

# **B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Degree Program Handbook**

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The School of Engineering (SOE) at the University of New Mexico is ranked among the top engineering schools in the country. Our Mechanical Engineering faculty have degrees from some of the best institutions in the world. We are ABET accredited, and we take great pride in the quality and breadth of our programs. This is apparent through the successes of our many outstanding alumni. In fact, we were previously recognized by ABET as one of few programs in the Nation with a healthy and diverse number of design courses in the curriculum, and by NSF (National Science Foundation) as a mechanical engineering program attracting above average percentage of female students compared to many other departments nationwide. We recognize that education is a lifelong process; let us help you with your educational journey.

College is an exciting and challenging part of your life; it takes dedication and marshaling of your energies to achieve your degree. As a student, your goal should be to become a professional, not just to take courses. We look forward to working with you while you are here and after you graduate, helping you gain the knowledge and build the skills necessary to achieve all your life's goals.

## **1 Introduction**

This handbook provides information about the *Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (BSME)* degree program, offered by the Department of Mechanical Engineering (ME).

Students are expected to study this document carefully, and consult with their ME advisors if there are any questions.

The BSME program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). The acronym "ABET", as used in this handbook, is meant to refer to the EAC of ABET in all cases.

Successful completion of the ME program (or other ABET accredited engineering programs) with a B.S. degree is the first step to becoming a licensed professional engineer. Various states require engineering licenses for those individuals who publicly represent themselves as engineers. This requirement is for the purpose of protecting the public interest. Therefore, all ABET accredited programs must meet various minimum standards. The purpose of this document is to provide students with the information which supersedes and supplements the University of New Mexico (UNM) Catalog.

## **2 Career Opportunities**

Mechanical Engineering is a very diversified profession that is concerned with the research and development of new technologies, adoption of technologies, design, analysis, and operation of machines, hardware, software, and systems. It has been, and continues to be, a field that provides challenging, exciting and rewarding career opportunities. Mechanical engineers apply mathematics, physics, chemistry, and other sciences, together with computers, instrumentation, and other tools to create a wide range of hardware, software, and systems.

The continuing need to improve and design products and systems makes the mechanical engineering profession essential and very much in demand. The B.S. degree program in ME provides graduates with the necessary skills to compete in this rapidly changing discipline. In addition, the BSME provides a solid, scientific foundation for other degrees such as the MBA, MD, DDS, etc.

The present demand for MEs is excellent, and the employment rate for UNM graduates continues to be high. The demand is expected to remain strong, with continued economic expansion.

Mechanical Engineers are employed by large corporations as well as by small companies, in various governmental agencies and laboratories, and as consulting engineers. Many mechanical engineers have started and developed successful companies with products that meet society's needs and desires. The career work is varied; it includes research, development, design, manufacturing, sales, and management. It also provides professional opportunities for interaction among engineering disciplines and sciences. Industries employing mechanical engineers include public utilities, aerospace, computer, heating and air conditioning, automotive, transportation, and construction. Mechanical engineers are also employed by Government laboratories involved in activities as wide as developing alternative energy sources, oceanographic studies, space missions, aircraft testing, weapons development, and atmospheric research. Students are urged to become familiar with the types of assistance provided by the SOE's Internship Programs at Engineering Student Services (ESS) and by UNM Career Services (located in Student Services Center) in relation to both Internships/Co-operative Education Program and employment.

### **3 Admission to Baccalaureate Program**

Students must be admitted for study at the University of New Mexico, and must have completed approximately one year of the freshman year subjects, before applications are processed for admission to the Baccalaureate Program in Mechanical Engineering. Approval from the ME Department is required. Applicants must consult the appropriate departmental advisor for evaluation of academic work before admission can be completed.

At least 18 semester hours of freshman year technical subjects are required by the School of Engineering for admission into degree programs. For the mechanical engineering department, these courses must include the following 14 credit hours: Calculus I (Math 162) (4), Calculus II (Math 163)(4), General Physics I (Phyc I)(3), ME 160L (Mechanical Engineering Design I)(3). Four other credit hours can be taken from: CS151L (Computer Programming Fundamentals for Non-Majors)(3), Chem121 (General Chemistry I)(3), Chem123L (General Chemistry Laboratory I)(1), and Phyc160L (General Physics I Laboratory)(1). Note that, as of Fall 2015, all of the above listed courses are required as part of the BSME curriculum. A minimum grade-point average of 2.75 in those technical courses is required for admission to undergraduate study in Mechanical Engineering.

A cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.20 (in technical plus non-technical courses) is also required for admission into ME. All applicants must have completed English 110 or its equivalent before admission. As of Fall 2016, all courses required in the BSME program must have grades of C or better for satisfying both admission and graduation requirements. The same applies to required Core Curriculum courses.

Students transferring to the ME department (from any institution, including UNM) need to also meet the GPA and admission course requirements stated above.

Starting in Fall 2016 and for admission into the ME Department, any course required for the BSME cannot have been attempted more than three times. An attempt includes receiving any letter grade (A through F), WP, WF, W, WNC, CR, NC, I or AUDIT. For the purposes of this requirement, course work taken at other institutions is treated the same as course work taken at the University of New Mexico.

### **4 Advisement**

Pre-major engineering students who have indicated ME as their intended major are advised by the ME Undergraduate Advisor as needed (since their advisement falls normally on the Engineering Student Services academic advisors/staff). Upon admission to the ME program (until graduation), each student will be assigned to one of the faculty members for advisement. Students in the ME program are required to seek advisement from their designated advisor each

semester during the pre-registration period.

The purpose of this session is to help the student with any problems he/she may have in his/her program of studies. Students will HAVE AN ADVISEMENT HOLD AND not be allowed to register until they have consulted with their advisor.

## **5 Probation, Suspension, and Dismissal**

The School of Engineering (SOE) uses two probation procedures:

1. A student enrolled in the SOE will be placed on *Academic Probation* when the cumulative GPA of all work taken at UNM falls below 2.0.
2. A student enrolled in the SOE and admitted to the ME Department will be placed on *SOE Probation* under any of the following conditions:
  - When a cumulative GPA based on work taken at UNM and accepted towards the BSME degree falls below a 2.00 (overall) or below 1.50 in the most recent semester.
  - When the student is making unsatisfactory progress towards the BSME degree.

Students on probation are subject to suspension from UNM or dismissal from the SOE.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The info in this section may not be up-to-date. The student must refer and study the UNM Catalog for the latest UNM and/or SOE policies.

## **6 Program Goals**

The principal goal of the BSME program is to provide students with the fundamentals of mechanical engineering to insure they will have a solid base for an engineering career. This includes building a sufficient knowledge, creative and analytical capability, and communication skills so that the graduates can continue to expand their learning as their fields of interest and the scope of mechanical engineering changes. Our core courses are intended to provide a broad base so that those who terminate their formal education with the BSME degree can continue to grow intellectually. Likewise, the base provides insight into fields that students may choose to study at the graduate level.

This goal is met by a curriculum in which fundamental knowledge of earlier years is applied in later engineering courses. Specifically, the goals for the BSME program at UNM are closely linked to the criteria set forth by ABET. The following statement has been adopted by the Mechanical Engineering Faculty to represent our educational goals.

## Objectives

*The Objectives of the Mechanical Engineering Department in educating its undergraduate students are:*

- A. Graduates will have the educational background necessary to compete successfully in a global workplace.*
- B. Qualified graduates will pursue advanced study if desired.*
- C. Graduates will pursue leadership positions in their profession and/or communities.*

## Outcomes

The Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University will provide students with a quality mechanical engineering education. Each Mechanical Engineering student will demonstrate the following by the time of graduation:

- a. an ability to apply their knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering*
- b. an ability to design and conduct experiments as well as analyze and interpret data*
- c. an ability to design a system, component, or process that meets desired needs within realistic constraints such as economic, environmental, social, political, ethical, health and safety, manufacturability, and sustainability*
- d. an ability to function in multi-disciplinary teams*
- e. an ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems*
- f. an understanding of professional and ethical responsibility*
- g. an ability to communicate effectively*
- h. the broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context*
- i. a recognition of the need for and an ability to engage in life-long learning*
- j. a knowledge of contemporary issues*
- k. an ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice*

## 7 The BSME Curriculum

The BSME Curriculum is shown in Figure 1. It is the student's responsibility to fulfill all the degree requirements.

*Students are responsible for reading and understanding the UNM Catalog.* Entering students should especially read the sections which pertain to general academic regulations, School of Engineering (SOE) regulations, the requirements for the BSME program, and the course descriptions, including the prerequisites and co-requisites.

## Figure 1 - Curriculum in Mechanical Engineering - Fall 2015

Total credit hours required for graduation: 124

### Freshman - 1<sup>st</sup> semester 17 credit hours

Chem 121 General Chemistry I (3)  
Chem 123L General Chemistry I Lab (1)  
Engl 110 Accelerated Composition (3)  
ME 160L Mech Engr Design I (3)  
Math 162 Calculus I (4)  
Core Fine Arts Elective (3)

### Sophomore - 1<sup>st</sup> semester 16 credit hours

ME 260L Mech Engr Design II (3)  
CE 202 Engineering Statics (3)  
Phyc 161 General Physics II (3)  
Math 264 Calculus III (4)  
ME 217 Energy, Enviro, and Soc(3)

### Junior - 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 16 credit hours

ME 317L Fluid Mech (4)  
ME 301 Thermodynamics (3)  
CE 302 Mechanics of Materials (3)  
Math Elective (3)<sup>2</sup>  
Core Humanities Elective (3)

### Senior - 1<sup>st</sup> semester 13 credit hours

ME 320L Heat Transfer (4)  
ME 459 Mech Engr Design IV (3)  
ME 380 Mech Control Systems (3)  
Mech Engr Elective (3)<sup>1</sup>

### Freshman - 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 17 credit hours

Engl 120 Composition III (3)  
Phyc 160 General Physics I (3)  
Phyc 160L General Physics I Lab (1)  
Math 163 Calculus II (4)  
CS 151L Computer Prog Fund (3)  
Core Humanities Elective (3)

### Sophomore - 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 16 credit hours

ME 306 Dynamics (3)  
ECE 203L Circuit Analysis (3)  
Math 316 Applied Ord Diff Eqns (3)  
ME 318L Mech Engr Lab (4)  
Core Writing & Speaking Elective (3)

### Junior - 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 16 credit hours

ME 360L Mech Engr Design III (3)  
ME 357 Intro to Mech Vibrations (3)  
ME 370L Engr Materials Science (4)  
Econ 105 Intro to Macroeconomics (3)  
Core Second Language Elective (3)

### Senior - 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 13 credit hours

ME 460 Mech Engr Design V (4)  
Technical Elective (3)<sup>3</sup>  
Mech Engr Elective (3)<sup>1</sup>  
Mech Engr Elective (3)<sup>1</sup>

## FSAE Option

FSAE is a program in which the students design, build, and test a racing car. Students wishing to pursue the Formula SAE option, substitute the following curriculum for the second semester of their Junior year and both semesters of their senior year. All three FSAE courses must be completed for this option.

### Junior - 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 17 credit hours

ME 360L Mech Engr Design III (3)  
ME 357 Intro to Mech Vibrations (3)  
ME 370L Engr Materials Science (4)  
Econ 105 Intro to Macroeconomics (3)  
ME 406L FSAE I (4)

### Senior - 1<sup>st</sup> semester 13 credit hours

ME 320L Heat Transfer (4)  
ME 459 Mech Engr Design IV (3)  
ME 380 Mech Control Systems (3)  
ME 407 FSAE II (3)

### Senior - 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 12 credit hours

ME 408 FSAE III (3)  
Technical Elective (3)<sup>3</sup>  
Mech Engr Elective (3)<sup>1</sup>  
Core Second Language Elective (3)

<sup>1</sup> “Mechanical Engineering Electives” includes all Mechanical Engineering elective courses 300 level and above.

<sup>2</sup> “Math Elective” course must be selected from Math 311, 312, 313, 314, 321, or Stat 345.

<sup>3</sup> “Technical Elective” may be selected from the Mechanical Engineering Electives or from approved upper division (300 level and above) courses from Math/Statistics, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, and Engineering. Technical Electives may not be taken on the CR/NC grading option.

**Important Note:** The pre-requisites for the courses above are given along with a list of ME courses in the appendix.

## 8 Core Curriculum Electives for ME Students

The Core Curriculum electives are given in the following UNM link for Fall 2015: <http://unmcore.unm.edu/common/images/unm-core-curriculum.pdf>. **A grade of C or better (not C-) is required in all courses used to fulfill the requirements of the Core Curriculum.** This includes required courses: English 101 (or 110) & 102 (or 120), Math 162 (or 163), Chemistry 121 (or 123L), Physics 160 (or 160L), American Studies 182, and Economics 105.

## 9 Mechanical Engineering Courses

See the appendix for Mechanical Engineering courses.

## 10 Independent Study and Research Project Experience

The following professors have indicated an interest in guiding BSME students through independent study or research projects:

### **Chris Hall**

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### **John E. Wood**

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Area of Special Interest: Manufacturing, Design, Bioengineering, Robotics, MEMS

Through these activities, students may obtain technical elective credits (ME451-2 courses). To obtain approval, the student is required to prepare a written proposal that includes the following information:

1. Identification: title, author, course number, credit hours, semester, and supervising professor.
2. Introduction: a brief description of the problem, its engineering significance, and how it fits into the student's educational goals.
3. Procedure: a description of the work as well as the approach to the problem; it should include the equipment, resources, technician time, and other needs for carrying out the work.
4. Results: a discussion of the expected results or goals of the activity.
5. Bibliographical references.

The proposal need not be lengthy: one or two pages will suffice.

Upon approval of the proposal by the supervising professor and the Undergraduate Advisor, it will be filed in the student's academic folder. This should be done no later than the first week of the semester.

## **11 Transfer Courses**

Courses taken at nationally or internationally accredited colleges or universities

may be transferred. These courses must be equivalent to the required courses in the BSME program at UNM.

Courses from engineering programs that are not accredited by ABET are not applicable towards the BSME degree at UNM.

A basic policy of ABET, which accredits the BSME program, is that technology courses should not be accepted in lieu of engineering courses.

## **12 Minimum Grades (“No C- or below” Rule)**

For students admitted to the ME Department in Fall 2016 and beyond, the minimum acceptable grade for all courses applicable towards the BSME degree is a C.

## **13 Credit / No Credit Option**

All courses applied towards the BSME degree must be taken for grade only; i.e., CR/NC option is not allowed for these courses (except in cases of AP and CLEP credits, as well as Core Humanities, Fine Arts, Writing/Speaking, and Second Language Electives).

## **14 Scholarships**

The SOE and the ME Department award a number of scholarships to its students. Normally, a student applies for the scholarships in the spring or summer semester of the academic year. These scholarships are awarded for the following semester or year. Some scholarships are specifically designated for Mechanical Engineering. Students are encouraged to apply. For a list of scholarships available to ME students, the student should consult Engineering Student Services.

## **15 Student Activities**

Student organizations of the ME Department allow students to develop lasting friendships.

The ME Department has an active student section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). The section organizes tours of local industry and laboratories. It also invites speakers of interest to the students and faculty. ASME members frequently participate in design and/or paper presentation competitions.

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) student members also have the opportunity to prepare and present papers at an annual student conference.

Many of these groups' activities are held jointly with the local professional sections; this provides an excellent opportunity for students to interact with practicing engineers.

Pi Tau Sigma is the mechanical engineering honorary society that is open to qualified ME students. Eligible student are automatically contacted and invited to join.

## **16 Departmental Honors**

Students who wish to graduate with Departmental Honors are required to meet

the following criteria:

1. A minimum degree GPA corresponding to the following designations:

3.5-3.74 *cum laude*

3.75-3.89 *magna cum laude*

3.9 (and higher) *summa cum laude*

2. ME 451/452 – Undergraduate Problems

Complete one or more ME 451/452 Individual study course(s) with a professor in the Mechanical Engineering Department. The intent of this individual study course is to research a topic for an honors thesis. (3 hours minimum)

3. ME 463 – Undergraduate Honors Thesis

The students will enroll in ME 463 and complete an honors thesis. An honors thesis is a scholarly work based upon the research performed in the individual study course(s). (3 hours)

Please refer to sections of this document concerning independent studies and technical electives for further information.

## **17 Planning for Graduate Study**

The ME Department offers programs of study towards the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Consult the UNM Catalog and contact the departmental Graduate Advisor for detailed information.

Senior students with a GPA of 3.0 or greater who are within 10 semester hours of completing the BSME degree may obtain graduate credit (in graduate courses) for a maximum of nine (9) semester hours, provided that they meet the requirements specified in the Graduate sections of the UNM Catalog.

## **18 Shared Credit Program - B.S./M.S. in Mechanical Engineering**

The School of Engineering now offers a Shared Credit Degrees Program designed to allow students to complete B.S. and M.S. degrees in five years (depending on the student's mathematics preparation upon entering UNM as a first-year undergraduate student). To accomplish this, some courses are counted towards both the Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

Department of Mechanical Engineering allows up to 12 credit hours of undergraduate electives to be replaced by 500-level graduate courses that count towards both degrees.

Eligibility: Students may apply to the shared credit program during the undergraduate

junior year, after completing 75 credit hours applicable to the BSME degree. At least 64 credit hours need to be mathematics, science and engineering courses (ME, CE, ECE, CS, Chem, Math, Stat and Phyc) applicable to the BSME degree. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 is normally required, counting only the completed courses applicable to BSME at the time of application.

The application deadline is November 30 in the Fall semester and April 30 in the Spring semester. The departmental decision will be made by the beginning of the following semester. Admission to the graduate portion of this program is provisional, and is not finalized until the student satisfactorily completes the requirements for the B.S. degree.

## **19 Application for Degree**

During the second semester of a student's junior year or prior to enrollment of the 100th credit hour for the degree, a student is required to file the form "Application for an Undergraduate Degree." This form may be obtained from the ME Undergraduate Program Coordinator. Failure to complete this form as indicated may delay graduation.