

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING MAJOR

Program Tracking Sheet

Effective for students entering AY 2026-2027

Name:	Class Year:
Advisor:	2 nd Major:

NOTES: Minimum total academic credit = 15 units

Residency Req.: Min. of 8 units must be completed at WPI

HUMANITIES AND ARTS (2 units)

All 5 HUA courses must be completed before beginning the Inquiry Seminar or Practicum. The Humanities and Arts Department will accept a maximum of 1/3 unit of AP credit towards the Humanities and Arts requirement.

Depth Component

Students must complete at least three thematically-related courses prior to the culminating Inquiry Seminar or Practicum in the same thematic area. At least one of the three courses should be at the 2000-level or above.

	Course	Term	Grade	Units
1				1/3
2				1/3
3				1/3
4	HU 3900 or HU 3910			1/3

Breadth Component

Students must take at least one course outside the grouping in which they complete their depth component. To identify breadth, courses are grouped in the following manner.

- i. art/art history, drama/theatre, and music (AR, TH, MU);
 - ii. modern languages (AB, CN, ISE, GN, SP);
 - iii. literature and writing rhetoric (EN, WR);
 - iv. history, humanities, and international and global studies (HI, HU, INTL);
 - v. philosophy and religion (PY, RE).
- Exception: May take all six courses in a modern language.

5				1/3
Humanities Elective				
6				1/3

WELLNESS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (4 WPE classes = 1/3 unit)

7				1/12
				1/12
				1/12
				1/12

SOCIAL SCIENCE (2/3 unit) ECON, ENV, GOV, PSY, SD, SOC, SS, STS, DEV, and ID2050

8				1/3
9				1/3

THE INTERACTIVE QUALIFYING PROJECT (1 unit)

10				1/3
11				1/3
12				1/3

FREE ELECTIVES (1 unit)

13				1/3
14				1/3
15				1/3

MATHEMATICS AND BASIC SCIENCE (3 2/3 units)

MATHEMATICS (6/3 units)

Must include Differential & Integral Calculus and Ordinary Differential Equations

16	MA 1021 Calculus I			1/3
17	MA 1022 Calculus II			1/3
18	MA 1023 Calculus III			1/3
19	MA 1024 Calculus IV			1/3
20	MA 2051 Ordinary Differential Equations			1/3
21	MA 2071 Linear Algebra			1/3

SCIENCE (3/3 unit)

One Chemistry and two Physics, OR one Physics and two Chemistry

22				1/3
23				1/3
24				1/3

STUDENT SELECTED COURSES (2/3 unit)

From the general category of Mathematics (MA) and/or Basic Science (BB, CH, PH, GE)

25				1/3
26				1/3

ENGINEERING SCIENCE AND DESIGN (6 1/3 units)

MECHANICAL SYSTEMS (4/3 unit)

27	ES 2501 Intro to Static Systems			1/3
28	ES 2502 Stress Analysis			1/3
29	ES 2503 Intro to Dynamic Systems			1/3
30	ME 4320 / ME 4322 / ME 4323 / ME 4324			1/3

THERMAL SYSTEMS (4/3 unit)

31	ES 3001 Intro to Thermodynamics			1/3
32	ES 3004 Fluid Mechanics			1/3
33	ES 3003 Heat Transfer			1/3
34	ME 4422 / ME 4429			1/3

OTHER COURSES (4/3 unit)

35	ES 2001 Intro to Material Science			1/3
36	ECE 2010 Intro to ECE			1/3
37	ME 3901 or ME 3902 Engineering Experimentation Options			1/3
38	Programming (ME 2312/ ME 4512/ BME 1004/ CS 1000/ CS 1004/ CS 1005/ CS 1101/ CS 1102)			1/3

MAJOR QUALIFYING PROJECT (3/3 unit)

39				1/3
40				1/3
41				1/3

ELECTIVES (4/3 unit)

Note 1: Elective courses from engineering disciplines may be selected at the 2000 or higher level. They may also include ES and ME courses at the 1000 level. 2/3 Unit of elective credits must be selected from ME 2000 or ME 3000 level courses or ES 3011 Control Engineering 1 or ES 3323 Advanced Computer Aided Design.

42				1/3
43				1/3
44				1/3
45				1/3

Note 2: ES 3001 can be replaced by CH 3510 or PH 2101. If CH or PH is used to cover thermodynamics, this course counts as a science; another engineering elective is then required.

Note 3: ECE 2010 or any ECE course other than ECE 1799.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM CHART

STUDENTS EARNING A B.S. DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING MUST COMPLETE 15 UNITS OF STUDY, DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

4 UNITS OF NON-TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

2 UNITS HUMANITIES AND ARTS	See WPI Requirements
1 UNIT INTERACTIVE QUALIFYING (IQP) PROJECT	See WPI Requirements
2/3 UNIT SOCIAL SCIENCE	See WPI Requirements
1/3 UNIT PHYSICAL EDUCATION	See WPI Requirements

1 UNIT FREE ELECTIVE

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3 2/3 UNITS OF MATHEMATICS (MA) AND BASIC SCIENCE (BB, CH, GE 2341, PH)

2 Units
Differential & Integral Calculus,
Ordinary Differential Equations, and
Linear Algebra

MATHEMATICS	
MA 1021	MA 1023
MA 1022	MA 1024
MA 2051	MA 2071

2/3 Units
Student Selected Courses from
the General Category of Mathematics
and/or Basic Science

3/3 Units
One Chemistry and Two Physics, OR
One Physics and Two Chemistry

SCIENCE	
CH 1010	CH 1020
PH 1110	PH 1120

6 1/3 UNITS OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

4/3 units required MECHANICAL SYSTEMS	4/3 units required THERMAL SYSTEMS	4/3 units required OTHER COURSES	1 unit required MAJOR QUALIFYING PROJECT (MQP)	4/3 units required ELECTIVES
ES 2501 ES 2502 ES 2503 One of: ME 4320 ME 4322 ME 4323 ME 4324	ES 3001 ² ES 3004 ES 3003 One of: ME 4422 ME4429	ES 2001 ECE 2010 ³ ME 3901/ME 3902 Programming (ME 2312, ME 4512, BME 1004, CS 1000, CS 1004, CS 1005, CS 1101, or CS 1102)		Engineering (Note 1)

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Note 3: ECE 2010 or any ECE course other than ECE 1799.



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4-year Plan Template

Name:	Class Year:
Advisor(s):	Major(s)/Minor(s):

Year 1					
	A-term	B-term	C-term	D-term	E-term (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

Notes:

Year 2					
	A-term	B-term	C-term	D-term	E-term (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

Notes:

Year 3					
	A-term	B-term	C-term	D-term	E-term (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

Notes:

Year 4					
	A-term	B-term	C-term	D-term	E-term (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

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