

Department of Mechanical and Energy Engineering

Program of Mechanical Engineering for International Students

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I. Introduction

This academic program is designed to provide broad disciplinary subject training for the development of mechanical engineering. Department of Mechanical and Energy Engineering (MEE) of Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech) aims at becoming a world-leading center for engineering education and research. At the advanced stage of this program, three major directions are coherently blended into this program to open specialization options for students: (1) Advanced manufacturing and innovative design; (2) Equipment automation, robotics and artificial intelligence; and (3) Renewable energy engineering. More specifically, our research focuses include advanced and intelligent manufacturing methods, such as advanced forming, additive manufacturing, precision machining, multi-scale robotic mechanisms, control and automation, soft materials, and different battery engineering solutions. We focus on educating two streams of engineering talents: (1) the academic stream of talents who have strong theoretical foundation in research, interdisciplinary perspective and experience, and good humanistic understanding, sharp insight into engineering problems; and (2) the engineering innovation stream talents with demonstrate strong leadership for solving important engineering problems.

Academic subject area: Mechanical Engineering; Program code: 080201

II. Objectives and Learning Outcomes

1. Objectives

The program integrates theoretical and technological education within mechanical engineering domain, and provides students with a set of solid scientific and practically innovative courses and hand-on training in the field. The program aims to develop students into future leaders in the discipline with: (1) balanced training in broad fundamentals of mechanical engineering as well as yet selectively-specialized knowledge of interdisciplinary engineering; (2) outstanding ability in

engineering practice, independent thinking, integrated application of engineering knowledge; and
(3) innovation capability, humanistic understanding, and a global vision.

2. Learning Outcomes

- a) Master basic science theories, including mathematics, physics, mechanics, materials, electronics and computer science, management science, etc.
- b) Understand and be able to apply well-established knowledge of mechanical engineering, including theories, the frontier technologies and development of the industry, scientific research methods, engineering design and manufacturing methods. Students should also appreciate the latest inter-disciplinary development of other related fields.
- c) Be able to apply innovative thinking to understand, define, model, analyze and solve problems independently.
- d) Develop the international vision and skills of cross-cultural communication and collaboration.
- e) Acquire effective communication and leadership skills in multi-disciplinary teams.
- f) Develop rigorous and realistic attitude towards science and research, effective engagement in pursuing excellence and commitment to serve humanity.
- g) Have humanistic and social science literacy, and exercise social responsibility and professional engineering ethics.
- h) Develop the ability of independent learning and the awareness of lifelong learning.

III. Study Length, Degree, and Graduation Requirements

1. Study length: 4 years. The academic credit system of SUSTech allows flexible study years, but not less than 3 years or more than 6 years

2. Degree conferred: Students who complete and meet the degree requirements of the undergraduate program will be awarded a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering.

3. The minimum credit requirement for graduation: 153 credits. The specific requirements are as follows.

Module		Category	Minimum Credit Requirement
General Education Courses	Chinese Language and Culture Module	Chinese Language and Culture	16
	Arts and Physical Education Module	Physical Education	4
		Arts	2
	Competence Development Module	Computer Programming	3
		Writing	2
		Chinese Studies	2
		Foreign Languages	14
	Humanities and Social Sciences Module	Humanities	6
		Social Sciences	
	Mathematics and Natural Sciences Module	Mathematics	12
Physics		10	
Chemistry		3	
Biology		3	
Introduction to Majors Module	Introduction to Majors	2	
Major Courses	Major Required Courses	Major Foundational Courses	28
		Major Core Courses	19
		Practice-based Learning (Undergraduate Thesis, Internships, Research projects, etc.)	12
	Major Elective Courses	Major Elective Courses	15
Total			153
Note: please see the General Education Requirement for more details on Chinese Language and Culture Module, Arts and Physical Education Module, Competence Development Module (Foreign Languages & Chinese Studies & Writing) , Humanities and Social Sciences Module, and Introduction to Majors Module.			

IV. Course Requirements for the Mathematics and Natural Sciences Module and Computer Programming

Course Category	Course Code	Course Name	Credits	Terms	Prerequisite	Dept.
Mathematics	MA101a/ MA117	Mathematical Analysis I /Calculus I	5/4	1 Fall	None	Department of Mathematics
	MA102a/ MA127	Mathematical Analysis II /Calculus II	5/4	1 Spring	Mathematical Analysis I / Calculus I	Department of Mathematics
	MA113	Linear Algebra	4	1 Spring & Fall	None	Department of Mathematics
Physics	PHY101/ PHY105	General Physics I / College Physics I	5/4	1 Fall	None	Department of Physics
	PHY102/ PHY106	General Physics II / College Physics II	5/4	1 Spring	General Physics I / College Physics I	Department of Physics
	PHY104B	Experiments of Fundamental Physics	2	1-2 Spring & Fall	None	Department of Physics
Chemistry	CH103/ CH105	General Chemistry / Chemistry: The Central Science	4/3	1-2 Spring & Fall	None	Department of Chemistry
Biology	BIO102B/ BIO103	Principles of Biology / Introduction to Life Science	3	1-2 Spring & Fall	None	Department of Biology
Computer Programming	CS109/ CS110/ CS111/ CS112/ CS113	Introduction to Computer Programming/ Introduction to Java Programming/ Introduction to C programming/ Introduction to Python Programming Python/ Introduction to Matlab Programming	3	1-2 Spring & Fall	None	Department of Computer Science and Engineering

V. Prerequisites for Major Declaration

Major Declaration Time	Course Code	Course Name	Prerequisite
Declare major at the end of the first academic year	MA101a/ MA117	Mathematical Analysis I /Calculus I	None
	MA102a/ MA127	Mathematical Analysis II /Calculus II	Mathematical Analysis I / Calculus I
	PHY101/ PHY105	General Physics I /College Physics I	None
	PHY102/ PHY106	General Physics II /College Physics II	General Physics I / College Physics I
	Note: The above courses are required to be completed. In addition, at least one of the following Course Category should be passed: 1. Mathematics: MA113 Linear Algebra. 2. Physics: PHY104B Experiments of Fundamental Physics. 3. Chemistry: CH103/CH105 General Chemistry / Chemistry: The Central Science. 4. Biology: BIO102B/BIO103 Principles of Biology / Introduction to Life Science. 5. Computer Programming: CS109/CS110/CS111/CS112/CS113 Introduction to Computer Programming/ Introduction to Java Programming/ Introduction to C programming/ Introduction to Python Programming Python/ Introduction to Matlab Programming.		
Declare major at the end of the second academic year	MA101a/ MA117	Mathematical Analysis I /Calculus I	None
	MA102a/ MA127	Mathematical Analysis II /Calculus II	Mathematical Analysis I / Calculus I
	PHY101/ PHY105	General Physics I /College Physics I	None
	PHY102/ PHY106	General Physics II /College Physics II	General Physics I / College Physics I
	MA113	Linear Algebra	None
	Note: The above courses are required to be completed. In addition, at least one of the following Course Category should be passed: 1. Physics: PHY104B Experiments of Fundamental Physics. 2. Chemistry: CH103/CH105 General Chemistry / Chemistry: The Central Science. 3. Biology: BIO102B/BIO103 Principles of Biology / Introduction to Life Science. 4. Computer Programming: CS109/CS110/CS111/CS112/CS113 Introduction to Computer Programming/ Introduction to Java Programming/ Introduction to C programming/ Introduction to Python Programming Python/ Introduction to Matlab Programming.		
Note: 1. If the number of students entering a major at the end of the first academic year in the department is greater than or equal to the total number of the teaching-research faculty (PI)*2*60%, all majors in the department may implement the prerequisites for major declaration at the end of the second academic year. 2. If the number of students entering a major at the end of the first academic year in the department is less than the total number of the teaching-research faculty (PI)*2*60%, all majors in the department do not implement the prerequisites for major declaration at the end of the second academic year. 3. Suppose the number of students applying for a major at the end of the first academic year exceeds four times the total number of the teaching-research faculty (PI), then the department may select students according to predetermined rules. In principle, the rules set by the department shall examine the students' suitability for the major and not based on weighted GPA (Specific rules shall be set by the department and announced in advance). 4. For departments that do not implement prerequisites for major declaration at end of the second academic year, if the cumulative number of students applying for a major at the end of the second academic year and the number of students who have entered a major at the end of the first academic year exceeds four times the total number of the teaching-research faculty (PI), the department may select students according to predetermined rules. In principle, the rules set by the department shall examine the students' suitability for the major and not based on weighted GPA (Specific rules shall be set by the department and announced in advance).			

VI: Major Course Arrangement

Table 1: Major Required Courses

Program of Mechanical Engineering

Course Category	Course Code	Course Name	Credits	Practice-based Learning Credits	Terms	Prerequisite	Dept.
Major Foundational Courses	ME102	CAD and Engineering Drawing	3	1.5	2 Spring & Fall		MEE
	ME103	Awareness Practice of Manufacturing Engineering	3	2	1/Summer, 1-2 Spring & Fall		MEE
	MAE203B	Engineering Mechanics I – Statics and Dynamics	3		2/Fall	MA113	MAE
	ME212	Materials Mechanics in Mechanical Engineering	3		2/Fall		MEE
	MA201b	Ordinary Differential Equations B	4	1	2/Fall	MA127	MA
	ME271	Fundamentals of Thermodynamics and Heat Transfer	4		2/Fall	MA127	MEE
	EE104	Fundamentals of Electric Circuits	2		2/Spring	MA101B, MA113	EE
	ME261	Engineering Materials - Science, Processing and Design	3		2/Spring	PHY106, CH105/ CH103	MEE
	MAE207	Engineering Fluid Mechanics	3		2/Spring	MA127	MAE
	Total			28	4.5		
Major Core Courses	ME213	Principles of Machinery	3		2/Spring		MEE
	ME311	Mechanical Design	3		3/Fall		MEE
	ME316	Machinery and Mechanical Design Labs	2	2	3 Spring & Fall		MEE
	ME302	Fundamentals of Manufacturing	3		3/Fall	ME103	MEE
	ME307	Fundamentals of Control Engineering	3	0.5	3/Spring	EE104	MEE
	ME301	Dynamics and Vibration	3	1	3/Spring	MAE203B, MA201b	MEE
	ME308	Advanced Manufacturing Practice	2	2	4/Fall	ME302	MEE

	Total		19	5.5			
Practice-based e-Course	ME498	Senior Project*	12	12	4/Spring		MEE
	Total		12	12			
Total			59	22			

Note: *Students who have completed Comprehensive Design I & II are not required to take the Senior Project (ME498) .

Table 2: Major Elective Courses

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Course Code	Course Name	Credits	Practice-based Learning Credits	Terms	Prerequisite	Dept.
ME112	Introduction to Matlab	2	1	1/Spring		MEE
ME262	Introduction to Soft Matter	3		1/Spring		MEE
ME211	Advanced Graphics and Computer Aided Design	2	1	2/Fall	ME102	MEE
MA212	Probability and Statistics	3	1	2/Fall	MA127	MA
MEE5002	Fundamentals and practices of project management	3		2/Spring		MEE
ME315	Mechanisms and Applications	3		3/Fall	ME212, MA113	MEE
ME322	Robotic Actuation System	3	1	3/Fall	MA127	MEE
ME331	Robot Modeling and Control	3		3/Fall	MAE203B	MEE
ME354	Manufacturing Process Simulation and Data Analysis	2	1	3/Fall	ME103	MEE
ME364	3D Printing of Functional Soft Materials: Fundamentals, Engineering and Applications	3		3/Fall	PHY105B, MA127	MEE
MEE5304	Frontiers in Hybrid Manufacturing Processes	3		3/Fall	ME302	MEE
MEE5103	Walking Robot	3	0.5	3/Fall	ME331	MEE
ME304	Fundamentals of Energy Engineering	3	0.5	3/Spring	ME271	MEE
ME310	Fundamentals of Measurement Technology	3		3/Spring	ME307	MEE
ME313	Product Design Practice	3	1	3/Spring	ME213/ ME311/ ME316/ ME331	MEE
ME314	Finite Element Theory and Its Engineering Applications	3		3/Spring	ME212, MA113	MEE
ME323	Principles of Machinery	3	0.5	3/Spring	EE104, EE205	MEE
ME332	Robot Operating System	3	1	3/Spring	CS109/ CS110/ CS111/ CS112/ CS113	MEE
ME333	Mechatronic Systems	3	1	3/Spring	ME331	MEE
ME336	Collaborative Robot Learning	3	1	3/Spring	ME331	MEE
ME361	Fundamentals of Additive Manufacturing of Metals	3		3/Spring	ME261	MEE
MEE5108	Microrobotics	3		3/Spring	ME307	MEE

MEE5116	Advanced Kinematics and Dynamics of Mechanisms	3		3/Spring	ME331	MEE
MEE5210	Microstructure Characterization and Analysis	3		3/Spring	PHY106, CH105/ CH103	MEE
MEE5211	Fundamental and Applications of Advanced Composite Materials	3		3/Spring		MEE
ME405	Innovative Design Theory and Practice	3	1	4/Fall		MEE
ME453	Fundamentals of Precision Machining	3		4/Fall	ME261	MEE
ME462	Additive Manufacturing and Design	3		4/Fall		MEE
ME338	Machine Learning for Engineering	3		4/Fall	MA212, CS109/ CS110/ CS111/ CS112, MA107A	MEE
ME424	Modern Control and Estimation	3		4/Fall	ME307	MEE
MEE5105	Fundamentals of Engineering Optimization	3		4/Fall	MA127, MA113	MEE
MEE5107	Microfabrication and Microsystems	3		4/Fall	ME307	MEE
MEE5110	Soft Robotics	3		4/Fall	ME213	MEE
MEE5205	Failure Analysis and Fracture Mechanics of Engineering Materials	3		4/Fall	ME212	MEE
MEE5214	Fundamental Physics of Soft Matter	3		4/Fall	PHY106, MA117	MEE
MEE5216	Soft Functional Materials and 4D Printing	3		4/Fall		MEE
MEE5218	Engineering structure analysis and properties	3		4/Fall		MEE
ME451	Advanced Manufacturing Systems	3		4/Spring	ME302	MEE
MEE5305	Fundamentals and applications of plasma	3		4/Spring	ME302	MEE
MEE5115	Autonomous Robotic Systems	3		4/Spring	MA113, MA212	MEE
MES300	Awareness Practice of Mechanical Engineering	1	1	1/Summer		MEE
ME496	Projects for Mechanical Engineering	2	2	1-3 Spring & Fall & Summer, 4 Spring & Fall		MEE
Total		120	14.5			

Note:

1. The minimum requirement for graduation in this module is 15 credits.
2. Major elective courses selected by a student during any specific semester may be changed according to the loading situation.
3. The number and contents of major elective courses offered by the department may be adjusted according to the development of curriculum construction.

Table 3: Overview of Practice-based Learning

Program of Mechanical Engineering

Course Code	Course Name	Credits	Practice-based Learning Credits	Terms	Prerequisite	Dept.
ME102	CAD and Engineering Drawing	3	1.5	2 Spring & Fall		MEE
ME103	Awareness Practice of Manufacturing Engineering	3	2	1/Summer, 1-2 Spring & Fall		MEE
MA201b	Ordinary Differential Equations B	4	1	2/Fall	MA127	MA
ME316	Principles of Sensors and Transducers	2	2	3 Spring & Fall		MEE
ME307	Fundamentals of Control Engineering	3	0.5	3/Spring	EE104	MEE
ME301	Dynamics and Vibration	3	1	3/Spring	MAE203B, MA201b	MEE
ME308	Advanced Manufacturing Practice	2	2	4/Fall	ME302	MEE
ME112	Introduction to Matlab	2	1	1/Spring		MEE
ME211	Advanced Graphics and Computer Aided Design	2	1	2/Fall	ME102	MEE
MA212	Probability and Statistics	3	1	2/Fall	MA127	MA
ME322	Robotic Actuation System	3	1	3/Fall	MA127	MEE
ME354	Manufacturing Process Simulation and Data Analysis	2	1	3/Fall	ME103	MEE
MEE5103	Walking Robot	3	0.5	3/Fall	ME331	MEE
ME304	Fundamentals of Energy Engineering	3	0.5	3/Spring	ME271	MEE
ME313	Product Design Practice	3	1	3/Spring	ME213/ ME311 / ME316/ ME331	MEE
ME323	Principles of Sensors and Transducers	3	0.5	3/Spring	EE104, EE205	MEE
ME332	Robot Operating System	3	1	3/Spring	CS109/ CS110/ CS111/ CS112/ CS113	MEE
ME333	Mechatronic Systems	3	1	3/Spring	ME331	MEE
ME336	Collaborative Robot Learning	3	1	3/Spring	ME331	MEE
ME405	Innovative Design Theory and Practice	3	1	4/Fall		MEE
MES300	Awareness Practice of Mechanical	1	1	1/Summer		MEE

	Engineering					
ME496	Projects for Mechanical Engineering	2	2	1-3 Spring & Fall & Summer, 4 Spring & Fall		MEE
ME498	Senior Project	12	12	4/Spring		MEE
Total		71	36.5			

Curriculum Structure of Mechanical Engineering

General Education Courses (79)	Major Foundational Courses (28)	Major Core Courses (19)	Major Elective Courses* (≥ 15)	
<p>Chinese Language and Culture Module (16) Arts and Physical Education Module (6) : Physical Education, Arts Competence Development Module (21) : Computer Programming, Writing, Chinese Studies, Foreign Languages Humanities and Social Sciences Module (6) : Humanities, Social Sciences Mathematics and Natural Sciences Module (28) : Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology Introduction to Majors Modul (2)</p>	<p>CAD and Engineering Drawing</p> <p>Awareness Practice of Manufacturing Engineering</p> <p>Ordinary Differential Equations B</p> <p>Fundamentals of Electric Circuits</p> <p>Engineering Mechanics I – Statics and Dynamics</p> <p>Materials Mechanics in Mechanical Engineering</p> <p>Engineering Fluid Mechanics</p> <p>Engineering Materials - Science, Processing and Design</p> <p>Fundamentals of Thermodynamics and Heat Transfer</p>	<p>Principles of Machinery</p> <p>Mechanical Design</p> <p>Machinery and Mechanical Design Labs</p> <p>Fundamentals of Manufacturing</p> <p>Advanced Manufacturing Practice</p> <p>Fundamentals of Control Engineering</p> <p>Dynamics and Vibration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Matlab • Introduction to Soft Matter • Sensors and Actuators • Principles of Sensing • Advanced Graphics and Computer Aided Design • Probability and Statistics • Fundamentals and Practice of Project Management • Mechanisms and Applications • Robotic Actuation System • Robot Modeling and Control • Manufacturing Process Simulation and Data Analysis • 3D Printing of Functional Soft Materials: Fundamentals, Engineering and Applications • Frontiers in Hybrid Manufacturing Processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Robot • Fundamentals of Energy Engineering • Fundamentals of Measurement Technology • Product Design Practice • Finite Element Theory and Its Engineering Applications • Robot Operating System • Mechatronic Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative Robotics Learning • Fundamentals of Additive Manufacturing of Metals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microrobotics • Advanced Kinematics and Dynamics of Mechanisms • Microstructure Characterization and Analysis • Fundamental and Applications of Advanced Composite Materials • Innovative Design Theory and Practice • Fundamentals of Precision Machining • Additive Manufacturing and Design • Machine Learning for Engineering • Modern Control and Estimation • Fundamentals of Engineering Optimization • Microfabrication and Microsystems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft Robotics • Failure Analysis and Fracture Mechanics of Engineering Materials • Fundamental Physics of Soft Matter • Engineering structure analysis and properties • Advanced Manufacturing Systems • Fundamentals and applications of plasma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autonomous Robotic Systems 	
<p>Practice & Internship</p>				



Senior Project (12)

Note*: Major Elective Courses only list some courses, all courses are detailed in the program.