

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.

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 Student Outcomes

The student 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:

1. an ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics
2. an ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors
3. an ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences
4. an ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts
5. an ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives
6. an ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions
7. an ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.
8. an ability to apply advanced mathematics through multivariate calculus, differential equations, statistics, linear algebra, and numerical methods

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 Academic Warning List. Placement on the Engineering Programs Academic Warning 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); MAT 127 (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

CSC	217/Computer Science I for Science and Engineering	1 course unit
ENG	144/Fundamentals of Engineering Design	0.5 course unit
ENG	095/Introduction to Engineering	0 course unit
FYS	First Seminar (Social Sciences)*	1 course unit
MAT	127/Calculus A	1 course unit
PHY	201/General Physics I	1 course unit

Spring

ECO	101/Principles of Microeconomics	1 course unit
MEC	145 Introduction to Computer Aided Design	0.5 course unit
MAT	128/Calculus B	1 course unit
PHY	202/General Physics II	1 course unit
CHE	201/General Chemistry I	1 course unit

* *By advisement only.*

Sophomore Year**Fall**

ENG 152/Engineering Material Science	1 course unit
ENG 222/Statics	1 course unit
ENG 232/Manufacturing Processes	1 course unit
ENG 272/Advanced Engineering Mathematics I	1 course unit
IDS252/Society, Ethics, and Technology	1 course unit

Spring

ENG 262/Dynamics	1 course unit
MAT 229/Multivariable Calculus	1 course unit
MEC 251/Strength of Materials	1 course unit
MEC 321/Numerical Analysis	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 331/ System Dynamics I	1 course unit
MEC 263/Mechanical Engineering Lab I	0.5 course unit

Spring

ENG 094/Engineering Seminar IV	0 course unit
ENG 372/Engineering Economy	0.5 course unit
MEC 361/Fluid Mechanics	1 course unit
MEC 371/Thermodynamics II	1 course unit
Mechanical Engineering Elective*	1 course unit
College Core Elective*	1 course unit

* By advisement only.

Senior Year**Fall**

ENG 099/Senior Professional Seminar	0 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
College Core Elective*	1 course unit

Spring

ENG 098/Fundamentals of Engineering Review	0 course unit
MEC 375 Dynamic Systems and Control	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
College Core Elective*	1 course unit

Total course units**36 course units**** By advisement only.***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 431/Mechanical Design Analysis II
 MEC 481/Advanced Strength of Materials
 MEC470*** Special Topics in Engineering

GROUP B - Thermal Systems

MEC 451/Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning
 MEC 461/Thermal Systems Design
 MEC 465/Aerodynamics
 MEC 471/Compressible Fluid Mechanics
 MEC470*** Special Topics in Engineering

GROUP C - Dynamic Systems and Others

MEC 381/Introduction to Mechatronics
 MEC 441/Vibration Analysis
 MEC 453/Digital Control Systems
 MEC 483/Robotics
 MEC 492/Independent Study
 ENG 412/Process and Quality Control
 ENG 470 Special Topics in Engineering
 BME 323/Introduction to Biomaterials

Minor in Mechanical Engineering**Option A—Mechanical Design**

ENG 222/Statics	1 course unit
ENG 262/Dynamics	1 course unit
MEC 251/Strength of Materials	1 course unit
MEC 311/Mechanical Design I	1 course unit
Mechanical Engineering Elective*	1 course unit

Total course units**5** course units**** Mechanical engineering elective must be chosen from the following: MEC 343, MEC 421, MEC 431, MEC 481.**** Only one course unit taken as part of the student's major may also be counted toward the student's minor.*

**** MEC470 may qualify for a Group A or a Group B elective, depending upon the topic.*

Minor in Mechanical Engineering

Option B—Thermal Systems

ENG 222/Statics	1 course unit
ENG 322/Thermodynamics	1 course unit
MEC 361/Fluid Mechanics	1 course unit
MEC 411/Heat Transfer	1 course unit
Mechanical Engineering Elective*	1 course unit

Total course units

5 course units**

** Mechanical engineering elective must be chosen from the following: MEC 371, MEC 451, MEC 461, MEC 471.*

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