BSME in Mechanical Engineering with Emphasis in Aerospace Engineering

Degree Program Description

Mechanical Engineering focuses on thermal and mechanical systems areas. The curriculum presents a strong experimental program through laboratory experiences to expose undergraduate students to modern instrumentation and measurement methodologies. Students work in well-equipped laboratories in design optimization, engineering computation, fluid power dynamics and control, materials, structural dynamics, measurement and instrumentation, laser processing, heat transfer and fluid dynamics, stress measurement and nondestructive evaluation. Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering prepares students for employment in industry or government or for further study toward other degrees such as the JD, MD, MS and PhD.

Major Program Requirements

The MAE curriculum allows students to transfer among departments during the first two years. Students concentrate on departmental requirements during the junior year. The senior year includes three MAE electives that allow students to develop individual study programs. This enables students to complete a traditional program or create their own with special emphasis on system design, materials, manufacturing, energy systems, controls, or aerospace.

Experience in design is integrated throughout the required courses in the curriculum and culminates in the capstone design sequence. The capstone design experience integrates earlier technical work with economic, safety and environmental considerations. The projects are primarily obtained from industrial or private business clients. The presentations of project results are made to a review panel consisting of members of the faculty, the MAE Industrial Advisory Council and representatives of the client firms.

Options

The senior year includes three MAE electives and one technical elective that allow students to develop individual study programs. This enables students to complete a traditional program or create their own program with special emphasis on system design, materials, manufacturing, energy systems or controls.

An Aerospace Emphasis area is available to students wanting to pursue careers in the aerospace industry. Completing the aerospace emphasis requires taking at least four senior level MAE 4000+ electives from a selection of available courses. These can be chosen from the broad areas of structures/materials, thermal/propulsion, aerodynamics/fluids, flight mechanics/dynamics/controls, and design. Upon completion of the appropriate coursework, an Aerospace Emphasis is shown on the students transcript.

Semester Plan

A sample plan of study has not been designed for this major. Students should either refer to the plan designed for the BSME in Mechanical Engineering or contact the academic department for assistance with academic planning.