MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (ME)

Degrees Offered: Ph.D., M.Eng., M.S.

This program is offered in Durham.

The Department of Mechanical Engineering offers degree programs at both the master’s and doctoral levels.

The Department of Mechanical Engineering offers studies leading to specialization in the following six concentrations:

- Fluid Dynamics and Thermal science
- Solid Mechanics
- Materials Science
- Design and Manufacturing
- Dynamic Systems and Control
- Ocean Engineering

Admission Requirements

A bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering is normally required for admission to the graduate program in mechanical engineering. Students from other disciplines may also be admitted to the program. However, in order to be properly prepared for graduate-level coursework, these students must have taken the equivalent of the UNH mechanical engineering undergraduate core courses listed below. Students who are deficient in three or fewer courses may be admitted to the department on a provisional basis. Students who are deficient in more than three courses must apply and enroll as an undergraduate student until they meet the core course requirement. It is department policy that engineering courses taken as part of an engineering technology program are generally not considered equivalent to any of the courses listed below. The decision on equivalence for any courses taken at an institution other than UNH is at the discretion of the Graduate Committee of the Mechanical Engineering Department.

Applicants must submit current scores (within five years) from the general test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

Core courses required for admission to the M.S. in mechanical engineering degree program:

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Courses

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ME 610 - Renewable Energy: Physical and Engineering Principles
Credits: 3
The goal of this course is to become “fluent in energy” and to learn about the engineering fundamentals of renewable energy technologies. The course begins by giving an overview of U.S. energy usage and sources, as well as history and trends. Various renewable energy topics are then introduced and discussed. Where applicable, topics are discussed in detail from a fluid and thermal sciences point of view. Guest lectures and a field trip may be included. This course is open to all engineering graduate students. Prereq: Thermodynamics, Fluid Dynamics, or equivalent, or instructor permission.

ME 807 - Analytical Fluid Dynamics
Credits: 4
Kinematics of flow; constitutive relationships; development of the Navier-Stokes equations; vorticity theorems; potential flow. Prereq: fluid dynamics.

ME 809 - Computational Fluid Dynamics
Credits: 3
Conservation of mass, momentum, and energy, discretization and discretization schemes, boundary and initial conditions, turbulence and turbulence models, two-equation models, CFD software such as OpenFOAM, best practice guidelines for CFD. The class incorporates the use and creation of Open Educational Resources (OER)

ME 810 - Experimental Fluid Dynamics
Credits: 4
This course will introduce students to a variety of experimental methods and technologies for the measurement of fluid flow. Topics include signal processing and analysis, pressure measurement, thermal anemometry, imaging, and advanced laser based optical diagnostics. The knowledge gained in this course is intended to help students carry out advanced research in fluid mechanics at the graduate level or in an industrial research lab setting. Prereq: ME 807 or equivalent, and Matlab programming.

ME 812 - Waves in Fluids
Credits: 3
Linear and nonlinear dynamics of hyperbolic and dispersive wave systems with application to acoustic waves, surface and internal gravity waves, Rossby waves, and capillary waves. Key physical concepts include wave-generation mechanisms, wavelength and amplitude dispersion, group velocity and energy propagation, steady streaming, and mode interactions. Prereq: fluid dynamics; or permission.
ME 817 - Marine Robotics and Applications  
Credits: 3  
This course covers (lecture/lab format) the broad spectrum of marine vehicles and applications, as well as what is involved in designing and building robotic vehicles for specific missions. Course topics include: marine applications, sensors for marine environments, vehicle subsystems, ocean and open water environment, dynamic modeling and control, and design/fabrication/testing. Various invited speakers (both scientists and engineers) provide learning modules on various marine robotic related topics. Graduate students will be assigned extra project work. Prereq: ME 670 or equivalent.  
Equivalent(s): OE 817

ME #824 - Vibrations Theory and Applications  
Credits: 4  
Discrete vibrating systems. Linear system concepts; single-degree-of-freedoms systems with general excitation. Matrix theory and eigenvalue problems. Many degrees of freedom, normal mode theory for free and forced vibration. Numerical methods; introduction to continuous systems; applications to structural and mechanical systems. Prereq: statics; dynamics or permission.

ME 826 - Fracture Mechanics  
Credits: 4  
The goal is to acquaint the student with understanding of the basic principles behind the derivation of the most common linear and non-linear fracture mechanical equations. The aim is also to gain knowledge in analytical predictions of the failure of materials and become familiar with the ongoing fracture mechanical research. The motivation for this course is that many practical problems in mechanical engineering, manufacturing and materials science have to do with material deformation and failure. Prereq: Mechanics of Materials; Introduction to Materials Science.

ME 827 - Advanced Mechanics of Solids  
Credits: 4  
Stress, strain, stress-strain relations, anisotropic behavior, introduction to elasticity, plane stress/strain, bending and torsion of members with general cross-sections, introduction to thin plates and shells, energy methods. Prereq: strength of materials or permission.

ME 835 - Mechanics of Composite Materials  
Credits: 4  

ME 842 - Materials Processing in Manufacturing  
Credits: 4  

ME 843 - Satellite Systems, Dynamics, and Control  
Credits: 3  
General satellite systems with emphasis on spacecraft dynamics and control. Course topics include general satellite information such as types of satellites, missions, and orbits, as well as satellite subsystems. Basic spacecraft dynamics and orbital mechanics topics are covered. Advanced topics will include attitude and orbit estimation, and automatic attitude control. Prereq: systems modeling or permission.

ME 872 - Control Systems  
Credits: 4  
Development of advanced control systems design concepts such as Nyquist analysis; lead-lag compensation; state feedback; parameter sensitivity; controllability; observability; introduction to nonlinear and modern control. Includes interactive computer-aided design and real-time digital control. Prereq: permission. (Also offered as ECE 872.) Lab.  
Equivalent(s): ECE 872, EE 872

ME #873 - Electromechanical Analysis and Design  
Credits: 4  
Analysis and design of electromechanical systems using lumped parameter models and magnetic finite element analysis (FEA). Electrostatic and magnetic field equations discussed and used to derive magnetic and electric lumped model elements. A brushless dc motor analyzed using lumped models and FEA. Various drive types discussed and the motor system analyzed to obtain torque-speed curves. Design principles given and utilized in a design project. Prereq: systems modeling, simulation, and control or permission.

ME 877 - Computer Aided Engineering  
Credits: 4  
In this course, modules of Solid Works (beyond its basic solid modeling capabilities) and other software is used to demonstrate how computer based tools can be used in engineering practice, in particular design analysis and optimization. Emphasis placed on using knowledge from past engineering courses to obtain theoretical calculations to compare with the results from the computer software package. Prereq: Strength of Materials; Mechanics III; Heat Transfer; and Fluid Dynamics (or equivalent); or permission.  
Equivalent(s): EE 877

ME 882 - Industrial Skills and Engineering  
Credits: 3  
In this course, the principles of Lean Manufacturing and Value Stream Mapping (VSM) as pioneered by Toyota and now utilized by most leading manufacturers will be studied and applied. Lean Manufacturing principles will be taught with classroom instruction and a structured model factory exercise. Instruction on the theory of Value Stream Mapping (VSM) will be followed with an actual industrial VSM activity where a process will be studied and a Desired Future State defined with VSM methods. This factory floor activity will be done collaboratively with employees from a manufacturing company.

ME 885 - Solid Mechanics in Manufacturing  
Credits: 4  
Characterization of material properties will be studied with emphasis on plastic deformation. Also, numerical approaches to solve for the forces, stresses, and strains in manufacturing processes will be covered. In particular, two prominent mass production manufacturing areas, metal forming and cutting, will be examined. Prereq: introduction to materials science, dynamics.
ME 886 - Introduction to Finite Element Analysis
Credits: 4
Topics include basic matrix theory, potential energy approach, direct stiffness method, calculus of variations, development of finite element theory, and modeling techniques. Applications in solid mechanics, heat transfer, fluids, and electromagnetic devices, via both commercially available codes and student written codes. Prereq: Mechanics of Materials, Heat Transfer or permission. Special fee. Lab.

ME 895 - Special Topics
Credits: 1-4
New or specialized courses and/or independent study. May be repeated for credit.

ME 899 - Master's Thesis
Credits: 1-8
May be repeated up to a maximum of 8 credits. Cr/F.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

ME 909 - Viscous Flow
Credits: 3
Exact solutions of the Navier-Stokes equations; laminar boundary layers; wakes and jets; Stoke's flow; stability of parallel flows and boundary layers; transition to turbulence. Prereq: analytical fluid dynamics or permission.

ME 910 - Turbulence
Credits: 3
Modern analysis of turbulent flow; the governing equations; stationary random functions and the various averaging techniques; empirical results on turbulence; homogenous turbulence; the Kolmogorov theory for isotropic turbulence; upper bound theory; turbulence in the atmosphere and oceans; applications to problems in science and engineering. Prereq: ME 807 or permission.

ME 922 - Continuum Mechanics
Credits: 4

ME 927 - Theory of Plasticity
Credits: 4
Analysis of stress and deformation in inelastic solids; general development of stress invariants, variational principles, constitutive relations, and yield and loading functions. Special emphasis on ideal plasticity, strain-hardening, creep, limit analysis, and limit design.

ME 935 - Micromechanics of Composite and Porous Materials
Credits: 4

ME 944 - Nonlinear Control Systems
Credits: 4
Analysis and design of nonlinear control systems from the classical and modern viewpoints are discussed. Liapunov's stability theory; phase space methods; linearization techniques; simulation; frequency response methods; generalized describing functions; transient analysis utilizing functional analysis; and decoupling of multivariable systems. Prereq: advanced control systems I. (Also offered as ECE #944.)
Equivalent(s): ECE #944, EE 944

ME 951 - Advanced Control Systems I
Credits: 3
State-space representation of multivariable systems; analysis using state transition matrix. Controllability and observability; pole placement using state and output feedback; Luenberger observers. Introduction to computer-controlled systems (sampling, discrete state representation, hybrid systems): nonlinear analysis (Liapunov, Popov, describing function). Prereq: control systems. (Also offered as ECE 951.)
Equivalent(s): ECE 951, EE 951

ME 986 - Advanced Finite Element Analysis
Credits: 4
Topics include introduction to dynamics, treatment of nonlinear material behavior, and plate and shell element technology. Emphasis given to problems in solid mechanics and heat transfer. Prereq: finite element analysis or equivalent.

ME 992 - Master's Project
Credits: 4
The student works with a faculty member during one or two semesters on a well-defined research and/or original design problem. A written report and seminar are presented. IA (continuous grading). Cr/F.
Repeat Rule: May be repeated up to 1 time.

ME 995 - Graduate Special Topics
Credits: 1-4
Investigations of graduate-level problems or topics in mechanical engineering.

ME 999 - Doctoral Research
Credits: 0
Cr/F.

Faculty
See https://ceps.unh.edu/directory/all for department faculty list.