The College of Engineering and Physical Sciences (CEPS) provides an opportunity for students to achieve educational objectives appropriate to their interests in engineering, computer science, information technology, mathematics, the physical sciences, and the teaching of mathematics and physical sciences. The college offers an education in each of its primary disciplines leading to the bachelor of science, as well as bachelor of art degrees with majors in mathematics and each of the three physical sciences. All programs include an opportunity for study in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

The key to an undergraduate program in the college is flexibility, with a strong emphasis on personal and individualized education. In addition to specific programs, a wide range of options within several majors are available. Special programs can be developed to meet the specific interests of individual students.

Degree Requirements
Mathematics Placement
First-year students arrive with a wide range of mathematical skills based upon their high school preparation. The college wants students to have a solid mathematics foundation so that they will enjoy an enriched first-semester experience. A student's mathematics development will be assessed part of the June orientation program. Based upon the Mathematics Placement Test, students are enrolled in the mathematics class that will allow them to continue that development. The initial mathematics entry course is MATH 418 Analysis and Applications of Functions (or its equivalent) and received a grade of C or better.

Bachelor of Arts
Programs leading to a bachelor of arts degree are offered in the departments of chemistry, computer science, earth sciences, mathematics, and physics. These programs provide a broad liberal education along with a major in one of these fields. Students must accumulate 128 credits, attain a 2.0 cumulative grade-point average, satisfy Discovery requirements, and complete a foreign language requirement (see University Academic Requirements for specific B.A. language requirements). Check individual departmental listings for specific major requirements and minimum acceptable grades in major courses.

Bachelor of Science
The programs leading to the bachelor of science degree, offered in each of the departments of the college, emphasize students' preparation for a professional career and continuing or graduate education. University requirements are the same as for the bachelor of arts degree, except that a foreign language is not required and minimum acceptable grades may differ in some programs. Check individual departmental or program listings for specific major requirements and minimum acceptable grades in major courses.

For more information on Degree requirements, see University Academic Requirements > Degrees.

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences
The Environmental Sciences program is offered jointly with the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (COLSA).

Architectural Studies Minor
The Architectural Students Minor is managed jointly by the Civil Engineering Department, and Art & Art History Department in the College of Liberal Arts (COLA).

OTHER Combined Programs of Study
In addition to pursuing a single major, students may combine programs of study as follows (See University Academic Requirements > Majors, Minors, Options for details):

Minors: Students may pursue one or more minors, each typically comprised of 5 courses. Minors enable students to obtain experience in a specialized area and to retain identification with their major professional area. Minors are available in nearly every discipline within the College of Engineering & Physical Sciences. For a comprehensive list of available minors, go to Programs, Degrees & Majors.

Cognates: Students may pursue one or more cognates, each typically comprised of 3 courses and intended to develop career-oriented skills. Cognates in the College of Engineering & Physical Sciences are:

• Computer Programming
• Information Technology
• Skills and Perspectives for the Digital World

Second majors: Students may choose to fulfill the requirements of two dissimilar major programs.

Dual majors: Students may choose to fulfill the requirements of a dual major, typically comprised of 8 courses. Dual majors are designated programs that must be paired with another major of
Students have the opportunity to acquire applied experience by working in research facilities. The college offers a variety of research areas, including information systems, materials science, nanotechnology, sustainability, and medical imaging. These and other ongoing research areas within the college are described on the college's website: [https://www.unh.edu/provost/student-designed-majors-sdm](https://www.unh.edu/provost/student-designed-majors-sdm).

**Dual-degree programs**: Students may choose to fulfill the requirements of two separate degrees, such as a B.A. and a B.S. For more information, see University Academic Requirements > Degrees.

**Accelerated Master's programs**: Students with senior standing and a minimum 3.20 cumulative grade-point average are eligible to take up to 12 credits of graduate level courses prior to completing their undergraduate degree, provided they have been admitted to the Graduate School. For more information on the process, see University Academic Requirements > Degrees. For a comprehensive list of eligible accelerated master's programs through the College of Engineering & Physical Sciences, see Programs, Degrees & Majors.

**Special Provisions**

The requirement of a given topic/course prescribed to meet the requirements of major curriculum may be waived by the faculty of a student's department. This rule offers students the opportunity to develop a somewhat individualized plan of study with intellectual incentives and opportunities in addition to those found in a regular curriculum. The student's petition must be approved by his/her major adviser and the dean of the college. This power usually will be delegated by the faculty to the dean or to a committee (Senate Rule 05.21(s): Waiver of Requirements in a Prescribed Curriculum).

**Undeclared**

Students who are uncertain about choosing a specific major may remain undeclared in the College of Engineering & Physical Sciences during their freshman and sophomore year. All first year undeclared students in the college will take the 1-credit seminar course, TECH 400 Introduction to CEPS Programs in their first semester in addition to their other required courses.

**Special Programs**

**Research Opportunities**

The talents and expertise of the faculty in all departments are reflected in the number of ongoing research projects. Undergraduates are included in many of these research projects with the intent that they will discover and foster their creative talents. When involved with a funded research project, students may have an opportunity to receive pay while learning about the research area.

The college has world-class laboratories and computer facilities in many areas. A few of these are coastal and ocean mapping, space science, environmental engineering and science, fluid dynamics, wind turbulence, information systems, materials science, nanotechnology, sustainability, and medical imaging. These and other ongoing research areas within the college are described on the college's website: [https://ceps.unh.edu/research-facilities](https://ceps.unh.edu/research-facilities).

**Independent Study and Projects**

All departments within the college offer independent study opportunities and projects. The content of these courses varies and is based upon current scientific and technological needs in addition to the interests of the student and faculty involved.

Permission of the faculty member and/or department chairperson is required. One should review the course descriptions for the independent study and project courses for specific requirements. Students interested in working with a faculty member on a project or independent study should discuss this with the faculty member and their academic adviser prior to registering for the course.

**Preparing for Teaching**

Degrees in mathematics education at the K-8 or secondary level are available through the department of Mathematics and Statistics. Students interested in teaching chemistry, physics, or earth sciences should refer to the appropriate department advisors for program requirements.

**Study Abroad Programs**

The College of Engineering and Physical Sciences and the Global Education Center work closely to support students and their Education Abroad experience. Students are able to take part in exchange programs including, but not limited to:

**Scotland, Heriot-Watt University Exchange Program**

College of Engineering and Physical Sciences students are eligible to participate in a spring semester exchange with Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland. The current program is designed for civil and environmental engineering majors. For more information, contact Ray Cook at (603) 862-1411 or the Global Education Center, Conant Hall. Details on the program can also be found at [https://www.unh.edu/global/exchange-program-heriot-watt-university](https://www.unh.edu/global/exchange-program-heriot-watt-university).

**Global E3 Exchange Programs**

All majors with in the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences are eligible to participate in international exchange programs.
through the Global E3 program. Programs are offered in the fall, spring, and summer, as well as for the full academic year. For more information on Global E3, please refer to [www.iie.org/programs/global-e3](http://www.iie.org/programs/global-e3). For more information on eligibility, contact Catherine D’Auteuil at catherine.dauteuil@unh.edu.

To learn about additional study abroad programs available to students in the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences, contact Catherine D’Auteuil at catherine.dauteuil@unh.edu. For a full list of international study abroad programs available to UNH students, see [Study Abroad Programs](#).

Students interested in participating in a domestic exchange program should go to [Domestic Study Programs](#).

**Accreditation**

The baccalaureate-level programs in: Bioengineering; Chemical Engineering; Civil Engineering; Computer Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Environmental Engineering; Mechanical Engineering; and Ocean Engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc. The bachelor of science programs in Computer Science and Information Technology are accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc. [https://www.abet.org](https://www.abet.org)

The Department of Chemistry’s undergraduate bachelor of science program is approved by the American Chemical Society.

[https://ceps.unh.edu/](https://ceps.unh.edu/)

**Departments**

- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Computer Science
- Earth Sciences
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Materials Science
- Mathematics & Statistics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Physics and Astronomy