Chemical and Molecular Engineering (CME)
Major in Chemical and Molecular Engineering

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Minors of particular interest to students majoring in Chemical and Molecular Engineering: Pharmacology (BCP), Business (BUS), Chemistry (CHE)

Chemical and Molecular Engineering

The Department of Materials Science and Engineering offers two majors leading to the Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) degree, Engineering Science (see entry in the alphabetical listings of Approved Majors, Minors, and Programs) and Chemical and Molecular Engineering. The program in Chemical and Molecular Engineering is designed to meet the expanding demand for chemical engineers in the nanotechnology, neurotechnical, pharmaceutical, environmental, and energy industries. It emphasizes engineering at the molecular level rather than traditional large-scale process engineering. In a rigorous cross-disciplinary environment, the program provides students with knowledge in the basic physical sciences, mathematical techniques, and computational modeling tools that form the foundation of modern chemical and molecular engineering. A broad spectrum of courses prepares students to assimilate and apply their knowledge creatively to solve complex problems involving not only scientific but also ethical and moral considerations, and utilizing effective communication skills for working in an interdisciplinary team.

Employment opportunities for graduates of the program include high-technology industries and institutions that are engaged in research and advanced manufacturing related to nanotechnology, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, future fuels, waste management, and the synthesis of new materials. The Chemical and Molecular Engineering program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, http://www.abet.org.

The program's mission is to serve the community by becoming a resource for regional economic development and to serve the nation by training students who can assume leadership in technological innovation, public service, and ethical standards. Its goal is to achieve international recognition as a center of excellence in molecularly based chemical engineering education and research.

Program Educational Objectives

The undergraduate program in chemical and molecular engineering has the following four specific program educational objectives:

1. The students will be prepared to assume positions in industry or research institutions that require knowledge of chemical engineering principles.
2. The students will be prepared to demonstrate leadership, teamwork, and communication skills.
3. The students will be committed to lifelong learning, ethical conduct, and be able to meet the constantly emerging needs of the chemical engineering profession.
4. The students will be educated in chemical engineering fundamentals and modern computational tools that enable them to succeed in graduate programs and research in chemical engineering.

Program Outcomes

To prepare students to meet the above program educational objectives, a set of program outcomes that describes what students should know and be able to do when they graduate, have been adopted. We expect students to gain:

a. The ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering to chemical engineering problems;
b. The ability to design and conduct experiments, as well as to analyze and interpret data;
c. The ability to design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs;
d. The ability to function on multidisciplinary teams;
e. The ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems;
f. The understanding of professional and ethical responsibility;
g. The ability to communicate effectively;
h. The broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global and societal context;

i. The recognition of the need for and an ability to engage in life-long learning;

j. A knowledge of contemporary issues;

k. The ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice.

**Requirements for the Major in Chemical and Molecular Engineering**

**Acceptance into the Major**

Freshman and transfer applicants who have specified their interest in the major in Chemical and Molecular Engineering may be accepted directly into the major upon admission to the University. Applicants admitted to the University but not immediately accepted into the Chemical and Molecular Engineering major may apply for acceptance at any time during the academic year by contacting the director of the undergraduate program. Final decisions on admission will be made by the undergraduate program director. Minimum requirements for acceptance are as follows:

1. Students must have a grade of B or higher in all math, physics and chemistry courses required by the major that have been completed.
2. Students must have an overall g.p.a. of 3.0 with not more than one grade of C or lower in any course, unless permission to waive is granted by the undergraduate program director.
3. Department must receive completed course evaluations for all transferred courses that are to be used to meet requirements of the major.

**Requirements for the Major**

The curriculum begins with a focus on mathematics, physics, and chemistry, followed by courses covering specific chemical engineering topics as well as an intensive laboratory sequence. In addition, each student chooses a four-course sequence as an area of specialization which may also qualify the students for a minor in the respective department. The program culminates in the submission and acceptance of a senior thesis or original research project completed by the student which is defended at the end of the senior year. The students are encouraged to select original research projects which can be published in peer reviewed journals.

Completion of the major requires approximately 101 credits.

1. Mathematics
   a. AMS 151, AMS 161 Applied Calculus I, II
   b. AMS 261 or MAT 203 or MAT 205 Calculus III
   c. AMS 361 or MAT 303 or MAT 305 Calculus IV
   Note: The following alternate calculus course sequences may be substituted for AMS 151, AMS 161: MAT 131, MAT 132 or MAT 125, MAT 126, MAT 127 or MAT 141, MAT 142 or MAT 171

2. Natural Sciences
   a. Chemistry
      CHE 131, CHE 132 General Chemistry I, II or CHE 141, CHE 142
      CHE 133, CHE 134 General Chemistry Laboratory I, II or CHE 143, CHE 144
      CHE 321 Organic Chemistry I and CHE 326 Organic Chemistry IIB
      CHE 383, CHE 384 Introductory and Intermediate Synthetic and Spectroscopic Laboratory Techniques
   b. Physics
      PHY 131, PHY 132 Classical Physics I, II
      PHY 133, PHY 134 Classical Physics Laboratory I, II
      PHY 251 Modern Physics and PHY 252 Modern Physics Laboratory or ESG 281 Engineering Introduction to the Solid State
      Note: The following alternate physics course sequences may be substituted for PHY 131/PHY 133, PHY 132/PHY 134: PHY 125, PHY 126, PHY 127 or PHY 141, PHY 142

3. Computer Programming
   one of the following:
   CSE 130 Introduction to Programming in C
   ESG 111 C Programming for Engineers
   ESE 124 Computer Techniques for Electronic Design

4. Chemical Engineering
   CME 101 Introduction to Chemical and Molecular Engineering
   CME 304, CME 314 Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics I, II
   CME 312 Material and Energy Balance
   CME 315 Numerical Methods for Chemical Engineering Analysis
   CME 318 Chemical Engineering Fluid Mechanics
   CME 322 Chemical Engineering Heat and Mass Transfer
   CME 323 Reaction Engineering and Chemical Kinetics
   CME 330 Principles of Engineering for Chemical Engineers
   CME 333 Business Economics for Engineers
   CME 401 Separation Technologies
5. Specializations in Chemical and Molecular Engineering
Chemical and Molecular Engineering students must choose from one of the eight specializations offered. Each specialization requires the completion of four technical elective courses at the 300 level or higher.

6. Upper-Division Writing Requirement: CME 300 Writing in Chemical and Molecular Engineering
All degree candidates must demonstrate skill in written English at a level acceptable for engineering majors. All Chemical and Molecular Engineering students must complete the writing course CME 300 concurrently with CME 310. The quality of writing in technical reports submitted for CME 310 is evaluated, and students whose writing does not meet the required standard are referred for remedial help. Satisfactory writing warrants an S grade for CME 300, thereby satisfying the requirement.

Grading
All courses taken to satisfy requirements 1-6 above must be taken for a letter grade of C or higher, except in CME 304 which must be taken for a letter grade of B- or higher.

Specializations
Students must complete four courses in a chosen specialization. (In some cases, there is also a pre or co-requisite course attached to one of the courses.) In consultation with a faculty advisor, students select their area of specialization before registering for the first semester of the junior year and not later than upon earning 57 credits. Students are urged to meet regularly with their advisors regarding completion of the course requirements for the chosen specialization. Other courses may be used towards this requirement with the prior permission of the undergraduate program director.

A. Pharmacology
Ensures a sound background in pharmacology coupled with a foundation in chemical process control, distillation, and molecular modeling for students interested in pursuing a career in the food, cosmetics, or pharmaceutical industries or in medical instrumentation.
BIO 203 Fundamentals of Biology: Cellular and Organ Physiology
BIO 328 Mammalian Physiology
BCP 401 Principles of Pharmacology
BCP 402 Advanced Pharmacology

B. Materials Science
Provides a foundation in properties of materials, engineering mechanics, and electronic materials for students interested in computer-related industries, nanotechnology, and electronics.
ESG 333 Materials Science II: Electronic Properties
ESM 334 Materials Engineering
ESM 335 Strength of Materials
ESM 336 Electronic Materials

C. Polymer Science
Provides a foundation in the properties of polymers, spectroscopy of organic compounds, polymer synthesis, and polymer processing for students interested in pursuing research in major laboratories or in academia.
CME 369 Polymer Engineering
CME 371 Biomedical Polymers
CME 470 Polymer Synthesis
CME 480 Cellular Biology for Chemical Engineers
CME 481 Advanced Cell Biology for Chemical Engineers

D. Tissue Engineering
Recommended for students who are interested in the biochemical foundations of cellular function and the design of materials scaffolds for tissue engineering. It is also recommended for students interested in drug delivery systems and premedical or pharmacological professions.

The following courses can be used to satisfy the CME Tissue Engineering Specialization:
BIO 202-E Fundamentals of Biology: Molecular and Cellular Biology or BIO 203-E Fundamentals of Biology: Cellular and Organ Physiology
BME 404 Essentials of Tissue Engineering
Any TWO of the following courses:
CHE 346 Biomolecular Structure and Reactivity
CME 371 Biomedical Polymers
BIO 210-E Human Physiology
BIO 310 Cell Biology
BIO 311 Techniques in Molecular and Cellular Biology
BIO 328 Mammalian Physiology
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BIO 335  Animal Physiology Laboratory  
BIO 317  Principles of Cellular Signaling  
BIO 318-H  Bioethics and Policy  
CME 481  Advanced Cell Biology for Chemical Engineers  

E.  Business  

The Business specialization is recommended for students interested in the economic implications of chemical engineering and in financial management of intellectual property.  
The Business specialization consists of 12 credits of any upper division (300 level or above) Business courses not required for the CME major.  

F.  Chemistry  

The Chemistry specialization consists of 12 credits of upper level CHE 300 courses not already required for the CME Major.  

G.  Physics  

The Physics specialization consists of 12 credits of any upper division (300 level or above) Physics courses not required for the CME major.  

H.  Custom Specialization  

This category is created to allow students to choose their own specialization. Students will select four upper level courses related to the chosen specialty within the courses offered at the university and approved by the CME undergraduate program director. The goal is to provide a basic foundation for students and prepare them for the job market in the chosen specialty.  

**Sample Course Sequence for the Major in Chemical and Molecular Engineering**  

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CHEMICAL AND MOLECULAR ENGINEERING (CME) - COURSES

CME

Chemical and Molecular Engineering

CME 101: Introduction to Chemical and Molecular Engineering
Integrates students into the community of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and the major in Chemical and Molecular Engineering with a focus on personal and institutional expectations. Emphasizes the interdisciplinary role of the chemical engineering profession in the 21st century. Includes consideration of professional teamwork and the balance of professional growth with issues of societal impact.
3 credits

CME 199: Introduction to Undergraduate Research
An introduction to independent research and basic research skills. Students perform an independent research project in chemical and molecular engineering under the supervision of a faculty member. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits.
Prerequisite: Permission of instructor
0-3 credits

CME 201 - H: Sustainable Energy - Evaluating the Options
Assessment of current and future energy delivery systems; extraction, conversion, and end-use will be discussed with the emphasis on meeting 21st Century regional and global energy needs in a sustainable manner. Different renewable and conventional energy technologies will be examined and analyzed and their attributes (both positive and negative) described within a framework that takes into account the technical, economic, social, political and environmental objectives associated with a sustainable energy policy. Case studies of specific applications of sustainable energy to societal needs will be analyzed and discussed.
3 credits

CME 300: Writing in Chemical and Molecular Engineering
See "Requirements for the Major in Chemical and Molecular Engineering, Upper-Division Writing Requirement."
Prerequisites: CME major; U3 or U4 standing; WRT 102
Corequisite: CME 310
S/U grading

CME 304: Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics I
First and second laws of thermodynamics, PVT behavior of pure substances, equations of state for gases and liquids, phase equilibria, mass and energy balances for closed and open systems, reversibility and equilibrium, application of thermodynamics to flow processes, heat effects during chemical reactions and combustion.
Prerequisites: PHY 132; CHE 132
3 credits

CME 310: Chemical Engineering Laboratory I: Unit Operation and Fundamentals
Prerequisite: B- or higher in CME 304
Corequisite: CME 300, CME Major
2 credits

CME 311: Business Economics for Engineers
The course focuses on critical business concepts as they relate to engineering practices. Survey of general business environment and business functions, with an emphasis on ethics and law, economics, finance, and marketing. Project management of cost, risk and alternatives. Quality management: Six Sigma concept.
3 credits

CME 312: Material and Energy Balance
Introduces analysis of chemical processes using the laws of conservation and energy as they apply to non-reacting and reacting systems. Integration of the concepts of equilibrium in physicochemical systems, and utilization of basic principles of thermodynamics. Numerical methods used in the design an optimization of chemical engineering processes. Solution of complex chemical engineering problems.
Prerequisites: ESG 111; CHE 132 and 134; AMS 261 or MAT 203; B- or higher in CME 304; CME Major
3 credits

CME 314: Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics II
Equilibrium and the Phase Rule; VLE model and K-value correlations; chemical potential and phase equilibria for ideal and non-ideal solutions; heat effects and property changes on mixing; application of equilibria to chemical reactions; Gibbs-Duhem and chemical potential for reacting systems; liquid/liquid, liquid/solid, solid/vapor, and liquid/vapor equilibria; adsorption and osmotic equilibria, steady state flow and irreversible processes. Steam power plants, internal combustion and jet engines, refrigeration cycle and vapor compression, liquefaction processes.
Prerequisite: B- or higher in CME 304; CME Major
4 credits

CME 315: Numerical Methods for Chemical Engineering Analysis
Critical analysis of experimental data development of engineering models by integrating a variety of computer-based programs: (1) Executing numerical calculus and solving numerical equations using a mathematical program (Mathematica); (2) Process using a simulation for typical chemical engineering processes (unit operation, distillation, etc.) using a simulation program (Lab-view).
Corequisites: AMS 361 or MAT 303
Prerequisite: CME Major
3 credits

CME 318: Chemical Engineering Fluid Mechanics
Introduces fluid mechanics. Dynamics of fluids in motion; laminar and turbulent flow, Bernoulli's equation, friction in conduits; flow through fixed and fluidized beds. Study of pump and compressor performance and fluid metering devices. Includes introduction to microfluids.
Prerequisites: AMS 261 (or MAT 203 or 205); PHY 131 (or 125 or 141); CME Major or ESG Major
3 credits

CME 320: Chemical Engineering Lab II: Chemical and Molecular Engineering
Introduction and operation of a continuous unit, handling of air-sensitive/water-sensitive materials, sonolysis and thermal techniques for materials synthesis, preparation of polymer nano-composites and nanosized materials.
Prerequisite: CME 310; CME Major
2 credits

CME 322: Chemical Engineering Heat and Mass Transfer
Heat transfer by conduction, principles of heat flow in fluids with and without phase change, heat transfer by radiation, heat-exchange equipment. Principles and theory of diffusion, mass transfer between phases, distillation, leaching and extraction, fixed-bed membrane separation, crystallization.

Prerequisite: B- or higher in CME 304; CME 318; CME Major
3 credits

CME 323: Reaction Engineering and Chemical Kinetics

Prerequisites: CME major; U3 standing; CME 312 and 314
3 credits

CME 330: Principles of Engineering for Chemical Engineers
This course focuses on the basic principles required for functioning in an engineering environment. Includes equilibrium and dynamics of rigid bodies, analysis of simple structures, conservation of energy, vectorial kinematics, collisions, general circuit analysis, fundamentals of AC power, CAD programs, introduction to market analysis, and discussion on ethics in engineering management.

Prerequisites: U3 or U4 Standing, CME Major
2 credits

CME 333: Business Economics for Engineers
Critical business concepts as they relate to engineering practices. Survey of general business environment and business functions, with an emphasis on ethics and law, economics, finance, and marketing. Project management of cost, risk and alternatives. Quality management: Six Sigma concept.

3 credits

CME 369: Polymer Engineering
An introductory survey of the physics, chemistry and engineering processes of polymers. Topics covered included classification of polymers, structures of polymers, morphology of polymers, thermodynamics of polymers, phase separation and phase transition of polymers, crystallization of polymers. Case studies of commercial polymer production and processing.

Prerequisites: B- or better in CME 304 or ESG 302; AMS 261 or MAT 205 or MAT 205
3 credits

CME 371: Biomedical Polymers
This course focuses on the clinical performance of polymers and discusses the chemical, physical, mechanical and biological questions raised by the unique use of these materials within the human body. The chemistry and properties of key biomedical polymers will be studied and their biomedical applications will be discussed. The biomaterial's response to the various components of its biological environment will be addressed, followed by the response of the host to the presence of the implanted polymer. Special attention will be given to the interaction of the system with two fundamental phenomena: the Foreign Body Response and the Coagulation Cascade. Applications of bio-polymers to tissue engineering and the relevance of nanoscale phenomena are discussed.

Pre- or Corequisite: CHE 321 or permission by the instructor.
Prerequisite: CME Major
3 credits

CME 372: Colloids, Micelles and Emulsion Science
This course addresses the fundamental science and chemistry of micro-emulsion and colloid formation, three-component phase diagrams, nanoscale structure and characterization techniques. Specific case studies and issues related to scale-up in food, cosmetics, and biomedical industries are presented.

Prerequisite: CHE 132/134
3 credits

CME 401: Separation Technologies
Fundamentals of separations. Introduction to standard classical and advanced separation methods and their relative merits and limitations. Distillation, crystallization, filtration, centrifugation, absorption and stripping methods. Includes fundamentals of chromatography.

Prerequisites: CME major; U3 or U4 standing; CME 323
3 credits

CME 410: Chemical Engineering Laboratory III: Instrumentation, Material Design and Characterization

Students research a topic and together with the course instructor and undergraduate program director, select an advisor and thesis committee. The student, with the advisor, drafts a course of preliminary experiments and the student presents a written thesis proposal, with an oral defense, to his/her committee.

Prerequisite: CME 320
2 credits

CME 420: Chemical Engineering Laboratory IV: Senior Thesis
Directed laboratory research. At the end of the junior year, in consultation with an advisor, the CME student will write a 1-2 page abstract describing proposed research. This abstract must be approved by the Undergraduate Program Committee (UPC). Through work accomplished in CME 420, the student will expand the research proposal into a senior thesis written in the format of a paper in a scientific journal. The student will defend his/her thesis in front of the UPC prior to the end of the senior year. After the defense, three copies of the finished thesis must be presented to the student's advisor at least 21 days before the date of graduation. The advisor then submits the thesis for final approval to the other UPC members.

Prerequisite: CME 410
2 credits

CME 427: Molecular Modeling for Chemical Engineers
Molecular modeling techniques and simulation of complex chemical processes. Use of Monte Carlo methods and Molecular Dynamics methods. Emphasis on the simulation and modeling of biopolymeric systems.

Prerequisites: PHY 132; ESG 111; AMS 261 or MAT 203; AMS 261 or MAT 303; B- or higher in CME 304; CME Major
3 credits

CME 430: Fundamentals of Professional Chemical and Molecular Engineering
Preparatory class that provides an overview of professional licensure testing procedures for the Fundamentals of Engineering exam. This class reviews subject areas on the general section of the test as well as the profession-specific section covering chemical engineering.

Prerequisite: CME Major only
1 credit

CME 440: Process Engineering and Design I

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Classical methods of chemical process engineering, advanced mathematical techniques and computer software for efficient and accurate process design and development. Mini-project design.

Prerequisites: CME major; U3 or U4 standing; CME 320 and 327
3 credits

CME 441: Process Engineering and Design II
Major design project: a review of engineering design principles; engineering economics, economic evaluation, capital cost estimation; process optimization; profitability analysis for efficient and accurate process design.

Prerequisites: CME 401 and 440
3 credits

CME 470: Polymer Synthesis: Theory and Practice, Fundamentals, Methods, Experiments
This course teaches general methods and processes for the synthesis, modification, and characterization of macromolecules. This includes general techniques for purification, preparation and storage of monomers; general synthetic methods such as bulk, solution, and heterogeneous polymerization; addition and condensation polymerization; methods of separation and analysis of polymers.

Prerequisites: PHY 132, PHY 134, CHE 322
3 credits

CME 475: Undergraduate Teaching Practicum
May be used as an open elective and repeated once. Students must have U4 standing as an undergraduate major within the college, a minimum gpa of 3.0 in all courses and a grade of ‘B’ or better in the course in which the student is to assist; permission of the department is required. May be repeated only once. May not be counted toward specialization requirements.

Prerequisites: U4 standing, 3.0 gpa, grade of B or better in course which assisting
3 credits

CME 480: Cellular Biology for Chemical Engineers
The course is intended to describe and introduce cellular and biological concepts and principles for chemical engineers. The course will provide details on the cellular processes, structures and regulations of the cellular homeostasis as response to internal and external changes and stimuli.

Prerequisite: CME Major; U3 or U4 standing; or permission of the Undergraduate Program Director
3 credits

CME 481: Advanced Cell Biology for Chemical Engineers
This course is intended to provide advanced topics in cellular behavior as a result of varying environmental cues. The course will focus on subjects associated with biological research related to various artificial materials and their influence on the cells and their interaction with the materials.

Prerequisite: CME 480
3 credits

CME 488: Industrial Internship in Chemical Engineering
Research project in an industrial setting under joint supervision of an industrial mentor and chemical engineering faculty. Project to cover some or all of the following chemical engineering principles of product synthesis: experiment design, data collection, data analysis, process simulations, and report writing related to an actual production facility. May be repeated up to a maximum of 12 credits. May not be counted toward specialization requirements.

Prerequisites: B average in CME courses; permission of supervising faculty member
0-12 credits

CME 499: Research in Chemical Engineering
Independent research project under the supervision of a chemical engineering or interdisciplinary faculty member. Project to cover some or all of the following chemical engineering principles: experiment design, data collection, date analysis, process simulations, and report writing. May be repeated but a maximum of 3 allowable total credits. May not be used for specialization requirements.

Prerequisites: B average in CME courses; permission of supervising faculty member
0-3 credits