B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering

Catalog Year 2024-25

Below is the *advised sequence* of courses for this degree program as of 10/24/2023.

Official degree requirements and course prerequisites are found in the University General Catalog; prerequisites are subject to change.

Course Number and Title	Units	Prerequisites/Enrollment Requirements
1 st Semester		
MATH 122 A/B or MATH 125 Calculus I with Applications	5/3	Appropriate Math Placement
*MSE 109 – Foundations of Materials Chemistry for Applications or CHEM 151 Chemical Thinking I or CHEM 161/163	4	Appropriate Math Placement
ENGL 101 or 107 or 109H First-Year Composition	3	
ENGR 102A/B Introduction to Engineering or ENGR 102	3	ENGR102A: MATH 112 ENGR102B: Pre- or Co-requisite of MATH 112 or higher; First-Year Status; College of Engineering Major
UNIV 101 Intro to the General Education Experience	1	
Semester Total	14 /16	
2 nd Semester		
MATH 129 Calculus II	3	MATH 122B or 125 with C or better
MSE 110 Solid State Chemistry	4	CHEM 151 or 161/163
*PHYS 141 Introductory Mechanics or PHYS 161H	4	MATH 122B or 125 or Appropriate Math Placement Level
ENGL 102 or 108 First-Year Composition	3	ENGL 101 or ENGL 107
General Education: Exploring Perspectives (Humanist)	3	
Semester Total	17	
3 rd Semester		
MSE 222 Introduction to Materials Science and Engineering I – Fall Only	3	CHEM 151; MSE 110 or CHEM 152; MATH 122B or MATH 125
MATH 223 Vector Calculus	4	MATH 129 with C or better
PHYS 241 Introductory Electricity and Magnetism or PHYS 261H	4	For PHYS 241 or 261H: PHYS 141 or 140 or 161H; MATH 129 or Appropriate Math Placement Level
MSE 280 Introduction to Computer Methods in MSE – Fall Only	2	MATH 129; MSE 110
General Education: Exploring Perspectives (Social Scientist)	3	
Semester Total	16	
4 th Semester		
MSE 223R Introduction to Materials Science and Engineering II - Spring Only	3	MSE 222 or 331R
MSE 223L Materials Processing Laboratory - Spring Only	2	
MSE 345 Thermodynamics - Spring Only	4	MATH 129, CHEM 151; MSE 110 or CHEM 152 or Department Consent, and Adv Stdg.
MATH 254 Intro to Ordinary Differential Equations	3	MATH 129 or 223 with C or better
†General Education: Building Connections	3	
Semester Total	15	

^{*}Each of the following foundational science courses satisfies the requirements for General Education: Exploring Perspectives (Natural Scientist): CHEM 151 or 152 or 161 or 162; or PHYS 141 or 161H.

Advanced Standing is required for 300- and 400-level engineering courses (see your academic advisor for details).				
Course Number and Title	Units	Comments		
5 th Semester				
MSE Technical Elective	3	Consult major advisor for course approval		
Math Elective	3	Consult major advisor for course approval		
MSE 370 Mechanical Behavior of Materials – Fall Only	3			
ECE 207 Elements of Electrical Engineering	3			
MSE 365 Physical Properties of Materials – Fall Only	3			
Semester Total	15			
6 th Semester				
MSE 360L Materials Lab – Spring Only	1			
MSE Technical Elective	3	Consult major advisor for course approval		
MSE 480 Advanced Characterization Methods in MSE – Spring Only	3			
MSE 415 Transport Phenomena & Kinetics in Materials Processing – Spring Only	4			
Advanced Science Elective	3	Consult major advisor for course approval		
General Education: Exploring Perspectives (Artist)	3			
Semester Total	17			
7 th Semester				
ENGR 498A Interdisciplinary Capstone (Fall Only) or MSE 498 Senior Capstone	3	Senior Status		
MSE Technical Elective	3	Consult major advisor for course approval		
Technical Elective - **CE 301 – Engineering Communications	3			
Technical Elective	3	Consult major advisor for course approval		
Semester Total	12			
8 th Semester				
ENGR 498B Interdisciplinary Capstone (Spring Only) or MSE 498 Senior Capstone	3	Senior Status		
MSE Technical Elective	3	Consult major advisor for course approval		
Technical Elective	3	Consult major advisor for course approval		
Technical Elective	3	Depends on selection of General Education course, Consult major advisor for course approval		
†General Education: Building Connections	3			
UNIV 301 General Education Portfolio	1			
Semester Total	16			

†Students should work closely with their academic advisor to select General Education: Building Connections courses; some course work in the major, such as some Technical Elective courses, may also fulfill General Education: Building Connections requirements.

^{**}CE 301 will fulfill a General Education Building Connections course.