

Required Courses for Materials Science & Engineering Degree 24-25

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English Composition Requirements

Lower Division English Composition (4 units)

Select **ONE** of the following courses:

UWP 1, 1V, or 1Y	Intro to Academic Literacies
ENL 3	Introduction to Literature
COM 1	Major Works of Ancient World
COM 2	Major Works of Med/Early Mod World
COM 3	Major Works of Mod World
COM 4	Major Works of Contemporary World
NAS 5	Intro to Native American Literature

Course must be completed with a C- or better. A 4 or 5 on your AP English exam will also satisfy this requirement.

Upper Division English Composition (0 or 4 units)

Select **ONE** of the following courses:

UWP 102E or 102F	Writing in the Disciplines
UWP 104A, 104E, or 104T	Writing in the Professions

Course must be completed with a C- or better. This requirement can also be satisfied by passing the [Upper Division Composition Exam](#).

General Education Requirement

This requirement is partially satisfied with coursework completed for the MSE degree.

A detailed GE checklist can be found [here](#).

Lower Division Major Requirements

Math, Physics, and Chemistry (56 units)

Course	Title	Units	Quarter Offered			Prerequisites (simplified for MSE majors)
						35+ on Mathematics Placement Requirement w/ 3+ on Trigonometry Score
MAT 21A	Calculus	4	F	W	S	
MAT 21B	Calculus	4	F	W	S	C- or better in MAT 21A
MAT 21C	Calculus	4	F	W	S	C- or better in MAT 21B
MAT 21D	Vector Analysis	4	F	W	S	C- or better in MAT 21C
MAT 22A	Linear Algebra	3	F	W	S	C- or better in MAT 21C; ECH 60, or MAT 22AL (can be concurrent)
MAT 22B	Differential Equations	3	F	W	S	C- or better in MAT 22A
PHY 9A	Classical Physics	5	F		S	MAT 21B
PHY 9B	Classical Physics	5	F	W		PHY 9A, MAT 21C, MAT 21D☉
PHY 9C	Classical Physics	5		W	S	PHY 9B, MAT 21D, MAT 22A☉
PHY 9D	Classical Physics	4	F		S	PHY 9C, MAT 22A, MAT 22B recommended ☉
CHE 2A	General Chemistry	5	F	W		24+ on Chemistry Placement Exam
CHE 2B	General Chemistry	5		W	S	C- or better in CHE 2A
CHE 2C	General Chemistry	5	F		S	C- or better in CHE 2B

Lower Division Engineering (19 units)

Course	Title	Units	Quarter Offered			Prerequisites (simplified for MSE majors)
EMS 2	Materials Marvels	3		W		None
ENG 3 or ENG 3Y	Introduction to Engineering Design	4	F	W	S	Completion of Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR)
ECH 60	Computational Methods	4			S	MAT 21C
ENG 45 or ENG 45Y	Properties of Materials	4	F	W	S	C- or better in all of the following: MAT 21C, CHE 2B & PHY 9A
		4			SS	

Choose **ONE** of the following:

ENG 17 or ENG 17V	Circuits	4	F	W	S	MAT 21C (C- or better recommended)
ENG 35	Statics	4	F	W	S	C- or better in PHY 9A; C- or better in MAT 21D ☉

Upper Division Major Requirements

Engineering (3 units)

Course	Title	Units	Quarter Offered		Prerequisites (simplified for MSE majors)
ENG 190	Professional Responsibilities of Engineers (<i>SS GE3 credit</i>)	3	W	S	Upper division standing in the College of Engineering

Materials Science Fundamentals (20 units)

Course	Title	Units	Quarter Offered		Prerequisites (simplified for MSE majors)
EMS 160	Thermodynamics of Materials	4	F		C- or better in each of the following: ENG 45, PHY 9B, MAT 22B; CHE 2C recommended
EMS 162	Structure & Characterization of Engineering Materials	4	W		C- or better in each of the following: ENG 45, MAT 22A, PHY 9B
EMS 164	Kinetics of Materials	4	W		C- or better in ENG 45; EMS 160; (ECH 60 or ENG 6 or equivalent)
EMS 172	Smart Materials	4		S	CHE 110A or PHY 9D; ENG 6 or ECH 60 or equivalent (recommended)
EMS 174	Mechanical Behavior of Materials	4		S	C- or better in ENG 45; EMS 162 (recommended)

Materials Science Laboratory (12 units)

Course	Title	Units	Quarter Offered		Prerequisites (simplified for MSE majors)
EMS 162L	Structure & Characterization of Engineering Materials Lab	3	W		EMS 162 ☺ (concurrent enrollment recommended)
EMS 170L	Sustainable Energy Technologies Laboratory	3	F		ENG 45, EMS 170 ☺, EMS 172 (recommended)
EMS 172L	Smart Materials Laboratory	3		S	EMS 172 ☺ (concurrent enrollment recommended)
EMS 174L	Mechanical Behavior Lab	3		S	EMS 174 ☺ (concurrent enrollment recommended)

Engineering Application of Materials (20 units)

Course	Title	Units	Quarter Offered		Prerequisites (simplified for MSE majors)
EMS 170	Sustainable Energy Technologies: Batteries, Fuel Cells, and Photovoltaic Cells	4	F		ENG 45 or 45Y. Open to students in Engineering or related fields
EMS 180	Materials in Engineering Design	4	F		C- or better in ENG 45, upper division standing
EMS 182	Failure Analysis	4	F		C- or better in ENG 45; EMS 174 recommended
EMS 186A	Materials Design Project	2	F		EMS 160, 162, 164, 172, and 174
EMS 186B	Materials Design Project	3	W		EMS 186A
EMS 186C	Materials Design Project	3		S	EMS 186B

Processing of Materials (4 units)

Choose **ONE** of the following:

EMS 181	Manufacturing of 3D & Composite Materials	4	W		C- or better in ENG 45; EMS 164
EMS 183	Processing of 2D & Nanomaterials	4	W		C- or better in ENG 45; EMS 164

Applied Mathematics Elective (4 units) Choose one of the following courses.

Course	Title	Units	Quarter Offered		Prerequisites (simplified for MSE majors)
ECH 140	Mathematical Methods	4	F		MAT 22B; ECH 60 or equivalent
ECI 114	Probabilistic Systems Analysis for Civil Engineers	4	W	S	C- or better in MAT 21C
EME 115	Introduction to Numerical Analysis and Methods	4	F		C- or better in ECH 60; C- or better in MAT 21A, 21B, 21C, 21D, 22A, 22B; C- or better in PHY 9A, 9B or 9C
ENG 180	Engineering Analysis	4	F		C- or better in ENG 6 or ECS 32A; C- or better in MAT 21D and MAT 22B
MAT 107/BIS 107	Probability & Stochastic Process with Apps to Bio	4		S	C- or better MAT 22A; C- or better MAT 22AL or ECH 60
MAT 135A	Probability	4	F	W	MAT 21C; MAT 108 or 25
PHY 104A	Mathematical Physics	4	F		C- or better in PHY 9C; C- or better in MAT 22B
STA 131A	Intro. To Probability Theory	4	F	S	C- or better in all: MAT 21C; MAT 22A; MAT 21D strongly rec.

Basic Science Elective (3-4 units)

Choose **ONE** of the following courses.

Course	Title	Units	Quarter Offered			Prerequisites (simplified for MSE majors)
CHE 110A	Physical Chemistry: Intro. to Quantum Mech.	4	F		S	PHY 9C, CHE 2C, MAT 21C; Completion of MAT 21D, 22A, 22AL, and PHY 9C strongly recommended.
CHE 124A	Inorganic Chemistry: Fundamentals	3	F	W	S	CHE 2C
CHE 128A	Organic Chemistry	3	F	W		C or better in CHE 2C
PHY 108/108L	Optics/Optics Lab	4			S	PHY 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D, MAT 21A, B, C, D; or ☞
PHY 110A	Electricity and Magnetism	4		W		C- or better in PHY 9B, 9C, 9D, MAT 21D, 22A, and 22B; PHY 104A; PHY 105A; or consent of department
PHY 122A	Advanced Condensed Matter Lab	4		W	S	PHY 80, 104A, 105A, 110B, 115A and 112 ☺; or consent of department
PHY 151*	Stellar Structure & Evolution	4	F			PHY 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D or ☞
PHY 160*	Environmental Physics and Society	3			S	PHY 9D; MAT 21B; or equivalent

Focused Electives (12 units)

Courses used to satisfy degree requirements are not eligible to be used to satisfy the focused elective requirement.

Any upper division courses in Materials Science & Engineering (EMS) and a maximum of 4 units combined in Materials Science & Engineering (EMS) courses numbered 190-197 or 199 units can be used to satisfy the focused electives requirement.

You may elect to choose up to 5 units from the following lower division courses:

Course	Title	Units	Quarter Offered			Prerequisites (simplified for MSE majors)
BIS 2A	Introduction to Biology: Essentials of Life on Earth	5	F	W	S	CHE 2A or equivalent recommended
EBS 75	Properties of Materials in Biological Systems	4		W		BIS 2A; PHY 9B ☺
BIM 20	Fundamentals of Bioengineering	4			S	C- or better in CHE 2B and MAT 21D; PHY 9B; ENG 6; BIM 20L ☺
ENG 17 or ENG 17V	Circuits	4	F	W	S	MAT 21C (C- or better recommended)
ENG 35	Statics	4	F	W	S	C- or better in PHY 9A, MAT 21D ☺

Remaining units must be satisfied by the following:

Course	Title	Units	Quarter Offered			Prerequisites (simplified for MSE majors)
BIM 106	Biotransport Phenomena	4		W		C- or better in BIM 20; BIM 20L; BIM 116 or NPB 101; PHY 9B; MAT 22B; Open to BIM majors
BIM 109	Biomaterials	4			S	BIS 2A, CHE 2C, BIM 106, upper division standing Engineering majors
ECI 130	Structural Analysis	4	F		S	C- or better in ENG 104; MAT 22A; Open to ECI majors
ECI 132	Structural Design: Metallic Elements	4	F			ECI 130
EEC 140A or EEC 140AV	Principles of Device Physics I	4	F	W		ENG 17 ☺, PHY 9D
EEC 140B	Principles of Device Physics II	4			S	EEC 140A
EEC 146A	Integrated Circuits Fabrication	4	F			EEC 140A
ENG 100	Electronic Circuits and Systems	3	F	W	S	C- or better recommended in ENG 17
ENG 102	Dynamics	4	F	W	S	C- or better in ENG 35, MAT 22B
ENG 103	Fluid Mechanics	4	F	W	S	C- or better in ENG 35, MAT 22B, PHY 9B
ENG 104	Mechanics of Materials	4	F	W	S	C- or better in ENG 35 and MAT 22B

Other upper division courses in engineering or science will be considered on an individual basis by submitting a [Request for a Course Substitution](#) AND consulting with your major advisor.

☺ May be taken concurrently ☞ May be taken with consent of instructor * Course not regularly offered

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