# MECHANICAL ENGINEERING





## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Mechanical engineering is a broad-based profession that works with devices, systems and processes through analysis and design. Mechanical engineers' knowledge of design helps advance the world through innovative solutions to complex challenges.

#### **AREAS OF EMPHASIS**



#### **AEROSPACE**

Technical electives such as aircraft propulsion, aircraft stability and aerodynamics are offered in the aerospace area.



#### **AUTOMOTIVE**

Coursework covers combustion engines, composites and machine vibrations.



#### **AUTOMATIC CONTROLS**

Microcontrollers, digital systems, control systems analysis and design courses are offered to those interested in automatic controls.



#### **ENERGY/SUSTAINABILITY**

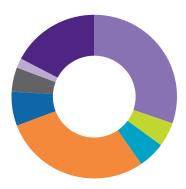
Thermal and fluid sciences concerning the use and production of energy and design of modern power systems are topics covered.



#### **MACHINE DESIGN**

Experimental stress analysis, manufacturing processes and finite elements are courses offered in machine design.

Additional areas of emphasis are available.



#### KEY ACADEMIC AREAS\*

MATH AND SCIENCE COURSES

- Math/Physics
- Biology/Chemistry

ENGINEERING DESIGN/ TECHNICAL COURSES

- Chemical Processes
- Mechanics/Design
- Electronics/Electricity
- Computer Programming
- Business Processes
- Technical Electives

### **NUCLEAR OPTION**

Mechanical engineering students can choose to pursue a formal option in nuclear engineering, which encompasses nuclear power plant design and construction, nuclear medicine and research of global issues at national laboratories.

<sup>\*</sup>General education electives not included

## MAKE AN IMPACT

#### INNOVATE TO ADVANCE THE WORLD

As designers and innovators, mechanical engineers combine science and mathematics to benefit humankind. Mechanical engineers impact the world through —

- · developing new uses for technological discoveries.
- creating components, systems or processes to meet needs.
- devising new or improved production processes.
- using expertise as specialists to help others with technical problems.
- designing the next generation of transportation.
- finding energy-efficient solutions for current challenges.



## **GET INVOLVED**

#### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Students have the opportunity to do research with faculty in areas such as nanoscience and nanomaterials, nuclear engineering, multiphase microfluidics, semiconductor materials and air quality.

#### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Mechanical engineering students can join organizations such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Society of Automotive Engineers, and Women of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering.

### **CREATIVE INQUIRY DESIGN TEAMS**

#### SAE AERO TEAM

Students design and build a remote-controlled model aircraft in a team environment.

#### SAE FORMULA TEAM — POWERCAT MOTORSPORTS

Powercat Motorsports is a design-build team that develops a small-scale Formula One race car.

#### SAE BAJA TEAM

This team creates a rugged, single-seat, off-road recreational vehicle for competition.

#### **AUVSI UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM TEAM**

The team designs, builds and tests an unmanned aerial system to compete in an annual competition.

### WILDCAT WIND POWER

The K-State Wildcat Wind Power Team designs, builds and tests a small-scale wind turbine







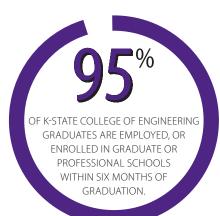
## **OPPORTUNITIES**

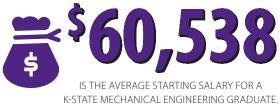
#### **CAREERS**

Mechanical engineering graduates are employed in a variety of industries including aerospace, vehicle design, power generation and plant design, petroleum production, materials processing, machinery, robotics, environmental control and nuclear medicine.

Mechanical engineering graduates pursue careers as —

- · manufacturing engineers
- · project managers
- consultants
- · environmental engineers
- logistics directors
- · production supervisors
- nuclear reactor designers
- · aerospace engineers
- · automotive engineers



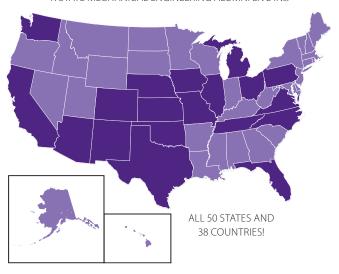


### **INTERNSHIPS**

Internships allow mechanical engineering students to gain industry experience in the summers during their collegiate career. Internships provide a competitive edge when graduates look for permanent positions.







NUMBER OF ALUMNI: ■ 50+ ■ 1-49

"One aspect of earning my degree from K-State that continues to stand out and bring benefits is the department's 'hands-on' approach to learning."

— David McPherson '98, mechanical engineering

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#### **Program Accreditation**

The Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, http://www.abet.org.

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