

ENGINEERING PHYSICS (MECHANICAL ENGINEERING) - BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING PHYSICS

A strong grasp of underlying physical principles behind the development of new technologies is necessary to keep up with new developments in a high-tech world. The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Engineering Physics program is designed to provide quality education to students for immediate employment with technical jobs in private industries (especially high-tech industries), research laboratories and public sectors. The program trains students with a combination of engineering knowledge, physics principles, mathematical background, problem-solving strategies and effective communication skills. The B.S. in Engineering Physics also provides an excellent preparation for graduate studies in either physics or an engineering discipline.

The requirements for the Mechanical concentration are listed below. Students must earn a C- or better in all required courses.

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements, Viewing a Wider World requirements, and elective credits to total at least 120 credits with 48 credits in courses numbered 300 or above. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
or ENGL 1110H	Composition I Honors	
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i> ¹		
3		
<i>Oral Communication</i> ¹		
3		
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		
MATH 1511G	Calculus and Analytic Geometry I ²	4
or MATH 1511H	Calculus and Analytic Geometry I Honors	
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Sciences and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		
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Select one sequence from the following for four credits:		
PHYS 1310G & PHYS 1310L	Calculus -Based Physics I and Calculus -Based Physics I Lab	
PHYS 2110 & 2110L	Mechanics and Experimental Mechanics ³	
Select one sequence from the following for four credits:		
PHYS 1320G & PHYS 1320L	Calculus -Based Physics II and Calculus -Based Physics II Lab	
PHYS 2140 & 2140L	Electricity and Magnetism and Electricity & Magnetism Laboratory ³	
<i>Area IV: Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 credits)</i> ¹		
<i>Area V: Humanities</i> ¹		
3		
<i>Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts</i> ¹		
3		
<i>General Education Elective</i>		
MATH 1521G	Calculus and Analytic Geometry II	4
or MATH 1521H	Calculus and Analytic Geometry II Honors	

Viewing A Wider World

Viewing a Wider World Electives⁴ 6

Departmental/College Requirements

Program Specific Requirements

Mathematics

MATH 2530G Calculus III 3
MATH 3160 Introduction to Ordinary Differential Equations 3

Natural Science

CHEM 1215G General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors 4

Electives

Technical Elective⁵ 3

Physics

PHYS 2120 & 2120L Heat, Light, and Sound and Heat, Light, and Sound Laboratory 4
PHYS 395 Intermediate Mathematical Methods of Physics 3
PHYS 451 Intermediate Mechanics I 3
PHYS 454 Intermediate Modern Physics I 3
PHYS 455 Intermediate Modern Physics II 3

Physics with Engineering Component

PHYS 315 Modern Physics 3
PHYS 325 Intermediate Experimental Physics 3
PHYS 461 Intermediate Electricity and Magnetism I 3
PHYS 462 Intermediate Electricity and Magnetism II 3

Engineering

C E 301 Mechanics of Materials 3
M E 240 Thermodynamics 3
M E 261 Numerical Methods 3
M E 326 Mechanical Design 3
M E 338 Fluid Mechanics 3
M E 341 Heat Transfer 3
M E 425 Design of Machine Elements 3
ENGR 110 Introduction to Engineering Design 3
ENGR 233 Engineering Mechanics I 3
ENGR 234 Engineering Mechanics II 3
ENGR 401 Engineering Capstone I 3
ENGR 402 Engineering Capstone II 3

Second Language: (not required)

Electives, to bring the total credits to 120 2

Total Credits 120

¹ See the General Education (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.

² MATH 1511G Calculus and Analytic Geometry I is required for the degree but students may need to take any prerequisites needed to enter MATH 1511G Calculus and Analytic Geometry I first.

³ PHYS 2110 Mechanics/PHYS 2110L Experimental Mechanics and PHYS 2140 Electricity and Magnetism/PHYS 2140L Electricity & Magnetism Laboratory will not automatically count towards the Area III: Laboratory Science requirement, an exception will be made if students elect to take these courses.

⁴ See the Viewing a Wider World (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/>) section of the catalog for a full list of courses. See Alternatives for meeting VWW requirements (nine-credit rule).

⁵ Approved technical electives are decided by Engineering Physics Advisors.

A Suggested Plan of Study for Students

This roadmap assumes student placement in MATH 1511G Calculus and Analytic Geometry I and ENGL 1110G Composition I. The contents and order of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. It is only a suggested plan of study for students and is not intended as a contract. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change. Full-time students are usually required to take at least 15 credits per semester. This requirement could be satisfied for example by taking a one-credit supplemental instruction course.

First Year

Semester 1		Credits
MATH 1511G or MATH 1511H	Calculus and Analytic Geometry I ¹ or Calculus and Analytic Geometry I Honors	4
ENGL 1110G or ENGL 1110H	Composition I ¹ or Composition I Honors	4
PHYS 2110 & 2110L	Mechanics and Experimental Mechanics ^{1,2}	4
ENGR 110	Introduction to Engineering Design	3
Credits		15

Semester 2

MATH 1521G or MATH 1521H	Calculus and Analytic Geometry II ¹ or Calculus and Analytic Geometry II Honors	4
CHEM 1215G	General Chemistry I Lecture and Laboratory for STEM Majors ¹	4
PHYS 2140 & 2140L	Electricity and Magnetism and Electricity & Magnetism Laboratory ^{1,2}	4
M E 240	Thermodynamics ¹	3
Credits		15

Second Year

Semester 1

MATH 2530G	Calculus III ¹	3
ENGL 2210G or ENGL 2210H	Professional and Technical Communication ¹ or Professional and Technical Communication	3
PHYS 2120 & 2120L	Heat, Light, and Sound and Heat, Light, and Sound Laboratory ¹	4
ENGR 233	Engineering Mechanics I	3
Area IV: Social and Behavioral Science Course ³		3
Credits		16

Semester 2

MATH 3160	Introduction to Ordinary Differential Equations ¹	3
C E 301	Mechanics of Materials ¹	3
PHYS 315	Modern Physics ¹	3
PHYS 325	Intermediate Experimental Physics	3
ENGR 234	Engineering Mechanics II	3
Credits		15

Third Year

Semester 1

PHYS 395	Intermediate Mathematical Methods of Physics ¹	3
PHYS 454	Intermediate Modern Physics I	3
M E 261	Numerical Methods	3
M E 326	Mechanical Design ¹	3

M E 338	Fluid Mechanics ¹	3
Credits		15
Semester 2		
PHYS 455	Intermediate Modern Physics II	3
M E 425	Design of Machine Elements ¹	3
Area V: Humanities Course ³		3
VWW: Viewing a Wider World Course ⁴		3
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Credits		15
Fourth Year		
Semester 1		
PHYS 451	Intermediate Mechanics I ¹	3
PHYS 461	Intermediate Electricity and Magnetism I	3
ENGR 401	Engineering Capstone I	3
COMM 1115G or HNRS 2175G	Introduction to Communication or Introduction to Communication Honors	3
Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts Course ³		3
Credits		15
Semester 2		
PHYS 462	Intermediate Electricity and Magnetism II	3
M E 341	Heat Transfer	3
ENGR 402	Engineering Capstone II ¹	3
Technical Elective Course ⁵		3
Elective Course		2
Credits		14
Total Credits		120

¹ These courses may have prerequisites and/or co-requisites, and it is the students responsibility for checking and fulfilling all those requirements

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⁵ Technical electives are approved by Engineering Physics advisors