Mechanical Engineering

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The Department of Mechanical Engineering offers an academic program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. The Mechanical Engineering program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, http://www.abet.org.

This program encompasses course work in two areas of study: energy, which includes courses in thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, and heat transfer; and engineering design, with courses in strength of materials and mechanical design. The mechanical engineering degree allows for additional courses in a variety of specialized areas.

Encompassing the broadest of all engineering disciplines, the mechanical engineering program teaches students how to apply the principles of mechanics and energy to design anything from automobile engines to rocket engines and nuclear reactors. Mechanical engineers design and operate power plants and are concerned with the conversion of one form of energy to another. They also design heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems to provide controlled conditions of temperature and humidity in homes, offices, commercial buildings, and industrial plants. Besides developing equipment and systems for refrigeration of foods and the operation of cold storage facilities, these engineers also are involved with the production of energy from alternative sources such as solar, geothermal, and wind.

Program Educational Objectives

The mechanical engineering program has established the following educational objectives. These objectives outline what TCNJ mechanical engineers should be able to accomplish during the first few years after graduation.

- To contribute to the economic development of New Jersey and the nation through the practice of engineering and related fields;
- To succeed in their chosen career path, whether it is in the practice of engineering, in advanced studies in engineering or science, or in other complementary disciplines;
- To assume leadership roles in industry or public service;
- To enhance career skills through life-long learning and be on the way towards achieving professional licensure.

Mechanical Engineering Program Outcomes

The program outcomes listed below are expected of all graduates of the mechanical engineering program. These outcomes outline what TCNJ mechanical engineering graduates are expected to know and be able to do at graduation. These outcomes outline the knowledge, abilities, tools, and skills the program gives the graduates to enable them to accomplish the School of Engineering educational objectives.

Mechanical engineering graduates will have:

- An ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering;
- An ability to design and conduct experiments, as well as to analyze and interpret data;
- An ability to design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs;
• An ability to function in multidisciplinary teams;
• An ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems;
• An understanding of professional and ethical responsibility;
• An ability to communicate effectively;
• The broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global and societal context;
• A recognition of the need for and an ability to engage in life-long learning;
• A knowledge of contemporary issues;
• An ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice;
• An ability to apply advanced mathematics through multivariate calculus and differential equations;
• Familiarity with statistics, linear algebra, and numerical methods;
• an ability to work professionally on thermal and/or mechanical systems.

Academic Policies and Standards
A student may repeat any course without seeking approval. However, if a student wishes to repeat a course more than once, permission must be obtained from the chair of the department or coordinator of the program of study and, if appropriate, the chair of the department offering the course. Permission to repeat a major course more than once will be granted only in cases of extreme extenuating circumstances, e.g., illness, financial, etc. When an engineering course is repeated, only the most recent earned grade is counted in the grade point average, although all grades earned will appear on the student’s transcript.

Seniors pursuing bachelor of science degrees in an engineering major are required to take the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination for the Professional Engineer’s License.

Given the nature of the engineering curricula, it is extremely important to follow the recommended course sequence. Violations of this guideline may result in dismissal from the engineering majors.

Program Entrance, Retention, and Exit Standards
Every major program at the College has set standards for allowing students to remain in that program, to transfer within the College from one program to another, and to graduate from a program. The following are the standards for engineering majors. Minimum grades are noted in parentheses.

• Retention in the engineering programs is based on the following performance standards in these “critical content courses”: PHY 201 (C–); MAT127 (C–), MAT 128 (C-). A student who does not achieve these minimum performance standards, earns a grade of F, and/or has a cumulative GPA of less than 2.0 will be placed on the Engineering Programs Retention List. Placement on the Retention List for two consecutive semesters or three non-consecutive semesters will result in dismissal from the major. Students dismissed from the major may appeal for re-entry into the major.
• To ensure academic success, first year, sophomore, and first-semester junior students will not be permitted to take more than 4.5 course units unless they have a GPA of 2.75 or greater. Upper class students can register for 5.5 course units if they are in good academic standing.

• Entrance (internal transfer) into the Mechanical Engineering program from another program within the College is based upon the following performance standard in these “foundation courses”: PHY 201 (C); MAT127 (C). Internal transfer within engineering programs will be considered as long as enrollment limits are not exceeded.

• Graduation requires an in-major cumulative GPA of 2.0.

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Freshman Year

Fall
CHE 201/General Chemistry I 1 course unit
ENG 142/Fundamentals of Engineering Design
or
CSC 215/Computer Science I 1 course unit
ENG 095/Introduction to Engineering 0 course unit
ENG 091/Engineering Seminar I 0 course unit
FSP First Seminar (Social Sciences)* 1 course unit
MAT 127/Calculus A 1 course unit
PHY 201/General Physics I 1 course unit

* By advisement only.

Spring
CSC 215/Computer Science I 1 course unit
or
ENG 142/Fundamentals of Engineering Design 1 course unit
ENG 092/Engineering Seminar II 0 course unit
MAT 128/Calculus B 1 course unit
PHY 202/General Physics II 1 course unit
WRI 102/Academic Writing (if not exempted) (1 course unit)
TST 161/Creative Design 1 course unit

Sophomore Year

Fall
ENG 212/Circuits Analysis 1 course unit
ENG 214/Circuits Analysis Laboratory .5 course unit
ENG 222/Statics 1 course unit
ENG 232/Manufacturing Processes 1 course unit
ENG 272/Advanced Engineering Mathematics I 1 course unit
ECO 101/Principles of Microeconomics 1 course unit

Spring
ENG 152/Engineering Material Science 1 course unit
ENG 262/Dynamics 1 course unit
MAT 229/Multivariable Calculus 1 course unit
MEC 251/Strength of Materials 1 course unit
MEC 263/Mechanical Engineering Laboratory I .5 course unit
IDS 252/Society, Ethics, and Technology 1 course unit
### Junior Year

#### Fall
- **ENG 093/Engineering Seminar III**: 0 course unit
- **ENG 322/Thermodynamics**: 1 course unit
- **ENG 342/Advanced Engineering Mathematics II**: 1 course unit
- **MEC 311/Mechanical Design Analysis I**: 1 course unit
- **MEC 321/Numerical Analysis**: 1 course unit
- **Liberal Learning Elective***: 1 course unit

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#### Spring
- **ENG 094/Engineering Seminar IV**: 0 course unit
- **ENG 372/Engineering Economy**: 1 course unit
- **MEC 361/Fluid Mechanics**: 1 course unit
- **MEC 363/Mechanical Engineering Laboratory II**: .5 course unit
- **MEC 371/Thermodynamics II**: 1 course unit
- **Mechanical Engineering Elective***: 1 course unit

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### Senior Year

#### Fall
- **ENG 099/Senior Professional Seminar**: 0 course unit
- **ENG 352/Control Systems**: 1 course unit
- **ENG 354/Control Systems Laboratory**: .5 course unit
- **MEC 411/Heat Transfer**: 1 course unit
- **MEC 433/Mechanical Engineering Laboratory III**: .5 course unit
- **MEC 460/Finite Elements in Mechanical Design**: 1 course unit
- **MEC 495/Senior Project I**: 0 course unit
- **Mechanical Engineering Elective***: 1 course unit

#### Spring
- **ENG 098/Fundamentals of Engineering Review**: 0 course unit
- **ENG 312/Digital Circuits and Microprocessors**: 1 course unit
- **MEC 463/Mechanical Engineering Laboratory IV**: .5 course unit
- **MEC 496/Senior Project II**: 1 course unit
- **Mechanical Engineering Elective***: 1 course unit
- **Liberal Learning Elective***: 1 course unit

### Total course units
- **39 course units**

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**39 course units are required for the degree. Transfer courses that are accepted as equivalent to TCNJ courses may yield a fractional course unit, even though the course content is satisfied. In this case, students need to complete additional coursework to meet the 39 course unit requirement.**

### Mechanical Engineering Electives
*(Students must take at least one course from Group A and Group B).*

**GROUP A - Mechanical Design**
- **MEC 343/Biomechanics**
- **MEC 421/Kinematics and Mechanisms**
- **MEC 423/Introduction to Biomaterials**
- **MEC 431/Mechanical Design Analysis II**
- **MEC 481/Advanced Strength of Materials**
GROUP B - Thermal Systems
MEC 451/Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning
MEC 461/Thermal Systems Design
MEC 465/Aerodynamics
MEC 471/Compressible Fluid Mechanics

GROUP C - Dynamic Systems and Others
MEC 381/Introduction to Mechatronics
MEC 441/Vibration Analysis
MEC 453/Digital Control Systems
MEC 473/Bioinstrumentation
MEC 483/Robotics
MEC 492/Independent Study
ENG 412/Process and Quality Control

ENG 472/Special Topics in Engineering

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**Option A—Mechanical Design**

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**Option B—Thermal Systems**

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**Only one course unit taken as part of the student’s major may also be counted toward the student’s minor.**