adviser(s) and
• ABET accreditation requirements are not violated.

The Chemical Engineering Department does not permit the substitution of any courses.

The number of academic credits for each course generally is based on the following relationship:

• 1 credit per contact hour in class
• ½ credit per contact hour of laboratory

This relationship was established on the basis that generally two hours of preparation are expected of the student for every contact hour in class or project activities and generally one hour of preparation is expected for every contact hour of laboratory.

Residence Study Requirement A candidate for a bachelor’s degree must be enrolled during the entire academic year immediately preceding the granting of the degree and must carry at least 12 credits per semester during that period. Also, the candidate must have been enrolled for a minimum of four semesters at The Cooper Union as a full-time student for the bachelor’s degree.
MASTER OF ENGINEERING CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS

The integrated bachelor/master of engineering program is intended to integrate work at the undergraduate and graduate levels and prepare graduates for entry into the engineering profession at an advanced level or for further graduate study. It affords diversification and versatility by requiring a student to elect a field of study—the major—offered in the School of Engineering, and a minor in a different field of engineering or science; this provides depth and breadth. The school offers master’s degrees in chemical engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering, and mechanical engineering.

Admission Procedure Please refer to the “Application and Admission Information” section, page 9.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are expected to have a superior undergraduate record and to have given evidence of ability for independent work. Students are accepted on an academically competitive basis subject to the availability of an adviser and of suitable available facilities. Undergraduate students are not guaranteed admission to the graduate program.

Cooper Union Undergraduates To be considered for admission to the master’s program, one must be a currently enrolled Cooper Union undergraduate, with a minimum 3.0 grade point average according to the major.

Students should consult the respective departments regarding specific policies or requirements for admission into the graduate program.

Graduates of Other Colleges The School of Engineering may admit outstanding students or qualified practicing professionals, on a tuition basis, into the master’s degree programs. To be considered for admission, a student should have completed an engineering baccalaureate program that is accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Applicants must submit official transcripts. Graduates of foreign institutions whose native language is not English are required to submit scores of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Admitted students may be required to register for advanced engineering courses to make up for any deficiencies.

Time Limitation A maximum of two years are allowed to complete the master’s degree, beginning with admission to the program. Any extension beyond the two years must be approved, and is subject to a maintenance of matriculation fee of $3,000 per semester.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Credit Requirements A minimum of 30 credits beyond the baccalaureate degree must be completed at The Cooper Union (in addition to possible undergraduate deficiencies). Of these, not more than six credits may be undergraduate-level courses. The 30 credits offered for the degree must satisfy the following distribution:

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Grade Requirement A minimum overall grade point average of 3.0 is needed in all courses used to satisfy the 30 credit master’s degree requirement.

Appropriate Excess Credits Taken as an Undergraduate For Cooper Union baccalaureate holders, any credits of appropriate level, taken as undergraduates in excess of their bachelor’s degree requirement, may be applied to the master’s degree, subject to the above requirements and advisory approval.

Time Limitation The requirements for the master of engineering program must be completed within two years of admission except for extraordinary circumstances that require the express consent of the dean or associate dean of engineering. Requests for such extension must be presented in writing to the Office of the Dean in the final semester of the second year. Thesis adviser’s approval is also required. Master’s students who receive approval to extend their studies beyond two years will be assessed a maintenance of matriculation fee of $3,000 per semester.
**Program of Study** A complete program of study, major as well as minor, is designed by the student with the assistance and approval of the academic adviser(s) and approved by the Office of the Dean of Engineering.

**Minors** Minor concentrations are offered in accordance with faculty interests and school resources. Courses in engineering and science are chosen to form an innovative and coherent program of study for a minor with the approval of the department and faculty adviser(s).

**Thesis/Project**
- Each student is required to submit a thesis or project in the major or the minor area of study, equivalent to a maximum of six credits (400 level), for partial fulfillment of the master of engineering requirements. This project must be discussed with and approved by an adviser prior to being started.
- The thesis or project must be successfully presented orally by the student and submitted in written form.

**Fellowships** One source of funding available to students wishing to pursue graduate study in engineering is the Enders Fund, governed by the will of Henry C. Enders and administered by the New York Community Trust. This fellowship is available to engineering graduates of The Cooper Union who plan to do graduate work in either chemistry, chemical engineering, chemistry-based environmental engineering or chemistry-based bioengineering and, who have satisfactorily completed all of the chemistry courses required of Cooper Union chemical engineering graduates. Recipients are selected by the joint faculties of chemistry and chemical engineering.

**HONORS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**Dean’s List** The Office of Admissions and Records determines a Dean’s List twice a year, at the end of each semester, on the basis of the record of the completed grade in every subject at the official end of the grading period. To qualify, a student must have a 3.5 or better semester grade point average for a study program of at least 12 credits during that semester with no grade lower than C and no grades of Incomplete (I).*

**Course Overload** An overload in the first year consists of a credit total greater than the standard load for that semester in a student’s respective program. A student having a grade point average of 3.0 or better may elect to take an overload of one course in any given semester. In all other cases of overload, approval of the student’s academic adviser(s) and the written approval of the dean/associate dean of engineering must be obtained. Overload beyond 21.5 credits also requires the written permission of the dean/associate dean and no overload is permitted for students with a prior semester G.P.A. of less than 3.0 or a cumulative G.P.A. of less than 3.0. Requests for overloads must be submitted to the dean/associate dean during the add period of that semester, and only after all grades from the previous semester(s) have been entered.

**Graduation with Honors** Each graduating senior in the School of Engineering who has achieved an overall cumulative rating of 3.8 or higher is awarded the degree with the notation summa cum laude. Magna cum laude requires a G.P.A. of 3.7 or higher and cum laude requires at least a 3.5 G.P.A.

**Curricular Transfers** Students wishing to change their course of study should first discuss their interests with the current adviser(s) in both the current and the new specialty areas. Transfer is at the discretion of the dean’s office and the receiving department. It may be affected by the student’s grades and availability of program resources. Students who request a change in major must consult with the policies of the department they wish to transfer into. It becomes effective when the required petition form, approved by the dean or associate dean of engineering, has been delivered to the Office of Admissions and Records. First-year students may not change their area of study until the end of the year when two semesters’ grades are available. A G.P.A. of 3.0 or better is required for approval to transfer curriculum.

* Students may petition the dean/associate for reconsideration in the Dean’s List after the Incomplete (I) has been made up.
**Transfer Credit** Students, at their own expense, desiring to register for courses at another institution for transfer credit to The Cooper Union must have appropriate advance approval. For courses in mathematics, sciences or engineering, this approval is to be obtained from:

- the department responsible for the course at The Cooper Union
- the dean or associate dean of engineering.

For liberal arts courses, approval is to be obtained from the dean of Humanities and Social Sciences. In order that transfer credits from another school be accepted, a grade of **B** or better is required. An exception may be granted in special circumstances only upon formal appeal to the Academic Standards Committee.

Transfer credit is never granted for paid summer internships or work experience or paid or unpaid research.

**Pre-Medical, Pre-Law or Pre-Business Studies** Upon completion of the engineering degree, some graduates may decide to attend medical, dental, business or law school. Most of the prerequisites for such a course of action are offered at The Cooper Union. For medical school or dentistry, students are advised to take one year of organic chemistry and one year of biology. For law or business, additional economics, political science and professional ethics courses are useful. Students should consult their adviser(s).

**Study Abroad** The Cooper Union offers suitably qualified, approved students the opportunity to participate in research programs at various foreign universities during the summer. For example, students have attended universities in England, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, Hong Kong, Germany, China, Japan, Italy, Spain, Ghana and France. Cooper Union credit (up to six credits at the 300 level) is granted upon successful completion of the research work, presentation of a written report and its approval by the Office of the Dean. Applications are available in the dean’s office in mid-January. (Students on probation are ineligible for this program). Credit is only allowable for exchange programs authorized by The Cooper Union School of Engineering.

**Professional Development** Mastering the technical aspects of an engineering field is only part of being a successful engineer. There are many other areas that go toward building and continuing a professional career.

The School of Engineering has established the **Aba and Leja Lefkowitz Center for Professional Development** to strengthen the non-technical attributes required of its engineering undergraduates. The program provides a range of experiences and training through a zero-credit course of seminars and workshops under course number ESC000.1-000.4 with a PASS/FAIL grade. Successful completion of the course is based solely on attendance, which is mandatory for engineering freshmen and sophomores.

Because this is a zero-credit course, failure to attend the seminars or workshops will not affect a student’s GPA, his or her ability to graduate or inclusion on the Dean’s List. However, full attendance of a semester’s seminars and workshops will result in a note on the transcript stating: “ESC000.X Engineering Professional Development Seminars and Workshops—Successfully Completed.”

The course is designed to introduce students to the profession of engineering, as well as aspects of their professional development. The Cooper Union’s **CONNECT** (Cooper’s Own Non Nonsense Engineering Communication Training) program is an integral part of this course and provides intensive training in communication skills and awareness of the importance of effective communication in engineering. Additionally, a wide range of topics are covered in ESC000 including ethics, environmental awareness, lifelong learning, career development, interpersonal skills, workplace issues, professional societies, professional licensure, teamwork skills, etc. These topics are dealt with using methods such as case studies, role-playing and interactive activities—“learning by doing.” In addition, guest professionals, experts and alumni participate where appropriate.

These experiences help to make students aware of the importance of the non-technical skills needed for professional success. The course introduces engineering students to a number of the topics required for student outcomes (a–k) by ABET. Through this program students are given significant help in easing the transition into the workplace and ensuring success.

**Engineering Advisory Council**

The School of Engineering is advised in key engineering issues, such as leadership, ethics, communication skills, entrepreneurship and corporate responsibility, by its Advisory Council, which is comprised of company presidents, C.E.O.s, Nobel Laureates, engineers, physicians, attorneys and other business and professional experts. The council meets annually with faculty and students to discuss important issues in engineering education. In addition, the Technology Transfer Advisory Committee is made up of appropriate individuals to advise students and faculty about issues such as patents, commercialization of inventions, entrepreneurship, etc.

*A grade of B- cannot be transferred*
ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

Academic Integrity
Faculty at Cooper Union are committed to preserving an environment that challenges every student to realize his or her potential. You are expected to provide your best effort and will be supported to produce original work of the highest caliber. Plagiarism is the presentation of another person’s “work product” (ideas, words, equations, computer code, graphics, lab data, etc.) as one’s own. Whether done intentionally or unintentionally, plagiarism will not be tolerated in the School of Engineering.

There are many types of plagiarism, some of which are listed below. (The list is not exhaustive. Speak with the appropriate faculty member or the dean or associate dean of engineering if you are uncertain as to what constitutes ethical conduct in a particular situation.)

You are plagiarizing if:
• You present as your own work product a homework assignment, a take-home exam or a class project that includes the efforts of other individuals. The contributions of other individuals (if permitted by your instructor) must be acknowledged in writing on the submitted assignment, exam or project.
• You copy the work of other students on an in-class examination or communicate with other individuals in any fashion during an exam.
• You submit as part of a homework assignment, take-home exam or class project material that has been copied from any source (including, but not limited to, a reference book, periodical, the Internet) without properly citing the source, and/or without using quotation marks. It is also prohibited to submit such materials in a minimally altered form without proper attribution. Improperly copied material might include text, graphics (computer or otherwise), computer source code, etc.

Other prohibited acts of academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to):
• Attempting to obtain a copy of an examination before it is administered.
• Dishonesty in dealing with a faculty member or a dean, such as misrepresenting the statements of another faculty member.
• Bringing notes into an examination when forbidden to do so.
• Bringing any device into an examination (computer/ smartphone/calculator), which permits the retrieval of examination-related materials unless expressly permitted by the instructor.
• Bringing any device into an examination that allows communication with other individuals or computers or computer databases unless expressly permitted by the instructor.

Faculty members may not unilaterally resolve incidents of academic dishonesty. Each faculty member is required to report all cases of plagiarism or academic dishonesty to the engineering dean’s office on an Academic Integrity Incident form. If documentary evidence of the incident exists, it should be attached to the form. The dean’s office, in consultation with the faculty member and the student, will select from the following sanctions: a grade of F for the assignment, a grade of F for the course or dismissal of the student from the school. A record of all incident forms will be kept in the dean’s office and second-time offenders are candidates for dismissal from the school. Students who are dismissed because of academic dishonesty should be aware that incident reports and any responsive actions by the dean’s office or Academic Standards Committee become part of their permanent record.

Sexual or Racial Harassment
Such behavior will not be tolerated. Incidents should be reported immediately. Students should see the dean or associate dean, and also the dean of students as soon as possible.

Code of Conduct
Students are required to read and abide by The Code of Conduct published by the Office of Student Services.
GRADES OF RECORD

The definitions below deal with the student’s attainment in the formal work of the subject. Nevertheless, it should be understood that such essential qualities as integrity, adherence to class regulations, enthusiasm, motivation, clarity in presentation of work and sense of obligation, together with ability to use the English language correctly and intelligibly, are reflected in the grade. The course grade is assigned by the instructor in conformity with definitions indicated in this section.

The grade **A** indicates a superior and comprehensive grasp of the principles of the subject. It denotes an ability to think quickly and with originality toward the solution of difficult problems.

The grade **B** indicates evidence of a good degree of familiarity with the principles involved in the subject. It implies less originality and a tendency to hold to patterns of thought presented in the formal subject matter.

The grade **C** indicates an average knowledge of the principles involved in the subject and a fair performance in solving problems involving these principles. This grade implies average ability to apply the principles to original problems.

The grade **D** indicates a minimum workable knowledge of the principles involved in the subject. This grade denotes low achievement and therefore the number of such grades permitted any student is limited in a manner prescribed by the section on Scholastic Standards.

The grade **F** indicates an unsatisfactory understanding of the subject matter involved. A grade of **F** may be made up only by repeating the subject in class; both the new grade and the new credits and the original grade and credits are included in the permanent record and in the grade point average. A student who receives an **F** grade in a repeated course is a candidate for dismissal by the school’s Academic Standards Committee.

The Incomplete (I) Grade The designation of **I** indicates that the work of the course has not been completed and that assignment of a grade and credit has been postponed. This designation will be given only in cases of illness (confirmed by authorized physician’s letter) or of other documented extraordinary circumstances beyond the student’s control. The **I** designation will be given only with the approval of the dean or associate dean of engineering. At the time of submission of an **I** designation, the instructor will indicate whether the student’s progress to that point has been satisfactory or unsatisfactory, offering an estimation of grades whenever possible as a means of assisting the Academic Standards Committee in their deliberations.

The deadline for removal of an **I** designation will be determined by the instructor, but will not be later than six weeks after the start of the spring semester for students who receive such a designation in the fall semester and not later than one week after the start of the fall semester for students who receive such a designation in the spring semester. If the **I** is not removed within the set time limit, either by completing the work in the subject or by passing a re-examination, the **I** will automatically and irrevocably become an **F** unless the dean or associate dean of engineering, in consultation with the instructor, extends the time or the student withdraws from the school.

**Grade Point Average or Ratings** To determine academic ratings, numerical equivalents are assigned to grades as follows: **A** is represented by 4, **B** by 3, **C** by 2, **D** by 1 and **F** by 0. The sum of the products of credits attempted and grade equivalents earned in a period at The Cooper Union, divided by the sum of credits for that period, is the rating for that period.

Only Cooper Union grades of **A**, **B**, **C**, **D** and **F** will be used in determining ratings. Grades from other colleges and other designations such as **I** and **W** are not used in Cooper Union ratings.

**Grade Changes** A change in an official grade of record, other than the designation **I**, cannot be made by the dean of Admissions and Records without the express consent of the dean or associate dean of engineering. Grade changes will not be accepted after one year has elapsed from the completion of the course.

**Final Examinations** Final examinations are held in most subjects, except in cases when content does not lend itself to formal examination, such as laboratory or project work. In certain other subjects, the class record may be ample for determining student standing. The decision on giving a final examination in a given subject is made by the instructor.
ACADEMIC PROBATION, WITHDRAWAL AND DISMISSAL

Probation is the consequence of unsatisfactory scholarship. It is a warning that may involve a compulsory reduction of academic load, interviews with an assigned adviser and additional academic counseling. A student on academic probation must fulfill conditions as prescribed by the Academic Standards Committee.

- A student whose semester grade point average is 1.5 and below is on automatic probation and is a candidate for dismissal by the committee.
- A student whose semester grade point average falls between 1.6 and 2.0 is on automatic probation. Two semesters of automatic probation may cause the student to be a candidate for dismissal by the committee. These semesters need not be consecutive.
- Estimates of grades in subjects with I designations may be included in all committee deliberations.
- Students who fail to register will have their records annotated: “Dropped: Failure to Register.”
- For information about leaves of absence, please refer to pages 24–25.
- The records of all students will be reviewed by the associate dean of engineering for recommendations to the Academic Standards Committee for appropriate action at any point in the student’s career.
- Students may be required to withdraw or resign from The Cooper Union based on a single semester’s academic performance, a cumulative GPA lower than 2.0, and/or infractions of the academic integrity policies.
- The Academic Standards Committee reserves the right to determine probation and/or dismissal at any point in the student’s career for appropriate academic issues.
- Students who believe that a modification of their status should be made because of extenuating circumstances may petition, in writing, the Academic Standards Committee.

CHANGE OF PROGRAM

Adding a Course A student is permitted to add a course only during the first week of a semester, during the drop/add period, and only with the adviser’s approval.

Adding a course after the drop/add period is not permitted even if the student has been attending the class.

Dropping a Course A student may drop a course during the first week of the semester, during the drop/add period, with the adviser’s approval.

A course dropped during the first week of the semester will be deleted from the transcript.

Withdrawing from a Course A student anticipating inability to continue an assigned program should immediately see his or her adviser. A student’s program may be adjusted at the discretion of and after conferring with the adviser and the dean or associate dean of engineering, but only in cases where scholastic performance is impaired by conditions beyond the control of the student, such as health or home conditions. After the drop/add period a student may withdraw from a course through the eighth week of the semester. A grade of W will appear on the transcript. A student who stops attending a course without permission of the instructor and the dean or associate dean will receive a grade of W U; however, the instructor is free to record a grade of F in such a case.

A student may lighten his or her academic load and receive a W grade after the eighth week of classes only with the approval of the course instructor, the adviser, and the dean or associate dean. It is the policy of the faculty and the Office of the Dean not to approve any withdrawal after the eighth week of classes except under extreme, extenuating circumstances.

A student is not permitted to drop or withdraw from a course if doing so would impede satisfactory progress towards the degree.

Repeating a Course When a course is repeated (due to failure or any other reason), the grade earned each time the course was repeated is calculated into the G.P.A.
### COURSE DESIGNATION

The designation of a course offered in the School of Engineering uses an alphabetical prefix and a three-digit numbering system. The first digit usually denotes:

1. Lower level undergraduate courses,
2. Advanced undergraduate courses and
3. Graduate courses.

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*Students should consult official class schedules for courses offered in a given semester. There is no assurance that a course listed in this catalog will be given every year.*

*Be advised that each school at The Cooper Union offers certain electives that are open to all students; consult each school’s course listing.*

*Unless otherwise indicated, credit listings are for single semesters.*

*Courses are not generally offered in the summer.*

### DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

#### CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

**FACULTY**

Brazinsky, Davis, Lepek, Okorafor, Stock (chair)

**Mission Statement**

The Cooper Union’s Department of Chemical Engineering is committed to the development and graduation of engineering professionals. The department will promote student learning and understanding of science and engineering fundamentals and guide and encourage the application of this knowledge to the ethical, professional practice of chemical engineering. This will be undertaken in an environment that is responsive to new technologies and that encourages lifelong learning and research.

**Program Objectives**

- Our graduates will attain professional careers where they apply their abilities to solve problems and meet challenges in engineering an non-engineering fields.
- Our graduates will join professional societies and/or attain professional licensure.
- Our graduates will grasp the concept of lifelong learning and appreciate the continuing development of new technologies and issues in the professional field.
- Our graduates will transition easily into their professional careers and demonstrate success in that role.
- Those graduates who pursue graduate studies and research at The Cooper Union and/or other institutions will have the necessary technical background, support and preparation to succeed.

The education of the chemical engineer requires a strong foundation in chemistry and physics, which must be applied through the medium of mathematics to the solution of design, modeling, scale-up and control problems. A thorough knowledge is required of chemical structures, together with the energetic and kinetic relationships predicted in chemical reactions and molecular transport. The chemical engineer deals with the application of these principles to processes carried out on a variety of scales from micro-reactors to an industrial scale, in which matter undergoes changes in physical state, chemical composition or energy content. Emphasis is placed on developing creative ability; facts and theories are presented primarily to stimulate further thought and study in all fields of chemical engineering.
Formal instruction is supplemented by visits to several plants and companies where the contribution of engineers can be observed and understood with respect to equipment, utilities, safety, costs, environmental impact, labor and supervision. The students get first-hand experience in the chemical engineering laboratory in applying engineering analysis to equipment performance, and in learning limitations of theoretical concepts. In the senior year, the student learns how to design chemical plants from fundamental data on new processes and to recognize areas of limited knowledge from the results of the design, and thus recommend pilot plant studies, if necessary.

Chemical engineering graduates find employment in a wide variety of areas. In addition to the chemical and petroleum industries, chemical engineers are involved heavily in the biomedical, materials and environmental fields. A chemical engineering education can also be easily applied to other interdisciplinary areas such as biochemical and biomedical engineering, energy resources, environmental engineering and materials science. As a result, chemical engineers are also finding employment in non-industrial institutions such as government, research think-tanks, policy study groups and even publishing companies.

The chemical engineering department does not make use of the 12-credit rule; see “Course Substitutions and Credits” under “Bachelor of Engineering Curriculum.”

### Minors

A minor can be obtained by a student in chemical engineering taking any four (4) classes in one of the fields below. The courses listed are examples currently in The Cooper Union catalog. Note that some may require prerequisites or permission of the instructor. Additionally, note that it will not be necessary to obtain a minor in any field in order to graduate with a bachelor of engineering in chemical engineering.

#### Environmental Engineering
ChE 340/Industrial Waste Treatment, CE 141/Environmental Systems Engineering, CE 142/Water Resources Engineering (also EID 142), CE 346/Hydraulic Engineering, EID 141/Air Pollution Control Systems, CE 414/Solid Waste Management, CE 435/Geo-Environmental Engineering (also EID 435), CE 440/Industrial Waste Treatment Design, CE 441/Water and Wastewater Technology, CE 446/Pollution Prevention or Minimization, CE 447/Stream and Estuary Pollution, CE 449/Hazardous Waste Management, ChE 447/Sustainability and Pollution Prevention.

#### Biomedical Engineering
ECE 343/Bio-instrumentation and Sensing, EID 121/Biotransport Phenomena, EID 122/Biomaterials, EID 123/Biosystems and Instrumentation, EID 124/Bioengineering in Safety Design and Injury Analysis and Prevention, EID 125/Biomechanics, EID 320/Special Topics in Bioengineering, EID 325/Science and Application of Bioengineering Technology, EID 326/Ergonomics, EID327/Tissue Engineering, Ch 340/Biochemistry (also Bio 102), Bio 101/Molecular and Cellular Biology, ECE 422/Selected Topics in Embedded Systems, ME 421/Rehabilitation Engineering (also EID 421), ME 423/Measurement of Human Performance (also EID 423), EID 424/Bioengineering Applications in Sports Medicine, Ch 440/Biochemistry II.

#### Energy Engineering
ME 130/Advanced Thermodynamics, ME 131/Energetics (also EID 131), ME 133/Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration (also EID 133), ME 330/Advanced Engine Concepts, ME 334/Combustion (also EID 334), ChE 421/Advanced Chemical Reaction Engineering, ChE 430/Thermodynamics of Special Systems, ChE 434/Special Topics in Combustion (also ME 434), ChE 435/Transport Processes in Internal Combustion Engines (also ME 435), ECE 422/Selected topics in Embedded Engines, Ph 462/Nuclear Physics.

#### Applied Chemical Technology
ChE 311/Introduction to Polymer Technology, ME 313/Science of Materials for Engineering Design (also EID 313), ME 314/Introduction to Composite Materials (also EID 314), Ch 364/Solid State Chemistry, Ph 319/Introductory Quantum and Solid State Physics, ChE 411/Polymer Technology and Engineering, ME 410/Materials Manufacturing Process (also EID 410), ChE 421/Advanced Chemical Reaction Engineering

**Note:** You will be given a letter by the chemical engineering department certifying that you have completed a minor.

### Graduate Program

In addition to advanced courses in chemical engineering and other areas, the student must complete a thesis for the M.E. degree. The candidate must choose a full-time Cooper Union faculty member from either the chemistry or chemical engineering department as one of his or her thesis advisers. Before choosing a thesis topic, however, the student should explore various professors’ research interests. Research interests of chemical engineering faculty members include non-Newtonian flow, crystal growth from high-temperature melts, polymer extrusion, heat and mass transfer with change of phase, drag coefficients in dense phase transport,
construction of a database of engineering materials, mathematical modeling of bio-heat transfer in micro-circulation, mathematical modeling of whole-body heat transfer, analysis of oxygen transport in the cardiovascular system and an integrated gasification process for the simultaneous disposal of sludge and garbage with concomitant production of steam and electricity, biochemical separation, protein-purification, environmental engineering and mathematical modeling, evaluation of sustainability, batch process design and optimization, pollution prevention and mitigation, infinite linear programming, particle technology, multiphase flow and fluidization, pharmaceutical engineering and processes, nano-materials and energy systems and processes.

**Chemical Engineering Program**

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CIVIL ENGINEERING

FACULTY
J. Ahmad (Chair), Cataldo, Guido, Tzavelis, Yapijakis

Mission Statement
To prepare our students as civil engineering professionals who will have the depth and breadth of knowledge, sense of social and ethical responsibility, commitment to a safe environment and a desire to serve society in leadership positions.

Program Objectives
• Our civil engineering graduates will engage in lifelong learning to stay abreast of the latest body of knowledge and professional practices in civil engineering and allied disciplines throughout their careers.
• Our graduates will excel in teamwork, interdisciplinary concepts, organizational skills and problem-solving methodologies in their professional careers.
• Our graduates will attain positions of leadership as professional practitioners, government officials, academicians, inventors, researchers, etc., during their professional careers.
• Our graduates will have a strong sense of commitment to excellence, independent thinking, innovation and modern professional practices throughout their careers.
• Our graduates will have a strong commitment to professional and ethical responsibility during their careers.
• Our graduates who pursue careers in engineering will seek and successfully achieve professional licensure in their chosen fields.

Student Outcomes
The Civil Engineering Department has established the following set of outcomes that our undergraduate students are expected to achieve by the time of graduation:
1. An ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science and engineering
2. An ability to design and conduct experiments, as well as to analyze and interpret data
3. An ability to design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs within realistic constraints such as economic, environmental, social, political, ethical, health and safety, manufacturability and sustainability
4. An ability to function on multidisciplinary teams
5. An ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems
6. An understanding of professional and ethical responsibility
7. An ability to communicate effectively
8. The broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context
9. A recognition of the need for, and an ability to engage in lifelong learning
10. A knowledge of contemporary issues
11. An ability to use the techniques, skills and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice
12. A broad fundamental knowledge to qualify for and pass the New York State FE Exam administered in April of the year of their graduation.

Program description
Civil engineering, earliest of the engineering professions, has evolved into a broad spectrum of specialities: structural, geotechnical, hydraulic, environmental, transportation, urban planning, construction management, sustainable design, urban security and infrastructure rehabilitation. Depending on his or her interests and abilities, the modern civil engineer also may become involved in research, design and development related to projects in alternative energy sources, space structures, protection against natural and man-made disasters, etc. The civil engineer also studies and develops new materials, new structural systems and new strategies for optimizing design. Basic research, especially in the areas of applied and experimental mechanics, often arises either as a preliminary or adjunct requisite to these studies.

The civil engineer who wishes to practice creatively in any of these fields must be thoroughly grounded in the basic sciences, mathematics and applied mechanics, structures and structural mechanics, engineering sciences and computer applications. Members of the civil engineering faculty are actively engaged in research in their specialities, which include modern advances in structural engineering and materials, geotechnical engineering, alternative energy sources, green design of buildings, water pollution control technologies, water resources engineering and urban security.

Within the civil engineering program, students may elect to pursue specialized study through an appropriate choice of electives in two areas:
• Structural and Geotechnical Engineering
• Water Resources and Environmental

Graduate level courses in these areas are available to seniors with superior academic records as indicated in the following lists:
Graduate Program

Completion of the master of engineering degree program in civil engineering is important for entry into the profession in any of the specialized areas discussed above. The civil engineering department offers many graduate level courses in the cited areas, such as structural engineering and environmental engineering. Graduate minors may include computer engineering, civil engineering management and others. Also recognized are minors in interdisciplinary areas of engineering.

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

FACULTY
Ahmad, Cumberbatch, Fontaine (Chair), Keene, Kirtman, Sable

Mission Statement
To develop a highly trained, consummate engineer: able to lead, to practice in a professional manner, to grow with technological advances, to express himself or herself in written and in oral form, to function as a project engineer immediately upon graduation and to pursue graduate studies in a variety of professional fields.

Program Objectives
Each of our electrical engineering graduates:
• will be capable of functioning as a first-class project engineer,
• will have exceptional technical knowledge and professional design skills,
• will be capable of professional-level written and oral expression,
• will be capable of demonstrating leadership skills and
• will be open-minded and receptive to new ideas and viewpoints, with a commitment to excellence, independent thinking, research, lifelong learning, innovation and the use of the latest technologies and modern professional practices throughout his or her career.

Program description
Basic courses in electrical circuits and signal processing (or computer systems or computer engineering), along with core mathematics, science and humanities courses, are taken in the freshman and sophomore years. Students may then elect to pursue study through an appropriate choice of electives in three areas:
• Electronic Systems and Materials
• Signal Processing and Communications
• Computer Engineering

Students plan their electives with the assistance of a faculty adviser to specialize in areas of interest and to obtain a well-rounded and diverse educational experience. By the senior year, strong students are encouraged to take graduate-level electives beyond the requirements of the bachelor’s degree as part of an integrated five-year master’s program.

The curriculum interweaves strong theory, grounded in mathematics and science, with extensive use of CAD tools and practical projects. Team and individual projects begin in the freshman year and culminate with year-long senior projects.

All laboratory courses, and many recitation courses, are project based. By the time students commence their senior projects, they perform open-ended system design, implementation and testing, cost analysis and prepare written and oral presentations. They act as project managers under the guidance of a faculty adviser.

There are numerous research and independent study opportunities involving close work with faculty and practicing professionals on cutting-edge problems.

Graduate Program
The candidate must choose a full-time Cooper Union faculty member from the electrical engineering department as one of his or her advisers. Possible areas of concentration or thesis topics are numerous and reflect the diverse interests of the faculty. Some examples are digital signal processing, image and video processing, biomedical engineering, wireless communications, computer networks, machine learning, mapping algorithms to architecture, advanced computing and simulation methodology, electronic materials, integrated circuit engineering and sustainable engineering. Thesis topics that are research-oriented or targeted towards commercial application are particularly encouraged.

Web Site
The Electrical Engineering program maintains a website at ee.cooper.edu.
## Electronic Systems and Materials Track in Electrical Engineering
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135
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

FACULTY
Baglione, Delagrammatikas, Lima, Sidebotham, Wei (chair), Wootton

Mission Statement
The Cooper Union’s Department of Mechanical Engineering will produce broadly- and rigorously-educated graduates, able to practice professionally, pursue advanced studies and innovate in a wide range of fields. Together with our faculty and staff, our students will develop a commitment toward lifelong interdisciplinary learning, fulfill their potential for responsible leadership and inspire others to continuously pursue excellence by example.

Program Objectives
Our graduates will
• apply their broad and rigorous education to responsible, interdisciplinary problem solving,
• communicate clearly and effectively in their chosen professions and
• continue to learn and educate themselves in their fields of pursuit.

Program description
Mechanical engineering is concerned with the devices and phenomena related to the generation, transmission, application and control of power. Mechanical engineering grew up with the Industrial Revolution and is today the broadest of the engineering disciplines, encompassing many activities and fields of interest. Mechanical engineers may be involved with research and development, design, manufacturing, sales, application and service, administration and management, as well as teaching and consulting. Fields of interest include solid mechanics, materials, fluid mechanics, vibrations and acoustics, heat transfer and thermodynamics, combustion, control systems, manufacturing, CAD/CAM and robotics or combinations of these as is often the case in the design and development work of complex projects. (Examples: the space shuttle, the investigation of alternate energy from renewable resources, the development of completely automated factories, robotics and biomedical engineering systems.)

At the Albert Nerken School of Engineering, the mechanical engineering faculty and students have been, and continue to be, involved in these and other exciting new developments through their project work, research work or consulting.

Mechanical engineering is an ideal foundation for careers in the aerospace industry, ocean engineering, marine engineering, biomedical engineering, the automobile industry, the power and utility industries and virtually any area of activity that requires analytical abilities combined with a strong background in design practice.

The sequences of courses shown in the undergraduate curriculum table emphasize the fundamental engineering sciences as well as their applications in a computer environment and professional design practice. By the selection of electives and of their design and research projects, students have a large degree of flexibility in exploring their own interests.

Graduate Program
Areas of research include computer-aided design and engineering, robotics, biomedical engineering, automotive systems, mechatronics, thermoelectric power generation, vibrations and acoustics, combustion and other interdisciplinary areas of engineering.
# Mechanical Engineering Program

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1 Courses with prefixes BIO, ChE, CE, CS, EE/ECE, ME, EID, ESC.
2 Any course, except foreign languages, offered at The Cooper Union.
NON-DEGREE DEPARTMENTS

Chemistry
Faculty: Newmark (chair), Savizky, Topper
The Department of Chemistry offers a wide range of courses that are necessary for the understanding of the various engineering disciplines. All first-year engineering students enroll in General Chemistry (a general quantitative and descriptive overview of chemistry), Physical Principles of Chemistry (a quantitative discussion of chemical thermodynamics, electrochemistry and chemical kinetics) and General Chemistry Laboratory recording, report writing and safety).

Sophomore and junior level courses required for chemical engineering majors can also be taken as electives by those wishing to further their knowledge in the areas of analytical chemistry, biochemistry, organic chemistry, and physical chemistry.

In addition, advanced elective courses in biochemistry, inorganic chemistry and theoretical chemistry are available which are suitable for students interested in bioengineering, chemistry, materials engineering, nanotechnology, or pre-medical studies.

Research at the undergraduate and master’s levels can be conducted under the supervision of the chemistry faculty. Interested students should meet with the department faculty to discuss possible research areas.

The Department operates laboratories in general chemistry, organic chemistry and instrumental analysis for instruction and research projects.

Mathematics
Faculty: Agrawal (chair), Bailyn, Hopkins, Mintchev, Smyth, Vulakh
The primary responsibility of the Department of Mathematics is the maintenance and delivery of the core mathematics curriculum for the School of Engineering. This consists of a sequence of required courses given in the first two years covering calculus, linear algebra, probability, vector calculus and differential equations. In addition to the core courses, there are a variety of elective mathematics courses, some of which are computer-related. The mathematics curriculum will more than adequately prepare the student for professional work as well as graduate study in engineering and applied mathematics.

The faculty of mathematics strives to develop in the student a firm foundation in, and an appreciation of, the structure and methods of mathematics. Students interested in mathematics research should consult the chair for specific areas of expertise.

The department of mathematics offers a minor in mathematics.

Students seeking a minor in mathematics must complete at least 15 credits of mathematics coursework in addition to the 17 credits required by every engineering department. These additional credits must include Advanced Calculus I and II (Ma 350, 351), Linear Algebra (Ma 326), Modern Algebra (Ma 347) and an elective course in mathematics at or above the 300 level. An overall G.P.A., at graduation, of at least 3.0 among the mathematics portion (32 credits) of the program is required to obtain a minor in mathematics.

Physics
Faculty: A. Wolf (chair)
The physics program at The Cooper Union provides a sequence of introductory courses devised to introduce students in engineering to fundamental physical concepts that underlie all the engineering disciplines. Additionally, the Physics Department offers elective courses that are crafted to provide an enhanced understanding of specially selected fields of interest in engineering science.
COURSES

Students should consult official schedules for courses offered in a given semester. There is no assurance that a course listed in this catalog will be given every year. Each school offers a range of elective courses that are open to all students; consult each school’s course listing.

Prefix Key
Course designations use an alphabetical prefix and a three-digit numbering system.
The first digit usually denotes:
(1, 2) Lower level undergraduate
(3) Advanced undergraduate
(4) Graduate courses

Bio Biology
ChE Chemical Engineering
Ch Chemistry
CE Civil Engineering
CS Computer Science
ECE Electrical Engineering
ESC Engineering Sciences
EID Interdisciplinary Engineering
Ma Mathematics
ME Mechanical Engineering
Ph Physics

Chemical Engineering

UNDERGRADUATE

ChE 121 Chemical Reaction Engineering
After consideration of chemical reaction kinetics and thermodynamics, the course focuses on the design relationships for batch, semi-batch, plug-flow and mixed reactors. The application of these design relationships is explored in ideal, isothermal, non-isothermal, adiabatic reactors. Homogeneous, heterogeneous and biological systems are discussed including the effect of transport phenomena on reaction rates and reactor design.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ESC 170 and ESC 140

ChE 121 Advanced Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics
Concept of fugacity in imperfect gases; chemical potential and partial molar properties in mixtures; Gibbs-Duhem Equation; ideal solutions of imperfect gas mixtures; the Lewis and Randall Rule; methods of calculating activity coefficients in non-ideal mixtures; vapor-liquid equilibria; checking thermodynamic consistency of vapor-liquid equilibrium data; equilibrium constant, enthalpy change and Gibbs free energy of formation in chemical reactions.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 130.1

ChE 141 Heat and Mass Transfer
4 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 140.

ChE 142 Separation Process Principles
Application of thermodynamic and transport concepts to the design of continuous-contact and staged mass transfer processes common in the chemical process industries. Separation by phase addition, phase creation, by barrier, by solid agent and by external field or gradient. Examination of the limitations of theory and empiricism in design practice.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ChE 131 and ChE 141

ChE 151 Process Simulation and Mathematical Techniques for Chemical Engineers
In this course computer-aided design is applied to chemical engineering problems in fluid flow, heat transfer, mass transfer and chemical reactor analysis. Topics include: matrices and determinants properties and special matrices, systems of linear equations and methods of solution by matrices, eigenvalues, eigenvectors and applications to least squares and stage processes. Steady and unsteady general diffusion equation, one- and two-dimensional heat transfer equations, Fourier series, Laplace and Z transforms and applications. Series and numerical solutions, Power, Bessel, Euler, Runge-Kutta, Milne, Finite differences approximations and Crank-Nicholson. Applications.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 140

ChE 152 Chemical Process Dynamics and Control
Introduction to logic of process dynamics and principles of control in chemical engineering applications; block diagram notation, input disturbance, frequency response and stability criteria for chemical equipment and chemical reaction systems; single- and multiple-loop systems; phase plane analysis of reaction systems; application of analog computer in solution of problems.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ChE 151

ChE 151.1 Process Evaluation and Design I
The course uses design projects to explore process flow diagrams and initial equipment design estimates based on process and unit operation material and heat balances. Studies include equipment cost estimation methods that are developed into process economic evaluations and profitability analysis. The course concludes with process and equipment design using Simulation Science’s PRO- II and an examination of optimization and design techniques.
3 credits each. Prerequisites: ChE 141 and ChE 121

ChE 161.2 Process Evaluation and Design II
This is a continuation of ChE 151.1, and is the “capstone design course” in chemical engineering. All aspects of chemical engineering are integrated in the design of a chemical process plant. The design process consists of flow-sheet development, equipment selection and sizing, utility requirements, instrumentation and control, economic analysis and formulation of safety procedures.
The plant design is carried out in class and includes the use of professional simulation packages. The AIChE project is included in this course.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ChE 161.1

ChE 162.1-162.2 Chemical Engineering Laboratory I & II
This laboratory course emphasizes the application of fundamentals and engineering to processing and unit operations. The experiments range from traditional engineering applications to new technologies and are designed to provide hands-on experiences that complement the theories and principles discussed in the classroom. Preparation of detailed project reports and oral presentations are important components of this course.
1.5 credits each. Prerequisites: ChE 121, ChE 141, corequisite: ChE 142

ChE 311 Introduction to Polymer Technology
Introduction to the chemistry and physical status of polymer materials. Discussion on formation of polymers from corresponding monomers, emphasizing mechanisms and kinetics of various polymerization techniques. Measurements of average molecular weights and molecular weight distribution of polymers. Viscosity and rheology of polymer solutions and melts.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

ChE 321 Chemical Reactor Design
Design and analysis of chemical reactor systems; transport phenomena; reactor dynamics; design optimization; experimental techniques.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ChE 121

ChE 340 Industrial Waste Treatment
This course deals with the treatment of industrial waste streams. Topics include: sources of wastewater, characterization of industrial wastewater, BOD, COD, TOC, The OD, primary treatment by physical unit operations (coagulation and flocculation, sedimentation, flotation, thickening, filtration, absorption…), secondary treatment by unit processes (ion exchange, chlorination, de-chlorination…); biological treatments (kinetics and reactor design, aerobic, anaerobic…), industrial applications and municipal and government regulations. This course is 50 percent engineering science, 50 percent engineering design. The course also includes a research paper on an environmental topic.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ch 160
ChE 391 Research Problem I
An elective course available to qualified and interested students recommended by the faculty. Students may select topics of particular interest in some aspect of theoretical or applied chemical engineering. Topics range from highly theoretical to completely practical, and each student is encouraged to do creative work on his or her own with faculty guidance. 3 credits. Prerequisite: senior standing

ChE 392 Research Problem II
Continuation of ChE 391. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ChE 391

ChE 393 Research Problem III
Continuation of ChE 392. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ChE 392

ChE 394 Research Problem IV
Continuation of ChE 393. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ChE 393

GRADUATE

ChE 411 Polymer Technology and Engineering
Structures and synthesis of Carbon-Carbon and heterogenous chain polymers, mechanisms and kinetics of emulsion, condensation, ionic stereo-specific polymerizations. Rubber elasticity. Rheological and viscoelastic properties of polymers and polymer solutions. Survey and investigations of advanced topics are required. 3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

ChE 421 Advanced Chemical Reaction Engineering
Principles and practices of chemical reaction systems emphasizing heterogeneous chemical kinetics, coupled heat and mass transfer in reacting systems and reactor dynamics. Modeling and simulation of systems are extensively applied. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ChE 121

ChE 430 Thermodynamics of Special Systems (same as EID and ME 430)
3 credits. Prerequisite: ChE 131

ChE 431 Advanced Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics and Molecular Theory
Modern methods of applying thermodynamics and molecular physics to phase behavior of fluid mixtures, intermolecular forces and thermodynamic properties, molecular dynamic properties, molecular theory of gases and liquids, theories of liquid solutions and fluid mixtures at high pressures. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ChE 131

ChE 434 Special Topics in Combustion (same as ME 434)
3 credits. Prerequisite: ME 334 or permission of instructor

ChE 435 Transport Processes in Internal Combustion Engines (same as ME 435)
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

ChE 440 Advanced Fluid Mechanics (same as EID 440 and ME 440)

ChE 441 Advanced Heat and Mass Transfer (same as EID 441)
3 credits. Prerequisite: ChE440 or ME 440 or EID 440

ChE 445 Particle Technology

ChE 447 Sustainability and Pollution Prevention (same as EID 447)
The first part of this course discusses in detail a methodology for defining and assessing the sustainability of an entity. The course then proceeds with more traditional topics in pollution prevention for chemical processes, outlining concepts on the macroscale, (life-cycle assessment) and mesoscale (pollution prevention for single units). By the end of this course, you should be able to use a fuzzy-logic-based methodology to define and assess sustainability, perform a sensitivity analysis which identifies the most critical components of sustainability for a given corporation, perform a life-cycle assessment on a product or process, identify and apply chemical process design methods for waste minimization, energy efficiency, and minimal environmental impact and design, size, and cost a simple waste-treatment process. 3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

ChE 452 Chemical Process Optimization
Various algorithms of optimization techniques are introduced. Methods covered include both analytical and numerical approaches. Applications to optimal reactor design. Optimal control of chemical process equipment performance is demonstrated. Solution by students of assigned optimization problems in chemical engineering on digital or analog computers is required. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ChE 451

ChE 453 Digital Computer Process Control
An introductory course in digital computer control. Topics discussed include basic mathematics of sampling data systems; control algorithms using transformation, direct digital control, supervisory control, application of the digital computer to advanced control and optimal control. Applications to digital and analog conversion, control of experimental equipment are also covered. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ChE 152

ChE 454 Advanced Experimental Process Control
Advanced experimental process control concepts and advanced digital computer control. Three-mode feed forward control of process variables including temperature, pressure, level and pH value. Feedback, proportional and cascade controls of various process variables. Logic and programmable control. Series communication control. Computer controls step change, single-in, single-out and transfer function evaluation. Computer data acquisition. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ChE 152

ChE 460 Chemical Engineering Equipment Design
The chemical engineer must develop, design and engineer both the complete process and the equipment used, choose the proper raw materials; operate the plant efficiently, safely and economically; and see to it that products meet the requirements set by the customer. Chemical engineering is both an art and a science. Whenever science helps the engineer to solve a problem, science should be used. When, as usually the case, science does not give a complete answer, it is necessary to use experience and judgement. The professional stature of an engineer depends on skill in utilizing all sources of information to reach practical solutions to processing problems. This course will concentrate specifically on the theoretical and practical principles of detailed equipment design for mass transfer, heat transfer and reaction operations. Attempts will be made to emphasize modern technologies used in these operations. Equipment covered will vary from year to year. 3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

ChE 475 Pharmaceutical Engineering
Introduction to pharmaceutical engineering. Overview of the pharmaceutical industry and drug discovery and development. Clinical trials, regulation, and validation. Scientific principles of dosage forms including solutions, disperse systems, dissolution, stability, and surface phenomena. Biopharmaceutical principles of drug delivery. Pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, and biopharmaceuticals. Unit operations for solid and liquid dosage forms. Pharmaceutical plant design. 3 credits. Prerequisites: ChE 121, ChE 142, and ChE 262, or permission of instructor
Civil Engineering

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CE 120 Civil Engineering Fundamentals
Planning, execution and interpretation of drawings and specifications for civil engineering projects. Sample drawings and specifications. Contractual requirements: Sample contracts. Permitting, scheduling and cost estimation. Basic operations of design and construction firms. Interface with other disciplines on civil engineering projects.

3 credits. Prerequisite: EID 101

CE 121 Structural Engineering I
Discussion of materials, loads and forms of structures. Analysis of determinate structures. Displacements of structures and their importance in applications. Experimental aspects of materials behavior in structural applications. Emphasis is placed on basic experimental techniques, design of experiments, selection and use of appropriate instrumentation and interpretation of results.

4.5 credits (3 hours of lecture, 3 hours of laboratory).

Prerequisite: EID 101

CE 122 Structural Engineering II

3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 121

CE 131 Introduction to Geotechnical Engineering
Introduction to various indexing tests of soils, clay mineralogy, permeability, seepage and flow nets, stress distribution in soil masses, one-dimensional consolidation theory, strength characteristics of soils, application of Mohr's Circle to soil mechanics, stability of slopes.

4.5 credits (3 hours of lecture, 3 hours of laboratory).

Prerequisite: ESC 101; prerequisite or corequisite: CE 140

CE 141 Environmental Systems Engineering
Qualitative and quantitative treatment of water and wastewater systems as related to domestic and industrial needs and their effect on the environment. Introduction to air pollution sources and control and solid/hazardous waste engineering. Design of water and wastewater treatment plants. Field and laboratory techniques for measurement of water quality parameters. Laboratory analysis of representative waters and wastewaters for commonly determined parameters as related to applications in water environment.

4.5 credits (3 hours of lecture, 3 hours of laboratory).

Prerequisite: EID 140

CE 142 Water Resources Engineering (same as EID 142)

4.5 credits (3 hours of lecture, 3 hours of laboratory).

Prerequisite: ESC 140

CE 332Lateral Earth Pressures
Review of urban transportation planning.

3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

CE 333 Lateral Earth Pressures and Retaining Structures
Introduction to classical lateral earth pressure theories (Rankine and Coulomb). Analysis and design of retaining walls using linear stability methods, combinations of footings, strut footings, floating foundations and pile foundations. Settlement analysis due to deep-seated consolidation.

3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 131

CE 341 Design of Steel Structures
Study of behavior and design of structural steel components and their connections. Understand and development of design requirements for safety and serviceability, as related to latest structural steel specifications by the American Institute of Steel Construction (A.I.S.C.). Current design emphasizing LRFD, fabrication and construction practices. Composite design.

3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 121; corequisite: CE 122

CE 342 Design of Reinforced Concrete Structures
Study of the behavior and design of structural concrete components and their connections. Understanding and development of design requirements for safety and serviceability, as related to latest specifications by the American Concrete Institute (A.C.I.). Current design, fabrication and construction practices. Introduction to prestressed concrete.

3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 122

CE 346 Hydraulic Engineering
An integration and application of the principles of fluid mechanics to problems concerned with water supply and distribution. Open channel flow and design of hydraulic structures.

3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 142

CE 351 Urban Transportation Planning
Historical background and evolution of current procedures used in the “urban transportation planning process.” Covered are the historical framework, urban development theories, land use, trip generation, trip distribution models, traffic assignment techniques, modal split and introduction to urban transportation systems.

3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

CE 352 Elements of Transportation Design
Review of urban transportation planning process. Specific design elements of various highway and public transportation systems. Included are locational design, traffic service, environmental impact analyses, alternatives evaluation, geometric design elements, operations and capacity and level-of-service analysis. Also, selected topics in urban transportation systems.

3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor
CE 361 Civil Engineering Experimental Projects
Exploratory experimental projects in materials, hydraulics, soils, environmental or other civil engineering specialties. Projects are conceived, designed and executed by groups of students under faculty supervision.
2 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor. (Students are required to have taken introductory civil engineering subject(s) related to project)

CE 363 Civil Engineering Design I
Individual or group design projects based on structure using software. Open only to well-qualified students.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

CE 369 Civil Engineering Project
Individual design, research or experimental projects. Open only to well-qualified students.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

CE/EID 390 Introduction to Sustainable Design
Sustainable design minimizes the impact on the environment by site planning and design, energy and water conservation and interior environmental quality. This course will focus on the design of a prototype structure using sun, light, air, renewable materials, geological systems, hydrological systems and green roofing. Each student will develop a project outlined by the U.S. Green Building Council rating system known as LEED. The six areas that will be developed to design the project are: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, material and resources, indoor environmental quality and innovative design process. Class time is separated into a series of lectures, private consultations and student presentations.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 140, CE 122 or ME 100 and permission of instructor

CE 391 Laboratory Testing of Building Materials
Laboratory testing of common building materials such as concrete, steel, and laminated glazing. Concrete mix design. Casting, curing and strength testing of concrete cylinders at 7, 21 and 28 days. Casting, curing and testing of a reinforced concrete beam for stress, strain and deflection. Casing and strength testing of reinforced concrete column. Deflection testing of a steel beam. Buckling of slender steel columns. Vibrations of a steel beam and a steel frame. Control of deflections through bracing and stiffeners. Impact testing of laminated glazing panels. The course will consist of 3 hr. weekly laboratory sessions for 15 weeks.
3 credits. Prerequisite: This course is open to third-year architecture and civil engineering students. Art students and engineering students of majors other than civil engineering require permission of instructor.

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CE 411 Introduction to Civil Engineering Management
Overview of the civil engineering profession and the importance of infrastructure to society. The course will emphasize the planning, design, construction and maintenance of public works. New York City will serve as the laboratory for field visits and course projects.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

CE 412 Stochastic Concepts in Civil Engineering
Introduction to probabilistic methods and stochastic concepts in civil engineering. Elements of applied probability and statistics. Engineering applications involving economic decisions under uncertainty. Realistic and common civil engineering examples and problems in transportation, structures, materials, soils and water resources.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 224 and Ma 240

CE 414 Solid Waste Management
Engineering aspects of solid waste collection, transport and disposal, including sanitary landfill design, incineration, composting, recovery and re-utilization of resources. Optimization techniques of facility-siting and collection route selection and economic evaluation of factors affecting selection of disposal methods.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

CE 421 Matrix Methods of Structural Analysis
In-depth treatment of matrix methods. Application to linear as well as nonlinear analysis of plane and space structures. Discussion of current techniques. Computer applications.
3 credits. Prerequisites: CE 122 and Ma 240

CE 422 Finite Element Methods (same as EID 422)
3 credits. Prerequisites: CE 122 or ME 100

CE 424 Plates and Shells
Discretized grid-work and grillage analysis by matrix techniques. Development of the classical thin plate theory. Mathematical and numerical solutions of the plate equation. Introduction to thin shell theory. Practical applications such as cylindrical shell roofs, spherical shell with an edge ring and various cases of shells of revolution.
3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 122

CE 425/EID 425 Structural Dynamics
Dynamic behavior and design of structures subjected to time-dependent loads. Included in the load systems are earthquakes, blasts, wind and vehicles. Shock spectra and pressure impulse curves. Special applications in blast mitigation design.
3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 122

CE 426 Advanced Structural Design
Discussion of principal design codes (AISC, ACI and AASHTO) as they relate to ASCE Standards, the International Building Code (IAC) and NYC Building codes. Advanced materials behavior. Strength and serviceability requirements. Design of composite girders and slabs. Limit state response and formation of plastic hinges in steel and concrete structures. Structural upgrade and retrofit of existing structures.
3 credits. Prerequisite or corequisite: CE 341

CE 427 Behavior and Design of Prestressed Concrete Structures
Behavior and design of prestressed members in flexure, shear, bond and torsion; continuous beams; columns; prestressed systems; loss of prestress. Emphasis is placed on ultimate strength design and the background of latest ACI code.
3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 341

CE 428 Plastic Analysis and Design
3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 341

CE 431 Advanced Foundation Engineering
Analysis and design of foundations subjected to vibratory loading, beams on elastic foundation (vertical subgrade modulus), laterally loaded piles (with software applications), Wave Equation Analysis of Piles (with software application of WEAP).
3 credits. Prerequisites: CE 131 and permission of instructor

CE 432 Special Topics in Lateral Earth Pressure and Retaining Structures
Analysis and design of cellular cofferdams, reinforced earth-retaining structures, slurry walls and retaining structures subjected to earthquake loading, soil nailing.
3 credits. Prerequisites: CE 131 and permission of instructor

CE 433 Advanced Topics in Geotechnical Engineering I
Analysis of slopes using translatory slides and available software packages (PCSTABL). Ground improvement technologies: including dynamic compaction, grouting, ground freezing and reinforced earth technologies.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

CE 434 Advanced Topics in Geotechnical Engineering II
Stresses in homogeneous and layered systems due to surface and buried loads. Development of flow network concepts and the Terzaghi one-dimensional consolidation theory, secondary consolidation, site pre-loading, sand drains and prefabricated vertical drains.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

CE 435 GeoEnvironmental Engineering (same as EID 435)
3 credits. Prerequisites: ESC 140, CE 141, CE 131 and permission of instructor
CE 437 Sustainability and Environmental Impact Association

Forty years ago, when the world did not know the word sustainability, smart engineers were conducting environmental impact assessments of alternative designs and projects in order to select the post option for implementation. This course evaluates the methodologies and approaches to using environmental impacts (which include socio-economic impacts and beneficial impacts) in order to achieve smarter, more sustainable designs and development. Case studies will be presented and students will have to write a term paper.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

CE 440 Industrial Waste Treatment Design

Integrated lecture and design periods that cover the sources of industrial wastewaters, their quantities and characteristics, and their treatability by physical, chemical and biological processes. Status of regulations involving categorical standards, local and state industrial pretreatment programs, NPDES permits, etc. Problems and solutions involved in combining municipal and industrial waste treatment. Case studies.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

CE 441 Water and Wastewater Technology

Wastewater sources and estimates of domestic, commercial and industrial flows. Integrated lecture and design periods that cover unit processes for water and wastewater treatment. Design projects include hydraulic and process design of oxidation ponds, screeners, grit removal, sedimentation tanks, secondary biological treatment, other physicochemical processes and outfall design.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

CE 442 Open Channel Hydraulics

3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 142

CE 443 Groundwater Hydrology

Physical process of flow in homogeneous and heterogeneous media. Development of governing equations and boundary conditions, analysis by analytical and numerical techniques. Groundwater resources; design of wells and prediction of yield. Analyses of transport of contaminants using deterministic and stochastic methods.
3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 142

CE 444 Hydrology

Hydrology of the water cycle related to air mass movement, precipitations, evaporation, stream flow, floods, infiltration and groundwater including statistical hydrology. Design of irrigation systems.
3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 142

CE 445 Coastal Engineering

Introduction of the hydrodynamics of waves in deep and shallow water. Emphasis on physical interpretation of the results and their engineering application. Wave refraction, diffraction, storm surges and statistical aspects of water waves.
3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 142

CE 446 Pollution Prevention or Minimization

Introduction to the new concept and regulations in the U.S. and Canada of Pollution Prevention or Waste Minimization for managing hazardous pollution and protecting the environment and public health. Methodology of conducting environmental audits and lessons learned from successful pollution prevention programs. Case studies of various programs in industry, etc.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

CE 447 Stream and Estuary Pollution

Application of basic concepts of fluid kinematics and dynamics to the analysis of dispersal and decay of contaminants introduced into lakes, streams, estuaries and oceans. Analysis and modeling of leachate and other contaminants into groundwater.
3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 142

CE 448 Environmental and Sanitary Engineering (same as EID 448)

Topics include types of environmental pollution and their effects; water quality standards and introduction to laboratory analyses of water quality parameters; sources and estimates of water and wastewater flows; physicochemical unit treatment processes. Integrated lecture and design periods cover water supply network, wastewater collection system and water treatment design projects.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

CE 449 Hazardous Waste Management

3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

CE 450 Civil Engineering Construction

3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 341

CE 460 Innovations in Urban Infrastructure Design

Innovations in the design, delivery, monitoring and rehabilitation of urban infrastructure. Recent advances in methods and technologies such as remote sensing, visualization, data acquisition systems, non-destructive testing, data mining, geographical information systems (GIS), and building information modeling (BIM). Emphasis will be placed on applications relating to real-world projects in large urban centers in the United States and the world.
3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 121 or ME 101

CE 470 Urban Security

3 credits. Prerequisites: CE 122 or ME 101 and permission of instructor

CE 499 Thesis/Project

Master’s candidates are required to conduct, under the guidance of a faculty adviser, an original investigation of a problem in civil engineering, individually or in a group, and to submit a written thesis describing the results of the work. 6 credits for full year.
Electrical Engineering

UNDERGRADUATE

ECE 101 Communication Theory
Information theory: entropy, information, channel capacity, rate-distortion functions, theoretical limits to data transmission and compression. Error control coding: block, cyclic and convolutional codes, Viterbi algorithm. Baseband and bandpass signals, signal constellations, noise and channel models. Analog and digital modulation formats (amplitude, phase and frequency), MAP and ML receivers, ISI and equalization. Coherent and non-coherent detection, carrier recovery and synchronization. Performance: computation of SNR, BER, power and bandwidth requirements. TDMA, FDMA, CDMA.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 224 and ECE 111

ECE 103 Communication Networks
Analysis and design of communication networks. Network protocols, architecture, security, privacy, routing and congestion control, Internet, local area networks, wireless networks, multimedia services. Physical layer, multiple access techniques, transport layer. Introduction to probabilistic and stochastic analytic techniques for communication networks.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 150 and Ma 224

ECE 110 MATLAB Seminar:
Signals & Systems
A weekly hands-on, interactive seminar that introduces students to MATLAB, in general, and the Signal Processing Toolbox in particular. Students explore scientific computation and scientific visualization with MATLAB. Concepts of signal processing and system analysis that are presented in ECE 111 or other introductory courses on the subject are reinforced through a variety of demonstrations and exercises. It is strongly encouraged for students taking a first course in signals and systems, or for students expecting to use MATLAB in projects or courses.
0 credits.

ECE 111 Signal Processing & Systems Analysis
A presentation of signals and systems that does not rely on prior knowledge of electrical circuits or differential equations. Sine waves, phasors, continuous-time and discrete-time signals, sampling. Starting from elementary discrete-time systems (FIR filters), and moving on to more complex systems (IIR digital filters and analog filters), concepts such as impulse response, convolution, frequency response, transfer functions (z-transform and Laplace transform) are presented. Block and signal-flow diagrams. Linearity, causality, time-invariance, stability. Feedback: open-loop and closed-loop gain. Transient response, poles and zeros. Vector spaces of signals, Fourier analysis, modulated signals, random signals. Examples include speech and audio signals, communication and control systems. Extensive use of MATLAB.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 110

ECE 114 Digital Signal Processing
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 240 and ECE 111

ECE 121 Control Systems
Block and signal-flow diagrams, Mason’s theorem. Laplace transform, frequency response, Bode plots, root locus, Routh-Hurwitz array. Analysis of feedback control systems: open-loop and closed-loop gain, Nichols chart, Nyquist diagram, gain and phase margin. Continuous-time state-space analysis, state-variable feedback, canonical forms, observability and controllability. Second-order models, transient and steady-state performance. Emphasis on analog systems, although digital control systems will be discussed as time allows. Extensive use of MATLAB.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 240 and ECE 111

ECE 131 Solid-State Materials
Applied solid-state physics with emphasis on semiconductor materials. Crystals, quantum mechanics, Schrodinger equation, energy bands, Fermi-Dirac statistics, Fermi levels. Semiconductor physics: electrons and holes, doping, diffusion and drift, generation-recombination, mobility. Physics of PN junction and BJT. Depletion, carrier injection, minority carrier profiles, Ebers-Moll equations, junction capacitance, hybrid-pi model. Breakdown, metal-semiconductor contacts, heterojunctions, fabrication techniques, temperature effects and additional topics as time allows. Diode circuits; DC analysis of BJTs in active, saturated and cutoff modes; single transistor amplifiers and small-signal models.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 141

ECE 132 Electro-Mechanical Energy Conversion
Analysis of energy sources and energy converters. Principles of electro-mechanical energy conversion; singly and multiply excited systems; rotating and linear machines; three-phase circuits; magnetic circuits and transformers; torque and induced voltage from field considerations; synchronous machines; induction motors; DC machines. Introduction to power electronics. Applications including high-speed transportation, energy storage and interconnection of distant generating stations.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 120 or ECE 140 and Ph 213

ECE 135 Engineering Electromagnetics
This course emphasizes time-varying fields, with topics presented from electrostatics and magnetostatics as necessary. Maxwell’s equations, constitutive relations, phasor vector fields, wave and Helmholtz equations, potentials, boundary conditions. Plane waves in lossless and lossy materials, polarization, incidence. Transmission lines: transient analysis, TDR, phasor analysis, standing wave diagrams, Smith chart, impedance matching. Guided waves: TEM, TE and TM modes, dispersion, evanescence, cavity resonators. Microwave network analysis and device characterization with scattering parameters. Antennas, antenna arrays and Fourier optics. Additional topics from microwaves and optics will be covered as time allows. Students use a vector network analyzer to perform measurements at high frequencies.
4 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 224, Ph 213, ECE 140 and ECE 111

ECE 140 Circuit Analysis
Circuit components, dependent and independent sources, Kirchhoff’s laws, loop and nodal analysis. Superposition, Thoenen and Norton equivalent circuits, and other techniques for circuit simplification. Time-domain analysis of RLC circuits, initial conditions, transient response and steady-state. Phasor analysis, complex power. Ideal op-amps. 3 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 113 Ma 240 is a suggested corequisite

ECE 141 Electronics I
3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 140

ECE 142 Electronics II
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 141 and ECE 111

ECE 150 Digital Logic Design
Theoretical and practical issues concerning design with combinational and sequential logic circuits, and programmable logic devices. Number systems, Boolean algebra, representation and simplification of Boolean functions, universal logic families. Finite-state machines, state tables and state diagrams, flip-flops, counters, registers. Adders, decoders, comparators, multiplexers, memories and applications. Programmable devices: PLA, PLD, etc. Principles of analog circuits are presented in the context of real world problems, such as “glitches,” power and ground bounce, contact bounce, tri-state logic and bus interfacing, timing circuits, asynchronous versus synchronous circuit components. Characterization of electronic and logical properties of digital circuits. Course work involves individual and team projects in which: digital circuits are designed and prototypes are constructed and tested on breadboards; designs involving programmable logic devices are developed using CAD tools. The projects, approximately 50 percent of the course grade, are used to assess technical writing, oral presentation, teamwork and project management skills.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 115 or ECE 111
ECE 151 Computer Architecture
Introduction to the design of computers and computer systems. Topics include: integer and floating-point representations and operations; ALU design; von Neumann and Harvard architectures; accumulator, general purpose register and stack-based processor design; RISC and CISC architectures; addressing modes; vector operations; microprogrammed and hard-wired controllers; machine language and assembly language programming; static and dynamics memory operation, timing and interfacing; cache; virtual memory; I/O systems: bus function, DMA; interrupts and interrupt handling; polling; disk operation and organization; pipelined processor design. The course has a substantial project component that includes assembly language programming and the design and construction of systems that contain microcontrollers, programmable logic, and a variety of I/O devices. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 150. Non-refundable materials fee: $40

ECE 161 Programming Languages
Examination of the fundamental concepts of practical programming languages, focusing on C and C++ but including additional languages. Topics include binary representations of numbers, operators, static and dynamic memory allocation, arrays, strings, structures, flow control, file I/O, stacks, queues, lists, activation records and recursion. Object oriented programming concepts covered include classes, encapsulation, information hiding, operator and function overloading, constructors, destructors, inheritance and polymorphism. 3 credits. Prerequisite: CS 102

ECE 164 Data Structures & Algorithms I
An introduction to fundamental data structures and algorithms, with an emphasis on practical implementation issues and good programming methodology. Topics include lists, stacks, queues, trees, hash tables and sorting algorithms. Also an introduction to analysis of algorithms with big-O notation. Assignments include programming projects and problem sets. 2 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 161

ECE 165 Data Structures & Algorithms II
A continuation of ECE 164, also with an emphasis on practical implementation issues and good programming methodology. Topics include graphs, graph-related algorithms and dynamic programming techniques. Also an introduction to some advanced topics such as Turing machines, computability and NP-complete systems. Assignments include programming projects and problem sets. 2 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 164

ECE 193 Electrical & Computer Engineering Projects I
An introduction to laboratory techniques for electrical and computer engineering. Topics include the use of electronic test equipment (e.g., DVM, oscilloscope, curve tracer, spectrum analyzer); circuit analysis, design and simulation; and the use of discrete and integrated electronic components and circuits. Several projects/experiments of limited scope reinforce concepts learned in previous courses and provide an understanding of the fundamental building blocks employed in the more advanced designs in successive projects courses. Students regularly give oral presentations and demonstrate laboratory proficiency through in-class demonstrations and concise, formal technical reports. 1.5 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 111, ECE 141, ECE 150. Co-requisite: ECE142. Non-refundable materials fee: $40

ECE 194 Electrical & Computer Engineering Projects IV
Principles learned in ECE 193 are applied to the design, construction and characterization of electrical and computer engineering projects of significant complexity. Assignments may involve both analog and digital design, and students are free to pursue any solution that satisfies the engineering requirements and meets with the instructor's approval. Formal and informal lectures are given on safety, circuit operation and design, and construction techniques; students participate in design reviews and write technical reports. 4 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 193. Non-refundable materials fee: $40

ECE 195 Electrical & Computer Engineering Projects III
ECE 195 and ECE 196 constitute the year-long senior design project. Students work in small groups on projects chosen with the advice and consent of the faculty adviser. Projects may be oriented towards research or product development, and may be in any area of electrical and computer engineering, such as in: computer engineering, signal processing (imaging, sensor arrays, multimedia), telecommunications, computer networks, microwaves, optics, advanced electronics, VLSI chip design, or an interdisciplinary area such as robotics or bioengineering. Students perform all aspects of project management, such as scheduling, budgeting, system design and developing milestones, as well as technical work including hardware and software implementation, testing and performance evaluation. Students also give several spontaneous and rehearsed oral presentations and prepare written reports. Students attend weekly lectures covering: social, economic, legal and ethical issues; safety and laboratory practice; design methodologies; technical writing; preparation of multimedia presentations and tailoring presentations to target audiences. 4 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 194. Non-refundable materials fee: $40

ECE 196 Electrical & Computer Engineering Projects IV
This course concludes the senior project begun in ECE 195. Students submit two complete theses, one in short form and the other in long form, and give at least two presentations, one short and one long. The initial goal is to achieve a functioning system. Afterwards, students undertake the completion of the prototype cycle, which may involve improving the circuit implementation (such as by employing PCBs populated with surface mount chips), adding a user-friendly interface, obtaining precise performance evaluations, or developing demonstrations and a user’s manual. Advanced students are strongly encouraged to complete their project early and commence a master’s thesis. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 195. Non-refundable materials fee: $40

ECE 301 Communication Systems Design I
Topics in the design of large scale communication systems. Quality of service, system performance calculations, channel capacity and traffic models, scalability. Measurement and simulation techniques. Noise, interference, system noise figure, front-end design, power budgets. Communication electronics. Baseband DSP, IF and RF subsystems. Standards, evolution of technology, product roadmapping. Case studies. 3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 101 and ECE 135

ECE 302 Probability Models & Stochastic Processes
Topics in probability, random variables and stochastic processes applied to the fields of electrical and computer engineering. Probability, events, random variables, expectation, moments, characteristic functions, conditional probability and expectation. Functions of random variables, random vectors, Gaussian random vectors, Poisson points. Bounding and limit theorems. Relations among important distributions and probability models. Stochastic processes: stationarity, ergodicity, Brownian motion, Markov process. Design and analysis of systems with stochastic inputs, correlation and power spectral density, ARMA models. Hilbert space and applications: orthogonality principle, discrete Wiener and Kalman filters, linear prediction, lattice filters. 3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 224 and ECE 101 or ECE 114 or permission of instructor

ECE 305 Computer Security
This course covers attack and defense perspectives of applied information security. Topics will include networked and embedded applications, access controls systems and their failure modes, privilege escalation, case studies and some applied cryptography. Safe practices and OS flaw mitigation will be reinforced through security-sensitive programming projects. Course work will include penetration testing, code auditing and independent programming projects using professional auditing frameworks. 3 credits. Prerequisite: CS 102

ECE 311 Modern DSP Hardware
Advanced modern digital signal processors—algorithm design and implementation for parallel and reconfigurable hardware platforms. Systems to be studied include FPGAs, multi-core processors, GPUs, HDL, validation and performance evaluation. A wide variety of target applications will be considered, selected according to student and instructor interest. 3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 114 and ECE 151

ECE 313 Music & Engineering
Spectral representation and analysis of music. Analog and digital music signals, instruments and synthesizers, analog circuits and digital processing. Description of musical quality and perception, introduction to acoustics, stereo and special effects. Computer interfaces with MIDI and laboratory experiments. 3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 111 and ECE 150
ECE 314 Audio Engineering Projects
An introduction to design, implementation, fabrication and modification of musical and audio electronics and hardware in a laboratory environment. Projects will include analog and digital signal processing for audio signals, with focus on implementation of real-time algorithms in hardware. Additional projects will include design and implementation of electro-mechanical systems and transducers for audio input/output/display. Formal and informal lectures will include examples drawn from standard implementations, safety concerns, audio-specific design and construction techniques; participation in oral presentations and technical reports will be required.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 141 and ECE 151, or ME 151 and ME 153.

ECE 321 Control Systems Design
Control system design using Bode plots, Nichols chart, root locus. Design by pole placement, Ackermann’s formula, state-variable feedback, Cascade compensation, minor-loop feedback. Controller and estimator design, regulator systems, systems with a reference input. Introduction to digital control: hybrid analog-digital control systems, sampled-data systems, digital extensions of Bode and Nyquist plots. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 121.

ECE 322 Embedded System Design
Hardware and software design for embedded systems. SBC and microcontroller architectures, A/D and D/A conversion, signal conditioning, interfacing and controlling electronic and electro-mechanical systems. Assembly language and high-level language programming; efficient use of computational and physical resources, considerations for speed and robustness, debugging methods, use of simulators and in-circuit emulators. The course is project-based, and students are required to design and construct an embedded system.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 121 and ECE 151.

ECE 341 Integrated Circuit Engineering
3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 142.

ECE 343 Bio-instrumentation and Sensing
The basic human vital signs and some related elementary physiology viewed from an engineering standpoint with special emphasis placed upon current electronic measurement methods. Electrocardiographic and electromyographic signals. Safety problems related to electrical isolation. Guarded, fully isolated, modular carrier operational amplifiers and micropower-level amplification. Solid-state “grain of wheat” pressure sensors, microelectrodes, thermal probes, ultrasonic transducers and other biosignal sensors. Course work includes instrumentation and sensing projects.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 114 and ECE 142.

ECE 357 Computer Operating Systems
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 151 and ECE 161.

ECE 361 Software Engineering & Large Systems Design
This course teaches about the development stages of large, robust, expandable software systems developed as part of a team. Topics include project management, capturing requirements, system design, UML, program design, testing, delivery and maintenance. The class will develop a large project as a team using Java throughout the semester. Tools, libraries and techniques necessary for the project will be covered in class: e.g., Eclipse, Javadoc, XML, SOAP, servlets, threads and processes, Swing, JUnit, mySQL, JDBC, etc. The specific resources might change from semester to semester.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 165.

ECE 391 Research Problem
An elective course open to qualified upper division students. Students may approach an EE faculty member and apply to carry out research on problems of mutual interest in theoretical or applied electrical and computer engineering. Student performs creative work with faculty guidance.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.

ECE 392 Research Problem II (continuation of ECE 391)
3 credits. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.

ECE 399 Selected Topics in Electrical & Computer Engineering
Subjects may include seminars on topics related to advances in technology, current research areas. Also individual research, design and development or study of subjects in electrical and computer engineering.
1-3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor.

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ECE 401 Selected Topics in Communication Theory
Advanced topics in communications engineering, selected according to student and instructor interest.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 101 and permission of instructor.

ECE 402 Selected Topics in Probability & Stochastic Processes
Advanced topics in applied probability or stochastic processes. Possible areas of study include: Markov processes, queueing theory, information theory, stochastic systems, financial engineering.
1-3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 302 or permission of instructor.

ECE 403 Advanced Communication Networks
A continuation of topics from ECE 103. Technical readings, case studies, and research in network architectures and protocols. Related topics such as distributed computing and ad hoc sensor networks may be covered as well. Topics from probability, stochastic processes and graph theory are presented as needed for the analysis and simulation of communication networks.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 103.

ECE 405 Advanced Digital Communications
Advanced digital modulation including formats with memory, continuous-phase and constant-envelope schemes. Performance analysis for AWGN and other channels. Multitone and multicarrier communications. Spread spectrum with applications to multiple access schemes and secure communications. CDMA: PN sequence generation and properties, multi-user detection. Additional topics as time permits.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 101 and ECE 202.

ECE 406 Applied Monte Carlo Methods
Application of Monte Carlo methods to interdisciplinary areas of science and engineering. Application areas include (but not limited to) electromagnetics, device modeling, circuit analysis, heat transfer, biomedical engineering and financial engineering. Course work includes programming projects (MATLAB, C or another language of choice).
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 240 and prior exposure to engineering applications of ordinary or partial differential equations.

ECE 407 Wireless System Design
Hands-on exposure to the design and implementation of modern digital communication systems using software-defined radio (SDR) technology. The prototyping and real-time experimentation of these systems via SDR will enable greater flexibility in the assessment of design trade-offs as well as the illustration of “real world” operational behavior. Laboratory modules for performance comparisons with quantitative analytical techniques will be conducted in order to reinforce digital communication system design concepts. A large course project consisting of original research will be required. Course topics include SDR architectures and implementations, digital signal processing and data transmission analysis in noise, digital receiver structures (matched filtering, correlation), multicarrier communication techniques, radio frequency spectrum sensing and identification (energy detection, matched filtering), and fundamentals of radio resource management.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 141 and ECE 101.
ECE 408 Wireless Communications
Survey of cellular mobile radio systems and formats, including market trends and technological advances. The emphasis is on CDMA and 3G systems, and emerging schemes such as WiFi networks, although TDMA systems will be discussed as well. Propagation and multipath fading channel models and simulation. Cellular system capacity, traffic models, multiple-access techniques, handoff and power control algorithms. Modulation formats, detection schemes and performance. Mitigating fading: pulse shaping, OFDM, MLSE(Viterbi). DSP algorithms for baseband processing. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 101

ECE 410 Radar & Sensor Array Processing
Terminology and system overview for modern radar and sensor array systems; antenna parameters; radar signals and waveforms; Doppler processing; detection; synthetic aperture imaging (SAR); beamforming and space-time array processing (STAP); adaptive methods; additional topics may be covered according to student and instructor interest. Computer simulations and readings in the technical literature. 3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 101 and ECE 114

ECE 411 Selected Topics in Signal Processing
Advanced topics in signal processing selected according to student and instructor interest. 3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 101 or ECE 114

ECE 412 Machine Learning
Machine learning of structural relationships among variables from empirical data. Decision theory, Bayesian methods. Classification: naïve Bayes, linear discriminant analysis, support vector machines (SVM), boosting. Regression: least-squares, regularization methods, logistic regression. Clustering using k-means and EM algorithms. Model selection: bias-variance tradeoff, cross-validation, over-fitting. Feature selection and dimensionality reduction methods including PCA, ICA, MDS, Kernel methods. Other topics may be covered as time permits. 3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 223, Ma224; either ECE 111, CHE 151 or ESC 161

ECE 415 Wavelets and Multiresolution Imaging (same as MA 415)
Wavelets and multiresolution signal processing with an emphasis on 2D and 3D cases. STFT, wavelet analysis, wavelet packets, DWT. Multirate filter banks, PH and paraunitary conditions, multiresolution filters; multidimensional sampling lattices. Bases, frames and sparse representations. Image and video applications such as: compression, noise reduction, tomography and other inverse problems, hyperspectral imaging, compressive sensing. Course work includes MATLAB tutorial and readings in the technical literature. 3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 114 and MA 326 or permission of instructor

ECE 416 Adaptive Filters
Statistical signal processing theory: discrete-time Wiener and Kalman filters, linear prediction, steepest descent and stochastic gradient. LMS, normalized LMS, LS, RLS, QR-RLS, order-recursive algorithms. Applications include equalization, noise cancellation, system identification, sensor array processing. Numerical linear algebra: eigenanalysis, SVD, matrix factorizations. Transversal filters, lattice filters, systolic arrays. Performance: convergence, learning curves, misadjustment, tracking in nonstationary environments. Additional topics such as adaptive IIR filters, neural networks and quantization effects may be covered as time allows. Extensive use of MATLAB. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 114 or permission of instructor

ECE 417 Design for Custom DSP Hardware
Design of programmable and custom digital signal processors, and realization of DSP algorithms in specialized architectures. Features of programmable DSPs such as data- and instruction-memory structures, and techniques for optimization of their performance. Applications of graph theory and passivity theory to map DSP algorithms to custom structures: SFGs, DFGs, retiming, folding and unfolding, lattice and orthogonal filters, scheduling and allocation, systolic architectures. Optimization with respect to number of hardware units, speed (sample period and latency), VLSI area, power consumption and performance (quantization effects). Special CAD tools and languages for rapid prototyping. Case studies and programming exercises. 3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 114 and ECE 151

ECE 418 Digital Video
Digital video coding, compression, processing and communications. Target applications from low bit-rate, low quality to high bit-rate, high quality. Two- and three-dimensional sampling, color spaces, motion representation. Motion estimation: optical flow, block-matching; constrained optimization: Bayesian methods, simulated annealing, Gibbs random fields. Mathematical basis for compression standards such as JPEG and MPEG, and digital television including HDTV. Rate-distortion based compression for optimal bit allocation via dynamic programming (Viterbi algorithm). Scalability in multimedia systems. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 114

ECE 419 Signals and Security
Applications of digital signal processing to security, including biometrics and watermarking. Topics in statistical signal processing, image processing, pattern recognition and computer security are presented as the basis for algorithmic methods and secure system design. Overview of various biometric modalities, including fingerprint, voice and face; biometric fusion and system performance. Watermarking: insertion of information into digital signals (e.g., documents, music, video) for identification or security purposes. Course work includes reading in technical literature. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 114

ECE 420 Electrical Behavior of Cells
Application of circuit and cable theory, waveguides, lasers, distributed feedback, vertical cavity lasers, bandwidth minimization, and analysis by the Nyquist, root locus and Bode methods. The modified Routh–Hurwitz and Jury stability criteria. The state-variable approach: state equations of dynamic systems with sample and hold devices, state equations of systems with all-digital elements. Digital simulation and approximation. Controllability, observability and stability. State and output feedback, state observers and the separation principle. Digital control system design by state feedback. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 121

ECE 421 Advanced Control System Design
Design of control systems using two- degrees of freedom and PID compensators. Ackermann’s formula, H-infinity control theory and applications. Analysis and design for nonlinear systems using describing function, state-variables, Lyapunov’s stability criterion and Popov’s method. Introduction to optimal control theory (dynamic programming). Design problems and extensive use of MATLAB. 3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 114 and ECE 121

ECE 425 Digital Control Systems
Basic components of digitally controlled dynamic systems. Sampling and reconstruction: the ideal sampler, zero and higher order hold elements. The pulse transfer function and the z-transfer function description of dynamic systems. Stability criterion and analysis by the Nyquist, root locus and Bode methods. The modified Routh–Hurwitz and Jury stability criteria. The state-variable approach: state equations of dynamic systems with sample and hold devices, state equations of systems with all-digital elements. Digital simulation and approximation. Controllability, observability and stability. State and output feedback, state observers and the separation principle. Digital control system design by state feedback. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 121

ECE 431 Microwave Engineering
Passive circuits, open-boundary waveguides, perturbation theory, coupled modes, waveguide junctions, microstrip. Two- and three-terminal devices; varactor diodes; Gunn diodes; IMPATT and MESFET technology. Design of RF amplifiers and phase-shifters. Computer-aided simulation and design. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 125

ECE 433 Optical Communications Devices & Systems
PIN, avalanche and Schottky photodiodes; risetime, noise, amplifier requirements. Semiconductor optical devices: radiative and non-radiative recombination, quantum semiconductors, heterojunctions, quantum wells, bandwidth minimization, lasers, distributed feedback, vertical cavity structures. Internal and external modulation, electro-optic modulators, Stark effect. Optical fibers: mode structure, attenuation, dispersion, PM fibers, WDM. System architecture, analog/ digital communications, data link protocols. Solitons. 3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 142 and ECE 135

ECE 434 Bioelectricity
Electrical behavior of cellular membranes. Ion transport, electrochemical equilibrium, applications of circuit and cable theory, Hodgkin-Huxley model, resting and action potentials. Generation and propagation of signals within the nervous system and the heart. Case studies and consideration of topics of current research interest, such as: developmental biology, regenerative medicine, neural prostheses, tissue engineering. 3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 141 or ESC 120, PH 213
ECE 441 Digital Integrated Circuit Engineering
Design of static and dynamic CMOS combinational logic gates, layout and simulation. Standard cell construction. Sequential logic systems—registers, latches, clocks. Design of arithmetic building blocks, ALU, multipliers. Memory circuits and organization. PFDs. System design—hardware description languages, floorplanning, system architecture. A major component of the course is the design and fabrication of an ASIC using a variety of VLSI CAD tools.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 341

ECE 442 Communication Electronics
Circuit design for advanced communications applications. Design of high-frequency amplifiers, oscillators and mixers using large signal analysis. Effects of noise and non-linearities are examined from the diode and transistor level to board level. Communication subsystems of interest include phase locked loops, modulators and demodulators (AM, PM, FM), and signal processors for multiple access systems (TDMA, FDMA, CDMA). Course work includes computer-aided simulation and design projects.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 101, ECE 135 and ECE 142

ECE 443 Thin-Film Electronics
3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 142

ECE 445 Design with Operational Amplifiers
Analysis and design of operational amplifier circuits with various applications, including amplifiers, filters, comparators, signal generators, D/A and A/D converters and phase-locked loops. Introduction to issues such as static and dynamic limitations, noise and stability. Use of industry standard CAD software.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 142

ECE 446 Low-Voltage, Low-Power Electronic Circuit Design
The physics and modeling of submicron MOS transistors for analog and digital circuit design. Circuit techniques for the design of low-power, low-voltage digital combinational logic, multipliers, memory and system design. Circuit techniques for the low-power, low-voltage analog circuits including the design of low-voltage constant g_m differential amplifiers. The use of switched capacitor circuits for analog signal processing. The course will culminate with the design and simulation of a low-voltage low-power mixed signal circuit.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 142, ECE 341 or permission of instructor

ECE 453 Advanced Computer Architecture
This course studies modern, advanced techniques used to design and produce current, state-of-the-art computer architectures. Technology, performance and price. The quantitative principles of Amdahl’s law: Instruction sets; addressing modes, operands and opcodes; encoding instruction sets. RISC versus CISC architectures; MIPS. Pipelining: the classic five-stage pipeline, hazards, exceptions, floating point operations. Advanced pipelining techniques: dynamic scheduling, branch prediction. Multiple issue, speculation. Limits of parallelism. Compiler support for parallelism, VLIW. Caches. Examination of modern processors.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 151

ECE 460 Selected Topics in Computer Engineering
Advanced topics in computer hardware or software engineering selected according to student and instructor interest. Prerequisites will depend on the topics to be covered.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

ECE 461 Advanced Programming Mixed Signal Circuits
This course addresses the need for engineers to craft algorithmic solutions to problems of ever-increasing complexity. The curriculum includes consideration of the man-machine interface, real-time control, remote sensing and computing in a distributed environment. Software fault tolerance and reliability and unbreakable database transactions. Computer network security and network reliability, safety of data through authentication and encryption. Engineering trade-offs between efficiency and portability and design for maintenance.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 151 and ECE 185

ECE 462 Interactive Engineering Graphics
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 151 and ECE 185

ECE 464 Databases
Engineering and design of databases. Topics to be covered may include: data models, database and schema design; schema normalization and integrity constraints; query processing and optimization; distributed and parallel databases; SQL and XML.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 111, ECE 151 and ECE 181

ECE 465 Interactive CAD
This course covers many subtopics of AI, focusing on a few important subtopics in detail. The “intelligent agent” approach is explained and forms a foundation for the rest of the course. Intelligent search: uninformed search, depth-first search, breadth-first search, iterative deepening; informed search, best-first search, A*, heuristics, hill climbing; constraint satisfaction problems; intelligent game playing, minimax search, alpha-beta pruning. Machine learning: probability, Bayesian learning; decision trees; statistical machine learning, neural networks, Naive Bayes, k-nearest neighbors, support vector machines. Natural language processing: syntax, semantics and pragmatics; real-world knowledge; parsing; statistical NLP. Philosophy of AI: AI and consciousness, the Turing test, the Chinese room experiment. Coursework includes two large individual programming projects.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 111, ECE 151 and ECE 181

ECE 466 Low-Voltage, Low-Power Mixed Signal Circuit Design
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 151 and ECE 185

ECE 467 Low-Voltage, Low-Power Mixed Signal Circuit Design
The physics and modeling of submicron MOS transistors for analog and digital circuit design. Circuit techniques for the design of low-power, low-voltage digital combinational logic, multipliers, memory and system design. Circuit techniques for the low-power, low-voltage analog circuits including the design of low-voltage constant g_m differential amplifiers. The use of switched capacitor circuits for analog signal processing. The course will culminate with the design and simulation of a low-voltage low-power mixed signal circuit.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 142, ECE 341 or permission of instructor

ECE 468 Computer Vision
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 111, ECE 151 and ECE 181

ECE 469 Artificial Intelligence
This course covers many subtopics of AI, focusing on a few important subtopics in detail. The “intelligent agent” approach is explained and forms a foundation for the rest of the course. Intelligent search: uninformed search, depth-first search, breadth-first search, iterative deepening; informed search, best-first search, A*, heuristics, hill climbing; constraint satisfaction problems; intelligent game playing, minimax search, alpha-beta pruning. Machine learning: probability, Bayesian learning; decision trees; statistical machine learning, neural networks, Naive Bayes, k-nearest neighbors, support vector machines. Natural language processing: syntax, semantics and pragmatics; real-world knowledge; parsing; statistical NLP. Philosophy of AI: AI and consciousness, the Turing test, the Chinese room experiment. Coursework includes two large individual programming projects.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 111, ECE 151 and ECE 181

ECE 471 Selected Topics in Computer Engineering
Subjects may include study in electrical and computer engineering, or seminars on topics related to advances in technology. This course may not be used to expand the number of credits of thesis, or cover material related to the thesis.
1-3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

ECE 472 Thesis/Project
Master’s candidates are required to conduct, under the guidance of a faculty adviser, an original individual investigation of a problem in electrical and computer engineering and to submit a written thesis describing the results of the work.
8 credits over 1 year
Mechanical Engineering

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ME 100 Stress and Applied Elasticity
Three-dimensional theory of elasticity; state of stress, state of strain, elastic stress-strain relations. Applications include elementary three-dimensional problems, plane stress and plane strain, Saint Venant’s long cylinder, beams and plates. Computer-aided design projects.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 101

ME 101 Mechanical Vibrations
Mechanical systems with single and multiple degrees of freedom; longitudinal, torsional and lateral vibrations; free and forced oscillations; vibration testing, dynamic stability, vibration isolation, design criteria. Computer-aided design assignments.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ESC 101 and Ma 240

ME 105 Drawing and Sketching for Engineers (same as EID 105)

ME 116 Musical Instrument Design (same as EID 116)
Theory and use of musical scales, including just intonation and equal temperament systems. Musical harmony and basic ear training. Human hearing and the subjective measures of sound: pitch, loudness and timbre. Acoustic analysis of design and operating principles of traditional instruments, including members of the percussion, string and wind families. Prototyping and testing of original musical instrument concepts.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

ME 120 Design Elements
Application of the principles of mechanics to the design of basic machine elements; study of components subjected to static, impact and fatigue loading; influence of stress concentration; deflection of statically determinate and indeterminate structures by the energy method. Design projects apply basic criteria to the design of shafts, springs, screws and various frictional elements; design projects make use of computer-aided design and modeling techniques.
2 credits. Prerequisite: ME 100

ME 130 Advanced Thermodynamics
Equations of state; properties of pure substances; ideal and real gas and gas-vapor mixture properties, fundamental process and cycle analysis of ideal and real systems; modern gas and vapor power cycles and refrigeration cycles. Computer applications to problem solving.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 130

ME 131 Energetics (same as EID 131)
Current and near-term energy sources, including coal, oil, natural gas, nuclear fission, hydroelectric, oil shale and refuse. Description of contemporary methods of energy conversion including conventional utility power plants and nuclear power plants. Introduction to direct energy conversion; magneto-hydrodynamics, fuel cells, thermionic and thermoelectric. Design of the thermodynamic operation of a steam power plant.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 130

ME 133 Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration (same as EID 133)
Introduction to air-conditioning, heating and refrigeration, with emphasis on application of thermodynamics, fluid dynamics, mass transfer and heat transfer, psychrometrics, cycles, load calculation, component and system performance; absorption, refrigeration, heat pumps, solar heating and cooling.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ESC 130 and ESC 140

ME 140 Gas Dynamics
Integral form of the conservation equations; one-dimensional compressible flows, including isentropic flow, isothermal flow, flow with friction, flow with heat transfer and normal and oblique shock waves; general one-dimensional flow. Computer applications and a semester-long design project.
3 credits. Prerequisites: ME 130 and ESC 140

ME 141 Fundamentals of Aerodynamics
Study of incompressible potential flow around bodies of aerodynamic interest, by the use of equations of motion, method of singularities and conformal transformation. Investigation of experimental results and techniques. Consideration of the effects of viscosity and transition from laminar to turbulent flow. A design-oriented project, usually involving application of computer methods, will be required.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 140

ME 142 Heat Transfer: Fundamentals and Design Applications
One-dimensional steady-state conduction. Two-dimensional steady-state conduction and transient conduction: finite-difference equations and computational solution methods. Convection; introduction to laminar and turbulent viscous flows; external and internal forced convection problems, including exact and numerical solution techniques; free convection. Introduction to radiation heat transfer and multimode problems. Open-ended design projects will include application to fin heat exchangers, tube banks and radiation enclosures and will make use of computer-aided design techniques.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 140

ME 151 Feedback Control Systems
Modeling and representation of dynamic physical systems: transfer functions, block diagrams, state equations, and transient response. Principles of feedback control and linear analysis including root locus and frequency response methods. Practical applications and computer simulations using MATLAB. Discussions of ethics will be integrated into the curriculum.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 240 and ESC 161

ME 153 Mechatronics (same as EID 153)
Topics include computer architecture, PIC processor overview, dynamic modeling, sensors, data acquisition, digital PID control theory, and utilization of assembly language to code the controller. Students will design, build and test a controller board and present a final prototype of a control system. Engineering economics will be introduced and integrated into the final project.
Prerequisite: ME 151 or ECE 121 or CHE 152

ME 155 Design and Prototyping
A mechanical engineering hands-on workshop geared towards the understanding and practice of basic engineering design and fabrication tools. Topics include hand tools, simple machining, mold making, casting, materials, fasteners, adhesives, and finishes. 3-D digitizing, solid modeling, rapid prototyping and computer interfacing will also be presented. Team projects will familiarize the students with typical tools and processes employed in realizing a design concept, from sketch to functional prototype. Each student will participate in and contribute to the team-learning and creation process.
2 credits. Prerequisites: EID 101 and EID 103

ME 160 Engineering Experimentation
Election, calibration and use of subsystems for the measurement of mechanical, thermal/fluid and electrical phenomena. Laboratory work includes investigations of heat exchangers, fluid systems and internal combustion engines. Emphasis is placed on data collection and statistical reduction, computational methods and written and oral presentation skills.
3 credits. Prerequisites: none

ME 163 Mechanical Engineering Projects
Open investigations, involving design and experimental work which allow the application of engineering sciences to the analysis and synthesis of devices or systems and permit the deepening of experience in engineering decision making. Projects are carried out in small groups and are supervised by the instructor in accordance with professional practice.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

ME 164 Capstone Senior ME Design
The application of open-ended design work to the synthesis of engineering devices and systems for the satisfaction of a specified need. Consideration of market requirements, production costs, safety and aesthetics. Projects are carried out in small groups and are supervised by the instructor in accordance with professional practice. The goal of the course is to create a working design, clearly defined in drawings and specifications.
3 credits. Prerequisite or corequisite: ME 163

ME 165 Sound and Space (same as EID 165)
Basics of acoustics, including sound waves, room and hall acoustics and metrics of sound. Audio engineering, including microphones, signal processors, amplifiers and loudspeakers. Skills and techniques using Pro Tools brand audio editor system to create original sonic and musical compositions. Public exhibition of an electronic music program.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

ME 300 Space Dynamics
Fundamental principles of advanced dynamics; kinematics, transformation or coordinates; particle and rigid body dynamics. Application to space problems, satellite orbits, gyro-dynamics, space vehicle motion; performance and optimization. Generalized theories of mechanics; virtual work, D’Alembert’s principle; Lagrange’s equation; Hamilton’s principle.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 180
ME 312 Manufacture Engineering (same as EID 312)  
Study of metal processing theory and application with emphasis on casting, machining, and metal deformation processes; plastic forming; special processing techniques; work-holder design principles. Specific areas studied include stages of processing, mathematical modeling of processes, equipment determination, relationship of plant layout, tooling, metrology, and product design to product cost.  
3 credits. Prerequisites: ME 142 and ME 155

ME 320 Mechanical Design  
Mechanical design of basic transmission elements; design optimization by blending fundamental principles and engineering judgment; design criteria for the various frictional machine elements. Design projects provide authentic involvement in problems from industry; design projects make use of computer, experimental and modeling techniques.  
3 credits. Prerequisite: ME 120

ME 330 Internal Combustion Engine Design  
A broad analytical and experimental review of the governing parameters involved in piston engine design and optimization. Thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, heat transfer, combustion, emissions, thermochemistry, dynamic and static loading, and fuel efficiency, as they apply to different engine cycles and types, are covered. Varied research examples from industry, government, and academia, with particular emphasis on automotive engine design, are analyzed from first principles. Students develop hands-on learning skills through computational and experimental assignments.  
3 credits. Prerequisite: ME 130

ME 334 Combustion (same as EID 334)  
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 141 or ME 142

ME 363-364 Selected Topics in Mechanical Engineering  
This course will deal with current technological developments in various fields of mechanical engineering. Projects and design will be emphasized.  
3 credits each. Prerequisite: ME faculty permission

ME 365 Mechanical Engineering Research Problem  
An elective course available to qualified students. Students may elect to consult with an ME faculty member and apply to carry out independent research on problems of mutual interest in theoretical or applied mechanical engineering.  
3 credits. Prerequisites: ME faculty permission and senior standing. May be repeated

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ME 401 Advanced Mechanical Vibrations  
Combined analytical and experimental approach to mechanical vibration issues; characterization of the dynamic behavior of a structure in terms of its modal parameters; digital data acquisition and signal processing; experimental modal analysis procedures and excitation techniques; extraction of modal parameters from measured frequency response functions. Students will acquire hands-on experience with impact hammer and shaker data acquisition and analysis.  
3 credits. Prerequisite: ME 101

ME 405 Automotive Engineering Fundamentals  
An introductory course in modern automotive design, covering aspects of prime movers, aerodynamics, brakes, tires, steering, transmission, suspension and handling, chassis and advanced hybrid powertrain concepts. Simulations and physical prototyping give students a hands-on approach to the design, optimization, fabrication and testing of various vehicle subsystems in a team-based learning environment.  
3 credits. Prerequisite: ME 130 or permission of instructor

ME 407 Introduction to Computational Fluid Dynamics  
The need for and applications of computational fluid dynamics (CFD). Introduction to CFD analysis and commercially available codes. Governing equations and numerical solution methodologies for basic fluid flow systems. Geometric modeling and grid generation. Examination of various physical models. Use of a commercial CFD code.  
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 140

ME 408 Introduction to Computer Aided Engineering (CAE)  
Theory and practical applications of computer aided engineering methodologies, and use of multiphysics software, in mechanical engineering practices. Topics include principal modeling and solution techniques, computational geometry applications, modeling of mechanical engineering problems, and non-linear and dynamic problem solving. Students use typical commercial software packages to work on practical case studies.  
3 credits. Prerequisite: ME 100

ME 412 Autonomous Mobile Robots  
This course introduces basic concepts, technologies, and limitations of autonomous mobile robots. Topics include digital and analog I/O, tactile sensing, IR sensing and range finding, light sensing, sonar, magnetic field sensing, encoders, DC motor actuators, servo motor actuators, high-level microprocessor control, low-level microprocessor control, power management, and prototyping. Students will form teams to design and build autonomous mobile robots configured to compete with each other in a singles-match game, or to perform a team-oriented task.  
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 110 or ESC 110.1

ME 413 Microelectromechanical Systems (MEMS)  
Advances in the design, fabrication, analysis and control of microelectromechanical systems (MEMS) have positioned MEMS at the forefront of high-value, cutting-edge technologies. The scope of this course covers both the fundamental and advanced aspects of MEMS. Topics include introduction to MEMS, materials and fabrication processes, sensors and actuators, microfluidics, scaling principles, device concepts and system design. MEMS processing simulation and modeling, testing and packaging of MEMS will also be presented. Furthermore, exposure to basic MEMS processing and cleanroom protocol will be included.  
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 110 or ESC 110.1

ME 415 Introduction to Nanotechnology  
Understanding and control of matter at dimensions in the range from one to 100 nanometers for novel applications are the main objectives of nanotechnology. The scope of this course encompasses nanoscale science and engineering. Typical topics will include the unique properties of some nanometer scale materials, processing and fabrication technologies for nanomaterials, imaging, measuring, modeling and manipulating matter at this length scale. In addition, laboratory demonstrations on nanomaterials processing, nanocoating/ templating and self-assembling of nanosstructures will be included.  
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 110 or ESC 110.1

ME 430 Thermodynamics of Special Systems (same as EID 430 and ChE 430)  
3 credits. Prerequisite: ME 130

ME 432 Introduction to Nuclear Power Plant Technology  
Nuclear power provides a high-potential form of alternative energy, with significant safety constraints. The course centers on the study of a typical US commercial nuclear power plant—its design philosophy and analysis of nuclear steam supply system and balance of plant systems (including heat exchangers, pumps, relief valves, etc.) for normal operation and standby state and transactive accident analysis, and longer term spent fuel storage. The course utilizes disciplines/methods of thermodynamics, heat transfer and fluid flow, and plant drawings and data. Analysis includes Three Mile Island Accident, a small break loss-of-coolant accident. When feasible, this course includes a tour of an operating nuclear power plant.  
3 credits. Prerequisites: ESC 130 and ESC 140

ME 434 Special Topics In Combustion (same as ChE 434)  
Analysis of diffusion and premixed flame processes, including droplet and particle flames, combustion in sprays, chemical reactions in boundary layers, combustion instability in liquid and solid rocket engines and gas burner flames. Consideration of ignition and quenching processes and flammability limits.  
3 credits. Prerequisite: ME 334
ME 440 Advanced Fluid Mechanics (same as EID 440 and ChE 440) 3 credits. Prerequisites: ESC 140 and permission of instructor

ME 458 Industrial Robots (same as EID 458) Basic concepts, techniques, and limitations of modern industrial robots; industrial automation; robot programming languages; definition and description of a robot work space; application of transform and operator matrices in industrial robotics. Student projects include computer programming of forward and inverse kinematics, and application programming with an industrial robot. 3 credits. Prerequisite: ME 151

ME 493-494 Selected Advanced Topics in Mechanical Engineering These courses will deal with current advanced technological developments in various fields of mechanical engineering. Projects and design will be emphasized. 3 credits. Prerequisites: ME faculty permission and graduate standing

ME 499 Thesis/Project Master's candidates are required to conduct, under the guidance of a faculty adviser, an original investigation of a problem in mechanical engineering, individually or in a group and to submit a written thesis describing the results of the work. 6 credits for full year

Chemistry

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Ch 110 General Chemistry An introduction to the general scientific principles associated with chemistry. This course will deal with fundamental ideas such as the concept of the atom, the molecule, the mole and their applications to chemical problems. The classical topics include: dimensional analysis and significant figures; atomic weights; periodic properties; chemical reactions and stoichiometry; redox reactions; ideal gas law and real gas equations of state; the liquid state and intermolecular forces; solution concentrations; chemical equilibrium and equilibrium constants; acids and bases; solubility equilibria; nomenclature of inorganic and organic compounds. The topics for atomic and molecular properties include: atomic structure and the quantum theory; electronic structure of atoms; the covalent bond and bond properties; molecular geometries and hybridization; molecular orbital theory. 3 credits. Prerequisite: none

Ch 111 General Chemistry Laboratory Methods of quantitative analysis are used to explore chemical reactions and analyze unknowns. Modern chemical instrumentation as well as "classic" wet chemistry analytical techniques are covered. Statistical analysis of the experimental data is used to analyze results. Chemical laboratory safety and industrial chemical regulations are covered, as are the fundamentals of writing a technical report. 1.5 credits. Prerequisite: Ch 110; corequisite: Ch 180

Ch 160 Physical Principles of Chemistry The study of physicochemical properties will be extended and advanced. The laws of thermodynamics, which involve energy, entropy, enthalpy and free energy concepts, will be applied to chemical systems. Other topics include: vapor pressures and colligative properties of solutions; the phase rule; kinetics of homogeneous reactions; electrolytic conductance and electrochemistry. 3 credits. Prerequisite: Ch 110, Ma 111; corequisite: Ch 111

Ch 231 Organic Chemistry I Bond types and strengths, structural theory, bond angles and hybrid bonds; covalent bonds, polarity of bonds and molecules; dipole moments; molar refraction; melting points and boiling points relative to properties and natures of molecules; solubilities based on structures; functional groups; critical temperature, pressure and volume as a function of structure and functional groups, prediction of vapor pressure curves, latent heats. Nomenclature isomers and properties. Resonance and delocalization of charge phenomena; acidity and basicity (Lewis concept). 3 credits. Prerequisite: Ch 160

Ch 232 Organic Chemistry II Extension of Ch 231 to systematic study of aliphatic and aromatic compounds, with emphasis on functional behavior and interpretation of mechanisms and bond types, polyfunctional compounds, carbohydrates and heterocyclic compounds. 2 credits (2 lecture hours). Prerequisite: Ch 231; corequisite: Ch 233

Ch 233 Organic Chemistry Laboratory Laboratory work will cover subject matter studied in Ch 231 and Ch 232, including synthesis and type reactions and identification of organic compounds. 2 credits (4 laboratory hours) Prerequisite: Ch 231

Ch 251 Instrumental Analysis Laboratory Fundamental principles of instrumental methods will be covered, including laboratory applications and limitations in scientific research. Specific methods include electrometric, such as polarography, electro-gravimetry and potentiometry, optical (such as visible and ultraviolet absorption), spectroscopy, emission spectroscopy and infrared spectroscopy; and other techniques such as chromatography and mass spectroscopy shall be included. 2 credits (4 laboratory hours). Prerequisite: Ch 180

Ch 261 Physical Chemistry I With an emphasis on the basic theoretical justifications underlying observed physical phenomena, quantum mechanics will be developed and applied to the study of chemical systems with an emphasis on interpreting spectroscopic data. Modern methods of computational molecular modeling are introduced. Statistical mechanics is introduced as a link between quantum mechanics and thermodynamics. 3 credits. Prerequisites: Ch 180 and Ph 214

Ch 262 Physical Chemistry II Continuation of Ch 261 with emphasis on electrochemistry, chemical kinetics and solid state chemistry. Selected topics. 2 credits. Prerequisite: Ch 261

Ch 333 Advanced Organic Chemistry Modern areas of organic chemistry, including synthesis, structure determination, stereo-chemistry and conformational analysis, reaction mechanisms, photochemistry, conservation of orbital symmetry, molecular rearrangements and other selected topics. Advanced laboratory studies in research problem form. Typical problems would involve studies of the synthesis, structure and properties of organic compounds, utilizing modern instrumental techniques. Independent laboratory work may be arranged. 3 credits. (2 hours of lecture; 4 hours of Laboratory). Prerequisite: Ch 232

Ch 334 Physical Organic Chemistry Molecular orbital theory in organic chemistry, orbital symmetry and stereoelectronic selection rules, rate theory, kinetic isotope effects, carbonium ions and rearrangements, acid-base catalysis, quantitative correlations of reactivity and other selected topics. 3 credits. Prerequisites: Ch 232 and Ch 261

Ch 340 Biochemistry This course in the fundamentals of biochemistry will cover the following: Chemistry of carbohydrates, lipids, amino acids, proteins, and nucleotides; bioenergetics, kinetics and mechanisms of enzymes; and an introduction to molecular genetics, and biochemical dynamics of DNA and RNA. 3 credits. Prerequisites: Bio 101 and Ch 231
**Ch 363 Advanced Physical Chemistry**
Modern applications of physical chemistry and chemical physics are developed. Topics covered include: Quantum and classical statistical mechanics, phase space, and fluctuations. Intermolecular forces and their experimental/theoretical determination. Computational molecular modeling, including ab initio, semiempirical and molecular mechanics predictions of molecular properties, as well as Monte Carlo and molecular dynamics methods. Some projects will require computer programming. Applications to reactions, rare clusters, polymers, surface adsorbates and biomolecules are considered. Guest speakers from academia and industry are invited to share their perspectives.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ch 261 and Ch 262, or permission from instructor.

**Ch 364 Solid-State Chemistry**
Solid-state reactions; nucleation and diffusion theory; thin films of elements and compounds; current topics.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ch 262.

**Ch 365 Chemical Kinetics**
Fundamental study of chemical reaction systems in gaseous and condensed phases; absolute rate theory; collision theory; energetics from molecular and macroscopic viewpoints. Experimental rate techniques, interpretation of experimental data. Reaction mechanisms and models for complex and elementary reactions. Homogeneous and surface catalysis; enzyme-controlled reaction rates.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ch 262.

**Ch 370 Inorganic Chemistry**
The vast and fascinating chemistry of inorganic compounds and materials will be covered. Atomic structure and the periodic table; molecular symmetry and spectroscopy selection rules; coordination chemistry; ligand-field theory and other electrostatic bonding models; superconductivity mechanisms; organometallic chemistry; chemistry of the heavy elements; nuclear chemistry. Chemistry and physics of ionic and molecular solids; atomic and molecular clusters; chemisorption and physisorption of surface-bound species; cage compounds and catalysts; biorganic chemistry. A useful course for chemical engineers to extend their knowledge of inorganic chemistry beyond the content of Ch 110. Strongly recommended for students interested in graduate work in chemistry.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ch 110, Ch 160, Ch 231 and Ch 261.

**Ch 380 Selected Topics in Chemistry**
Study of topics related to specialized areas as well as advanced fundamentals.
2-6 credits. Prerequisite: Chemistry faculty approval required.

**Ch 391 Research Problem I**
An elective course available to any qualified and interested student irrespective of year or major. Students may approach a faculty member and apply to carry out independent research on problems of mutual interest, in pure or applied chemistry. Topics may range from the completely practical to the highly theoretical, and each student is encouraged to do creative work on his or her own with faculty guidance.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of research adviser and student’s adviser(s).

**Ch 392 to 398 Research Problem II to VIII**
This is intended to allow students to continue ongoing research.
3 credits each. Prerequisite: permission of research adviser and student’s adviser(s).

**GRADUATE**

**Ch 440 Biochemistry II**
(continuation of Ch 340)
Discussion of metabolism: Glycolysis, Glycogen Metabolism, Transport through membranes including ATP-Driven Active Transport and Ion Gradient-Driven Active Transport, Citric Acid Cycle, Electron Transport and Oxidative Phosphorylation, Lipid Metabolism including Fatty Acid Oxidation and Biosynthesis, Cholesterol Metabolism, Arachidonate Metabolism, Prostaglandins, Prostacyclins, Thromboxanes and Leukotrienes; DNA Repair and Recombination, Eukaryotic Gene Expression including Chromosome Structure, Genomic Organization, Control of Expression, Cell Differentiation.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ch 340.

**Mathematics**

**UNDERGRADUATE**

**Ma 110 Introduction to Linear Algebra**
2 credits. Prerequisites: none.

**Ma 111 Calculus I**
Functions; limit of functions, continuity. The derivative and its applications: curve sketching, maxima and minima, related rates, velocity and acceleration in one dimension; trigonometric, exponential, logarithmic and hyperbolic functions. Definite and indefinite integrals; area, the fundamental theorem, techniques of integration.
4 credits. Prerequisites: none.

**Ma 113 Calculus II**
4 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 111, prerequisite or corequisite: Ma 110.

**Ma 151.1 Mathematics in Art**
This course deals with the period beginning with Pythagoras in ancient Greece and goes up to the present day. Topics include: Goedel’s incompleteness theorem, Euclidean and non-Euclidean geometries, infinity, paradoxes, soap film experiments. Also discussed are black holes, the Big-Bang theory, relativity and quantum theory. The course is open to all Cooper Union students but is primarily oriented toward making the above-mentioned concepts comprehensible to those with very little mathematics in their background. Engineering students should see the Mathematics faculty and their adviser(s) for permission to take this course. The relatedness of seemingly distant fields (science, art, mathematics, music) is a central theme of the course.
3 credits. Prerequisites: none.

**Ma 223 Vector Calculus**
2 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 110 and Ma 113. Usually given in fall and spring semesters.

**Ma 224 Probability**
2 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 113, corequisite: Ma 223. Usually given in both fall and spring semesters.

**Ma 224.1 Probability and Statistics**
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 113; corequisite Ma 223.

**Ma 240 Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations**
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 113.

**Ma 242 Ordinary and Partial Differential Equations**
Field, vector space, linear independence, subspace, basis, and dimension. Finite-dimensional vector space theory, including linear transformations, rank, matrix representation, coordinate transformation, systems of linear equations, and matrix algebra. Determinants, eigenvalues, and eigenvectors. Inner product space theory, including orthogonal matrices and quadratic forms. Canonical form.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 223.

**Ma 326 Linear Algebra**
Field, vector space, linear independence, subspace, basis, and dimension. Finite-dimensional vector space theory, including linear transformations, rank, matrix representation, coordinate transformation, systems of linear equations, and matrix algebra. Determinants, eigenvalues, and eigenvectors. Inner product space theory, including orthogonal matrices and quadratic forms. Canonical form.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 223.
Ma 336 Mathematical Statistics
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 223 and Ma 224

Ma 337 Operations Research
Linear programming, simplex method, graphs and network theory, dynamic programming, game theory, queues, variational techniques, duality, Markov chains, Monte Carlo simulation, decision theory. Special topics depending on student interest, possibly including language questions, integer programming, nonlinear programming and topics from mathematical biology, econometrics and other applications of mathematics to the sciences and social sciences.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 224

Ma 341 Differential Geometry
Theory of curves and surfaces, curvature, torsion, mean and Gaussian curvatures length, area, geodesics, 1st and 2nd quadratic forms, conformation mapping, minimal surfaces, tensor formulation and applications.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 223 and permission of instructor

Ma 344 Tensor Analysis
Tensor algebra, covariant and contravariant tensors, metric tensors, Christoffel symbols and applications.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 326

Ma 345 Functions of a Complex Variable
Topological properties of complex plane, complex analytic functions, Cauchy-Riemann equations, line integrals, Cauchy’s integral theorem and formula. Taylor series, uniform convergence, residues, analytic continuation, conformal mappings and applications.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 223

Ma 347 Modern Algebra
Sets and mappings, the integers: well ordering, induction residue class arithmetic, Euler-Fermat theorems. Permutation groups: cyclic decompositions, transpositions, conjugate classes of permutations. Abstract groups: morphisms, subgroups, cyclic groups, coset decompositions. Factor and isomorphism theorems. Direct products of groups. Sylow’s theorems.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 326

Ma 350 Advanced Calculus I
Sets and functions, topological properties of real line, continuity and uniform continuity, differentiability, mean value theorems, the Riemann-Stieltjes integral and Taylor’s theorem.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 223

Ma 351 Advanced Calculus II
Uniform convergence. Differentiation of transformations, inverse and implicit function theorems. Applications to geometry and analysis.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 350

Ma 352 Discrete Mathematics
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 110

Ma 370 Selected Topics in Mathematics
This is a seminar course involving discussion of topics in pure or applied mathematics that will be chosen by mutual agreement between the students and the instructor. Students will work independently on projects that may be of special interest to them.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 326 and permission of the mathematics faculty

Ma 381 Seminar
Individual investigation of selected topics in pure or applied mathematics, centered on a subject to be agreed on between students and the faculty leader. Emphasis will be on training in independent reading of mathematical literature, oral presentations and group discussions of the theory and problems. Credits and class hours to be determined by faculty on individual basis. Prerequisite: Ma 223

Ma 382 Seminar (continuation of Ma 381)
Credits to be determined by faculty on individual basis. Prerequisite: Ma 381

Ma 391 Research Problem 1
An elective course available to qualified upper division students. Students may approach a faculty member and apply to carry out independent research on problems of mutual interest in pure or applied mathematics. Each student is encouraged to do independent creative work with faculty guidance.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 240 and permission of research adviser

Ma 392 Research Problem 2
Continuation of Ma 391
This is intended to allow students to continue ongoing research.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 381 and permission of research adviser

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Ma 401 Boundary Value Problems
Orthogonal polynomials, Fourier series, properties of Legendre polynomials and Bessel functions. Applications to the wave equation and the differential equations of heat transfer in several dimensions.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 223 and Ma 240

Ma 402 Numerical Analysis
Techniques for the solutions of ordinary and partial differential equations, the classical problems of linear algebra, integration and systems of nonlinear equations. Error analysis, convergence and stability theory. Course assignments will include use of computing facilities.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 223 and Ma 240

Ma 403 Special Topics in Applied Mathematics
Introduction to the general theory of partial differential equations; existence and uniqueness of solutions; integral equations; computational techniques using finite-element and probabilistic methods. Other current topics in engineering may be included also.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 223 and Ma 240

Ma 415 Wavelets and Multiresolution Imaging (same as ECE 415)
3 credits. Prerequisites: ECE 114 and Ma 326 or permission of instructor

Ma 417 Mathematics of Medical Imaging
Mathematical basis for various medical imaging methods including CT, MRI, PET, Radon transform, tomography (recovery from projections), inverse problems, artifacts and noise. Mathematical physics of related topics such as wave propagation, signal generation, and detection, quantum mechanics.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 240, Ma 326 or permission of instructor

Ma 470 Selected Advanced Topics in Mathematics
Selected topics in Mathematics treated at an advanced level.
Credits to be determined by Mathematics faculty. Prerequisites: Ma 326 and permission of faculty member

Physics

UNDERGRADUATE

Ph 112 Physics I: Mechanics
Static equilibrium, kinematics, Newton’s Law’s, non-inertial frames of reference, system of particles, work and energy, linear and angular momentum, rigid body motion, conservation laws, oscillation.
4 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 110, Ma 111, corequisite: Ma 113

Ph 151 Optics: The Physical Basis of What Is Seen
This course is intended primarily for students in the Schools of Art and Architecture. It requires little mathematical background, but much interest in such questions as: Why are sunsets red? Why does colorless rain splatter dark on the pavement? How do one-way mirrors work? Topics will include light and color; mirrors, lenses and optical devices; reflection, refraction, absorption, emission, interference, diffraction and polarization of light; addition and subtraction of “color,” the visual response of the eye. There also will be special topics based upon student interest. Emphasis will be on scientific concepts and their application to optical and visual phenomena.
3 credits. Cannot be used to satisfy any degree requirement in the School of Engineering. Prerequisite: none
Ph 165 Concepts of Physics I
An introduction to physics with an emphasis on statics and dynamics.
2 credits. Prerequisites: Ma 160, CS 102; corequisite: Ma 163. Cannot be used to satisfy any degree requirement in the School of Engineering

Ph 166 Concepts of Physics II (continuation of Ph 165)
Additional topics include optics, waves and an introduction to structural analysis.
2 credits. Cannot be used to satisfy any degree requirement in the School of Engineering. Prerequisite: Ph 165; corequisite: Ma 164.

Ph 213 Physics II: Electromagnetic Phenomena
Oscillations; transverse and longitudinal waves. Electric fields; Gauss’ Law; electric potential; corequisite: Ma 164. Ph 214 Physics III: Optics and Phenomena
Ph 213 Physics II: Electromagnetic Phenomena
Oscillations; transverse and longitudinal waves. Electric fields; Gauss’ Law; electric potential; corequisite: Ma 164. Ph 214 Physics III: Optics and Phenomena
Ph 215 Microcontroller Projects in Physics
This course will introduce students to the Arduino prototyping platform, diverse sensors and output devices that may be interfaced to the Arduino, and the programming languages (“Arduino” and “Processing”) required for stand-alone operation or interaction with an attached PC. A typical project will involve developing hardware and associated software that requires the study of, and ultimately illustrates, basic physics principles—for example, the construction of a self-focusing telescope. Ideally, student projects will be integrated into the physics lecture courses as demonstration apparatus. The basics of circuit theory that are required for this course will be taught to those who have not yet completed Ph 213. [Students need not be skilled programmers or have any prior knowledge of circuits for this course.] 3 credits. Prerequisites: CS102, Ph112, and permission of instructor

Ph 235 Physics Simulations
Students will be taught how to numerically solve ordinary differential equations using 4th order techniques such as Runge-Kutta and Adams-Bashforth-Moulton in the Python programming language. These techniques will be used to solve diverse physics problems not amenable to simple analytical solution, such as no body gravitational motion, the motion of charged particles in a magnetic bottle, the behavior of a car’s suspension on a bumpy road. Emphasis is placed on physically accurate modeling (e.g. satisfying conservation laws to high accuracy) and the effective use of computer graphics/animation for the presentation of results. (Students need not have significant programming experience for this course.) 3 credits. Prerequisites: CS102, Ph112, Ma113, and permission of instructor

Ph 291 Introductory Physics Laboratory
Physical measurements and analysis of experimental data. The experiments test and apply some basic principles selected from the following fields: mechanics, sound, electromagnetic, optics and modern physics. Experiments and topics may vary each semester. Digital and analog laboratory instruments; computer acquisition and analysis of data. Estimate of systematic and random error, propagation of error, interpretation of results. This course complements the lecture course, Ph 112, Ph 213, Ph 214. 1.5 credits. Prerequisite: Ph 112; corequisite: Ph 213, Ma 240

Ph 327 Topics in Modern Physics
Seminar course with student participation in several topics of current interest in experimental and theoretical science. 3 credits. Prerequisite: Ph 214

Ph 328 Relativity and Electrodynamics
Languages to tensors; formulation of electromagnetic theory. Special and general theories of relativity. Topics include space-time transformations, electromagnetic stress-energy momentum tensor, four space curvature and gravitational field equations, description of basic experiments, gravitational waves, cosmological models. 2 credits. Prerequisite: Ph 214

Ph 330/EID 330 Introduction to Neurophysiology and the Biophysics of Neural Computation
This course will introduce students to the fundamentals of neurophysiology through a combination of traditional classroom instruction and laboratories. Each topic covered will include a physiological introduction, laboratory exploration, physical/mathematical analysis and computer modeling. Topics include biophysics of single neurons (e.g., ion movement through cell membranes, generation of action potentials, synapses and neurotransmitters), Hodgkin-Huxley and other related models of neural excitability, signal detection and signal reconstruction and neural coding in sensory systems. In the laboratories, students will learn a variety of extracellular and intracellular experimental techniques using invertebrate preparations. The class will culminate with an independent project. 3 credits. Prerequisites: Ph 213, Ph 214, Ph 291, Ma 240 and permission of instructor

Ph 331 Systems Neuroscience
This is a lecture, laboratory and discussion course which will explore systems-level functions of the nervous system. Topics include sensory coding and motor control, neural encoding and decoding, learning and memory, dynamics of large networks, computing with population codes, perception and interfacing technology with the nervous system. The laboratories will consist of both computational and experimental exercises with students exploring principles of nervous system design and function. The class will culminate with an independent group project. 2 hours of lecture per week plus give 3 hour lab sessions over the course of the semester. 3 credits. Prerequisite: Ph/EID 330

Ph 346 Quantum Physics of Solids
Why do silicon, calcite and copper have very different properties even though they have similar densities of electrons? The answer is quantum mechanics and its application to band theory. Band theory provides some of the most direct tests of quantum mechanics. The course will develop the theory to explain thermal and electrical properties of everyday materials. We shall see how quantum mechanics and Fermi statistics successfully explained these properties when classical physics could not. The course will provide the concepts and quantum mechanical training needed to understand, for example, the workings of semiconductor devices. It will also provide theoretical understandings of material properties like thermal and electrical conductivity, optical reflection and transmission coefficients that you have seen in mechanics, E&M and modern physics. Topics covered will include: Drude and Sommerfield Models; Bloch’s Theorem and periodic potentials; the nearly free electron model; tight binding model; band structures; semiconductors and insulators; band structure engineering. The mathematics required to understand the concepts will be developed as we go through the topics. 3 credits. Prerequisites: Ph 112, Ph 213, and Ph 214

Ph 360 Special Projects in Physics
Special projects in experimental or theoretical physics. Credits and prerequisites determined in each case by the physics faculty

Ph 370 Astrophysics
A quantitative introduction to astronomy and astrophysics with an emphasis on understanding the physical processes underlying astronomical phenomena. Topics include: stellar formation, structure and evolution; interacting binaries; white dwarfs; neutron stars and black holes; star clusters; interstellar medium; galactic structure and evolution; quasars and active galactic nuclei; galactic clusters; cosmology. Prior knowledge of astronomy is not necessary. 3 credits. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor

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Ph 429 Deterministic Chaos with Engineering Applications
A simple mathematical formalism explains how a nonlinear system with no random element may be intrinsically unpredictable even when its governing equations are known. The mathematics of chaos (including fractals) will be presented, with applications drawn from mechanical, biological, chemical processes, the weather, electric circuits; lasers; general relativity; models of war; the economy; the spread of epidemics, etc. 3 credits. Prerequisites: Ph 214, Ma 113 (Ma 240 preferred) and CS 102
Biological Sciences

Bio 101 Biology for Engineers I
This course will examine in depth the genetics, molecular and cellular biology, pathology, toxins, microbiology and environment as they relate to humans and disease using organ-based or systems biology approaches (e.g., gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, urinary endocrine, etc.). Major assignments will be individualized to student’s interests and majors when possible. As such, this course will provide the biological fundamentals for further study in biotransport, biochemistry, graduate school in biomedical engineering, etc. Combined with Biology 102 and Biochemistry, it will provide a solid foundation for medical school.
3 credits (includes lab experience). Prerequisites: Ch 110 and Ch 160 or permission of instructor.

Bio 102 Biology for Engineers II
This course will provide human biology fundamentals to springboard into research projects at the intersection of biology and engineering. Topics will include anatomy and physiology of musculoskeletal and other major organ systems not covered in Bio 101, imaging modalities, concepts behind diagnostic and therapeutic surgical procedures, and their limitations, human body repair, artificial organs, tissue engineering, immunology and cancer. Students will develop an extensive biological vocabulary and have requisite knowledge for further study in biomechanics, rehabilitation medicine, biomaterials, bioremediation, etc.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing preferred, but freshman with AP Biology welcome.

Computer Science

CS 102 Introduction to Computer Science
Introduction to Engineering Problem Solving using algorithms and their design. Logics and basic analysis techniques are explored using programming languages C and Python. Students will also master one or more significant engineering design packages such as MATLAB, AUTOCAD, SolidWorks, etc. Projects will be assigned.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ph 214, Ma 240 and permission of instructor.

Engineering Sciences

ESC 000.1–000.4 Engineering Professional Development Seminars
The Engineering Professional Seminars and Workshops offer students an introduction to the profession of engineering as well as aspects of their development as students. The Cooper Union’s CONNECT program is an integral part of these courses and provides intensive training in effective communications skills. Additionally, a wide range of topics is covered including ethics, environmental awareness, lifelong learning, career development, interpersonal skills, work-place issues, and professional licensure.
0 credits. Attendance required by all first and second year students. Pass/Fail grade based on attendance. Failing grade does not affect GPA or ability to graduate and does not appear on the final transcript. Successful completion will be noted on the final transcript.

ESC 100 Engineering Mechanics
Equivalent system of forces, distributed forces; forces in structure; friction forces. Particle and rigid body mechanics; kinematics, kinetics. Newton’s laws of motion; work and energy; impulse and momentum.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ph 112

ESC 101 Mechanics of Materials
Introduction to solid mechanics; analysis of stress and deformation. Extension; flexure; torsion. Axisymmetric problems, beam theory; elastic stability, yield and failure theory.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 100

ESC 110 Materials Science
The objective of this course is to promote an understanding of the relationship between the molecular structure of a material and its physical properties. Topics include bonding in atoms and molecules, crystallinity, metals and alloys, polymers, mechanical properties of inorganic materials and composite materials.
3 credits. Prerequisites: none

ESC 110.1 Materials Science for Chemical Engineers
Understanding relationships among atomic or molecular structures, physical properties and performances of substances. Bonding, crystallinity, metals, alloys and polymers. Mechanical properties of inorganic and composite materials. Selection of materials for process equipment design, its effect on economics. Design concerning effect of corrosion and its prevention. 3 credits. Prerequisites: ESC 100

ESC 120 Principles of Electrical Engineering
Survey of Electrical Engineering for the non-major. Signal and circuit analysis, DC and AC circuits, transients, frequency response and filters, power systems. Additional topics may be covered as time permits.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 113

ESC 121 Basic Principles of Electrical Engineering
Selection of topics from ESC 120. This class meets with ESC 120 for the first ten (10) weeks.
2 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 113

ESC 130 Engineering Thermodynamics
Rigorous development of the basic principles of classical thermodynamics. Zeroth, first and second laws of thermodynamics and their applications to open and closed systems. Analysis of thermodynamic processes, properties of real substances and thermodynamic diagrams.
3 credits. Prerequisites: none

ESC 130.1 Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics
First law of thermodynamics for closed systems; perfect gases, 2- and 3-phase systems of one component; transient and steady state analyses using the first law of thermodynamics for open systems; second law of thermodynamics; introduction to concepts of entropy, Gibbs free energy and Helmholtz free energy; derivation and application of equations describing the auxiliary thermodynamic functions and conditions of equilibrium in imperfect gases.
3 credits. Prerequisites: Ch 160 or ESC 170

ESC 140 Fluid Mechanics and Flow Systems
Introductory concepts of fluid mechanics and fluid statistics. Development and applications of differential forms of basic equations. Dynamics of inviscid and viscous fluids, flow measurement and dimensional analysis with applications in fluid dynamics. Friction loss and friction factor correlation, design of piping systems.
3 credits.

ESC 141 Transport Phenomena
A unified approach to the rate processes involved in heat, mass and momentum transfer, including chemically reactive systems; reviews of generalized rate equation, mechanisms of transport processes; equations of continuity, motion and energy; applications to conduction, radiation, convective heat and mass transfer and diffusion; emphasis on the derivation of the applicable differential equations and methods of solving same for both laminar and turbulent flows; macroscopic balances for non-isothermal systems.
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 140

ESC 160 Systems Analysis
An introductory course in the basic concepts and techniques of systems analysis and optimization and their applications to the planning, design and managing of large-scale engineering systems. Topics include production functions, marginal analysis, linear and dynamic programming, decision analysis, project evaluation and selection, systems modeling and economic methods. Methodology is demonstrated through design projects.
3 credits. Prerequisites: none

ESC 161 Systems Engineering
An introductory course to the mathematical modeling of systems. Topics include mechanical elements and systems, electric circuits and analogous systems, fluid elements and systems, analysis of systems using transfer functions, state space equations, analog simulation and digital simulation. Also covered are block diagrams, Laplace transforms, and linear system analysis. Computer projects will be assigned that will use MATLAB software.
3 credits. Prerequisites: none
EID 100 Engineering Drafting and Computer-Aided Design

Students learn skills in visualizing and documenting engineering designs, and in use of computer-aided design software. This course takes students through a hands-on learning experience in the practice of traditional engineering drafting techniques as well as contemporary computer-aided design tools, such as AutoCAD and SolidWorks. Topics include technical drawing and engineering graphics, conception and visualization of 3D engineering models, parts and assemblies, and detailed generative 2D drawings.

1 credit. Prerequisites: none

EID 101 Engineering Design and Problem Solving

Students work on cutting-edge, exploratory design projects in interdisciplinary groups of 20 to 25. Each project has an industrial sponsor/partner who is available for student/faculty consultation and support. Oral and visual presentations as well as formal written reports are required for all projects. Professional competencies, teamwork, human values and social concerns are stressed in the engineering design. 

3 credits. Prerequisites: none

EID 103 Principles of Design

This course is designed to introduce students from all disciplines to the concepts of rational design. It is open to first-year students and sophomores. In the first part of the course students will learn by hands-on experience the importance of giving attention at the design stage to consideration of accessibility, repair, replacement, choice of materials, recycling, safety, etc. Students will develop the ability to make observations and record them in suitable form for further analysis of the design process. From this, concepts of “good” design will be developed, and students will be introduced to the formal design axioms and principles. This will lead to the second part of the course which will consist of a comprehensive, realistic design problem. Creativity, intuition and cultivation of engineering “common sense” will be fostered within the framework of design principles and axioms. The course will constitute a direct introduction to the disciplines in their interdisciplinary context.

3 credits. Prerequisite: EID 101

EID 105 Drawing and Sketching for Engineers (same as ME 105)

This course introduces engineering students to the fundamentals of free-hand drawing and sketching with an emphasis on the interpretation and communication of insights, concepts and dimensioned solutions. Drawings and sketches are often the first steps in innovative engineering solutions and invention. The primary goal of this course is to provide a comprehensive foundation in traditional drawing and sketching methods for engineers.

2 credits. Prerequisites: none

EID 110 Engineering Design Graphics

This course is for students who are well versed in basic AutoCAD and want to develop their 3D modeling skills plus learn how to customize the system. Course work includes writing custom AutoCAD menus and programs that are useful for the various engineering disciplines, using the Lisp programming language. Students will be given a number of 3D modeling assignments throughout the semester, building up to a final term project that utilizes their 3D modeling skills as well as their programming and customization knowledge.

3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

EID 120 Foundations of Bioengineering

An introduction to the engineering study of biological systems. Basic physiochemical and organization principles applicable to biological systems. Topics include membrane structure and function, physiology of the circulatory system, and an introduction to biochemistry and biological transport phenomena.

3 credits. Prerequisite: Ch 180

EID 121 Biotransport Phenomena

Engineering principles are used to mathematically model momentum, heat and mass transfer processes that occur in biological systems. After a general introduction to human anatomy and physiology, topics examined include blood rheology, circulatory system fluid dynamics, whole body heat transfer, vascular heat transfer, oxygen transport in tissue and blood, pharmacokinetics and the design of an artificial kidney (hemodialysis).

3 credits. Prerequisite: junior standing

EID 122 Biomaterials


3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

EID 123 Biosystems and Instrumentation

Introduction to mathematical modelling and the formulation of analogs for biological systems. Electrical aspects of nerve signals, coupled with their analysis and measurement. Design and construction of electro-cardiographic systems. Computer analysis of electro-cardiograms. Applications of systems theory to various physiological subsystems including muscle response and pupillary-retinal response. Laboratory work required.

3 credits. Prerequisite: Superior grades or at least one course in control theory. Suggested for seniors only

EID 124 Injury Biomechanics and Safety Design


3 credits. Prerequisites: ESC 100 and ESC 110

EID 125 Biomechanics

An in-depth treatment of orthopaedic biomechanics, including freebody analysis applied to the musculoskeletal system, applied statics, dynamics and kinematics. Clinical problems relating to biomechanics. Lubrication theory applied to hard and soft tissues. Mechanical testing of tissue, including both static tests and dynamic tests. Tensor treatment of kinematic motions. Extensive reference to current literature. Muscle function, evaluation and testing. Exploration of the concepts of development of muscular power, work and fatigue.

3 credits. Prerequisites: ESC 100 and permission of instructor

EID 131 Energetics (same as ME 131)

3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 130

EID 133 Air-Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration (same as ME 133)

3 credits. Prerequisites: ESC 130 and ESC 140

EID 140 Environmental Systems Engineering (same as CE 141)

3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

EID 141 Air Pollution Control Systems


3 credits. Prerequisites: none

EID 142 Water Resources Engineering (same as CE 142)

4.5 credits (3 hours of lecture, 3 hours of laboratory). Prerequisite: ESC 140

EID 153 Mechatronics (same as CE 153)
EID 160 Acoustics, Noise and Vibration Control
Interdisciplinary overview of acoustics and its applications in industrial and environmental noise control, acoustics of buildings, vibration systems and control. Topics include: sound levels, decibels and directivity, hearing, hearing loss and psychological effect of noise, noise control criteria and regulations, instrumentation, source of noise, room acoustics, acoustics of walls, enclosures and barriers, acoustics materials and structures, vibration control systems; design projects. 3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

EID 165 Sound and Space (same as ME 165)
Basics of acoustics, including sound waves, room and hall acoustics and metrics of sound. Audio engineering, including microphones, signal processors, amplifiers and loudspeakers. Skills and techniques using Pro Tools brand audio editor system to create original sonic and musical compositions. Public exhibition of an electronic music program. 3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

EID 170 Engineering Economy
Comparison of alternatives in monetary terms; meaning and use of interest rates; results evaluation including intangibles; risk in alternatives; principles underlying the determination of economic life; depreciation and depreciation accounting; financing business ventures; financial statement analysis; replacement of capital assets. 3 credits. Prerequisite: Ma 113

EID 176 Legal and Ethical Aspects of Engineering
A survey of the courts and their jurisdiction; civil and criminal law; equity jurisprudence; expert witness, contracts and the importance of business law to the engineer. Other topics include patents, trademarks and copyrights; product liability; unfair competition; professional ethics and professional advancement. 3 credits. Prerequisite: none

EID 300 Special Research Project
Students will work on individual projects in engineering under supervision of faculty. Problems will vary according to individual interest. Permission to register is required from the Office of the Dean of Engineering. Students on academic probation are ineligible for registration. 3-8 credits. Prerequisite: permission of faculty and dean's office

EID 311 Production Automation
Concepts and principles of automated production lines; analysis of high volume, discrete parts production systems in metal working industry; partial automation; mechanized assembly systems. Features of numerically controlled machine tools, NC part programming, control loops of NC systems, computerized numerical control, adaptive control system, group technology, flexible manufacturing systems, application of manufacturing engineering principles to optimize manufacturing process flow. Student projects with emphasis upon design and application. 3 credits. Prerequisite: CS 102

EID 312 Manufacturing Engineering (same as ME 312)
3 credits. Prerequisite: EID 101

EID 313 Science of Material for Engineering Design (same as ME 313)
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 110 or ESC 110.1

EID 320 Special Topics in Bioengineering
Seminars on topics of current interest in biotechnology. 3 credits. Prerequisite: a basic understanding of engineering mechanics and materials and permission of instructor. May be repeated

EID 325 Science and Application of Bioengineering Technology
The overall purpose of the course is to provide the student with a general overview of the scope of bioengineering. The major areas in the course are design in biomedical engineering, tissue engineering, medical imaging, cardiovascular, vision, rehabilitation, musculoskeletal system, robotic surgery and medical business. 3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

EID 326 Ergonomics
Principles of human-machine interactions with emphasis on the design of the workplace/machine, for maximum output or minimum risk to the operator. Mechanics of injury; case studies. 3 credits. Prerequisite: EID 120

EID 327 Tissue Engineering
Tissue Engineering involves the application of engineering and the life sciences to gain a fundamental understanding of structure-function relationships in normal and pathological tissues and the development of biological substitutes to restore, maintain or improve tissue functions. This course will provide an introduction to the science, methods and applications of tissue engineering. Topics include quantitative cell biology, tissue characterization, engineering design and clinical implementation. 3 credits. Prerequisites: working knowledge of engineering fundamentals, senior standing or instructor approval

EID 330 Introduction to Neurophysiology and the Biophysics of Neural Computation (Same as Ph 330)
3 credits

EID 331 Systems Neuroscience (Same as Ph 331)
3 credits

EID 333 Renewable Energy Technologies
This course is designed as an introduction to renewable energy technologies, with special focus on wind energy, kinetic hydropower and solar energy. The course will address both the current technological status and the commercialization challenges facing each sector, including licensing, deployment, distribution and economic feasibility issues. Guest lectures by industry experts and field trips to various technology sites are planned. The course is open to all engineering juniors and seniors. 3 credits. Prerequisite: junior or senior standing

EID 356 Digital Control and Non-linear Control (same as ME 356)
3 credits. Prerequisite: ME 151

EID 357 Sustainable Engineering and Development
Sustainable engineering is examined, starting with an analysis of resources, (materials, energy, water) upon which manufacturing is based. Each resource is critically examined in terms of its availability and form and the ultimate impact of its usage on the state of the planet. A comparison of the design and construction of contemporary and primitive structure is used to illustrate the differences between the required infrastructure and environmental footprint, leading to a definition of “green” design. The technologies required to support contemporary lifestyles in the developed and the developing world are discussed within the context of manufacturing techniques, usage of natural resources and the generation of waste. Workshops, guest lectures and a term project incorporating the concepts of minimalism, materials usage, and aesthetic design are used to present students with a unique perspective engineering. 3 credits. Prerequisite: material covered in core engineering science and mathematics in Freshman and Sophomore years

EID 362 Interdisciplinary Senior Project I
Individual or group design projects in interdisciplinary areas of engineering. These projects are based on the interest of the students and must have the approval of their adviser(s) and course instructor. Periodic and final engineering reports and formal presentations are required for all projects. In addition to technical aspects projects must also address some of the following: economic feasibility environmental impact social impact, ethics, reliability and safety. 3 or 4 credits. Prerequisite: students are required to have completed necessary preparatory engineering courses related to the project topic

EID 363 Interdisciplinary Senior Project II Continuation of EID 362
3 or 4 credits. Prerequisite: EID 362

EID 364 Interdisciplinary Engineering Research Problem
An elective course, available to qualified upper division students. Students may approach a faculty mentor and apply to carry out independent or group projects in interdisciplinary fields. 3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of adviser(s)

EID 365 Engineering and Entrepreneurship
Students will learn the fundamentals of being an entrepreneur and operating a successful business. From its original idea to the open market, students will choose an engineering related project or service and learn the principles of accounting, marketing, managing, financing, and continuing research. Students are required to choose their own service or product and write a business plan as their final project. Lectures include case studies on the various projects and guest speakers from the industry. Readings include articles from journals and textbooks. 3 credits. Prerequisite: EID 101
EID 370 Business Economics
In this course, the class will carry out a real-time forecast of the U.S. economy and explore its implications for the bond and stock markets. The course will build upon principles of both macro- and micro-economics. It will provide an introduction to the work done by business economists and the techniques they use. Students will become familiar with the database looking for relationships between key economic variables, and studying movements in interest rates over the period 1966-present. The class will be divided into teams of two students with each team choosing a particular aspect of the economy to forecast. The class will also work with various leading indicators of economic activity and will prepare forecasts of the key components of gross domestic product and other important variables. A formal presentation of the economic with invited guests from the Wall Street investment world will take place. To put forecasting exercise in context, there will be class discussions of business cycles, credit cycles, long waves in inflation and interest rates and the impact of the Internet on the economy and the stock market.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

EID 421 Rehabilitation Engineering
Rehabilitation engineering is the application of engineering principles, technical expertise and design methodology in the development and provision of assistive technology, to help a person with a disability achieve his or her goals. Topics include the design of rehabilitation devices, human factors, client assessment, workplace assessment, high- and low-tech assistive devices and alternative and augmentative communication devices. Students will conduct research and design and lubricate custom assistive devices. Interdisciplinary teams will be encouraged.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

EID 422 Finite Element Methods
3 credits. Prerequisite: CE 122 or ME 100

EID 423 Measurement of Human Performance
Application of advanced engineering principles to the design of systems to evaluate muscle groups for strength, endurance and range of motion. Topics include isometric, isokinetic and sensibility testing, biofeedback, and strategies to minimize “faking.” Students will conduct intensive research and design and fabricate a device to evaluate a single muscle group. Interdisciplinary teams will be encouraged.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor
EID 437 Sustainability & Environmental Impact Assessment (same as CE 437)

EID 438 Industrial Waste Treatment Design (same as CE 440)
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

EID 439 Water and Wastewater Technology (same as CE 441)
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

EID 440 Advanced Fluid Mechanics (same as ChE 440 and ME 440)
3 credits. Prerequisite: ESC 140

EID 441 Advanced Heat and Mass Transfer (same as ChE 441)
3 credits. Prerequisite: EID 440 or ChE 440

EID 446 Pollution Prevention of Minimization (same as CE 446)
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

EID 447 Sustainability and Pollution (same as ChE 447)
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

EID 448 Environmental and Sanitary Engineering (same as CE 448)
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

EID 449 Hazardous Waste Management (same as CE 449)
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

EID 452 Principles of Interactive Computer Graphics
Point plotting, line drawing and raster graphics techniques. Two-dimensional transformations, clipping and windowing, graphical input devices and techniques. Graphics data structures and display lists. Principles of three-dimensional representation and solid modeling concepts. Specialized computer architectures for graphics. User interface design. Each student will undertake a design project to realize some aspect of the course material, related to his or her area of specialization. (This course will be limited to 8 students.)
3 credits. Prerequisite: ECE 161

EID 470/CE 470 Urban Security
3 credits. Prerequisites: CE 122 or ME 101 and permission of instructor

EID 480 Challenges Facing Engineering Start-ups in Innovative Technologies
This course will address the various issues facing engineering start-ups in innovative technologies such as urban security engineering businesses, distributed electric generators, biomedical engineering businesses. Topics include definition of mission and core values, business plans financing strategies, marketing considerations, intellectual property issues, employee relations and regulatory hurdles. The course will feature guest speakers with first-hand experience in relevant start-ups.
3 credits. Prerequisite: Open to seniors and graduate students

EID 481 Environmental Economics
How environmental regulations affect economic growth. Analytical framework and tools: valuing the environment for decision making; marginal damage function and marginal abatement cost; risk assessment; alternatives assessment; cost-benefit analysis; cost-effectiveness; distributive equity; precautionary principle. Issues relating to air, water, energy and materials. Environmental health issues. Creation of markets for new technologies.
3 credits. Prerequisite: permission of instructor

EID 488 Convex Optimization Techniques (same as ChE 488)
3 credits. Prerequisites: ChE 151 or ESC 161, Ma 326 (co-enrollment is fine) and permission of instructor
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