DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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Welcome to the UK Department of
Mechanical Engineering!

This handbook has been prepared to assist mechanical engineering undergraduate students plan a course of study and to keep track of their progress. It is intended to be used only as a supplement to the University of Kentucky Bulletin. The UK Bulletin, among other important information, contains statements of official academic policy regarding current courses, elective requirements, as well as pre-engineering and Engineering Standing requirements. The UK Bulletin is the authoritative source of information for all undergraduate students.

This handbook should be retained throughout the student’s stay in the department, and it should be used in conjunction with the priority registration conference with the student’s academic and/or faculty advisor each semester, as well as an aid in planning courses to be taken in the upcoming semester(s).

Most of the courses in the mechanical engineering curriculum are required of all mechanical engineering students. However, there is a certain degree of flexibility provided by elective courses. The courses that offer the student a choice within certain limits are: (1) the UK Core curriculum, (2) the supportive elective, (3) the mathematics elective, and (4) the mechanical engineering technical electives. Each area is discussed later in this handbook.

Please keep in mind that while intended to be a helpful resource to students, this handbook is not a substitute for meeting with an academic advisor in ME, nor a replacement for the information found in the UK Bulletin. The most updated version of this handbook is available on the ME website. Students are encouraged to contact their ME advisors whenever they have a question about the program, the College, or the University.

In addition to making steady progress through the ME curriculum, students are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities for student involvement in pre-professional and engineering-related activities offered at the department, college, and university levels. Students should consider participating in those activities to further enrich their academic experience at UK.

The faculty and staff of the Department of Mechanical Engineering look forward to working with you while you pursue your goal of becoming a graduate of UK in mechanical engineering.

ADVISING INFORMATION FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING STUDENTS

After ME students have completed their freshman year, academic advising becomes the responsibility of the mechanical engineering department. Each student is assigned to both an academic advisor and a faculty advisor, the names and email addresses of which are posted on a student’s myUK account.

As ME majors, all students are welcome and encouraged to meet with departmental advisors and faculty with any questions/concerns regarding the program, the program requirements, opportunities for scholarships, research, and employment.

The academic advisors (located within the ME department office suite, 1st floor, RGAN) maintain the departmental
records for students and monitor their progress through the program. They are available to discuss the choices and decisions students may face as they work toward the successful completion of the ME degree. Advisors provide guidance and referral to other resources and services within the department, college, and university. Departmental advisors also provide accurate and timely information regarding academic policies, procedures, and requirements.

Faculty advisors provide additional value and insight to the advising process for ME students. In addition to their academic expertise, the ME faculty is aware of current issues and trends in ME that can be helpful to students’ career development. Students may meet with their faculty advisor to discuss a particular class, research opportunities, certifications, career planning, and graduate studies.

Communication

In addition to meetings with an advisor, students can receive relevant information about advising and academic related announcements through the ME Undergraduate listserv. These periodic emails are meant to contain meaningful and timely information for the benefit of ME students.

Likewise, advisors welcome emails from students who have a quick question or need clarification on an issue. In some cases, advisors may invite the student for an office meeting in order to have a full discussion regarding a particular issue. It is the responsibility of ME students to read all ME emails and to stay current with department information.

Priority Registration Advising

[Note: While the primary emphasis on advising is during the priority registration period, students are encouraged and welcome to visit their advisor at any time during the semester.]

During the fall semester, advising for priority registration for the upcoming spring term begins around October 1st. During the spring semester, advising for the following fall term begins prior to spring break (usually in early March). Timely emails are sent to the ME undergraduate listserv announcing the approaching registration period and the procedures that are to be followed.

All students are required to meet with their advisor prior to being eligible to register for the next semester. Advising appointments can be scheduled via “myappointments” available on myUK, unless otherwise directed. To prepare for priority registration advising, students will complete an advising worksheet (sent to students via email) prior to meeting with their assigned academic advisor. Students may use other scheduling-related resources available on their myUK account to prepare for advising. Course prerequisites can be verified either via course descriptions in the UK Bulletin or the Course Catalog.

After the advising meeting and formulating an agreed upon plan for the upcoming semester’s courses, the advisor will remove the “advising hold,” and the student will register via myUK during a pre-determined registration window. Except for extenuating circumstances, students must meet in-person with their academic advisor before the advising hold will be lifted.
THE UK CORE CURRICULUM

The UK Core curriculum is separated into ten areas of study (see below). Mechanical engineering students satisfy some of the UK Core curriculum requirements in conjunction with their major requirements. Typically, a student may satisfy the remaining UK Core requirements with the completion of eight courses outside the mechanical engineering curriculum. (This is the case only if the student completed two years of the same foreign language in a secondary school.)

For mechanical engineering students, the UK Core requirements are to be completed in the following manner:

Intellectual Inquiry – One course in each of the following areas:

- Arts & Creativity – Fulfilled by program requirement of EGR 101/112 and EGR 102
- Humanities – Fulfilled by taking one course from UK Core offerings.
- Social Sciences – Fulfilled by taking one course from UK Core offerings.
- Physical and Mathematical Sciences – Fulfilled by program requirement of PHY 231 & 241

Composition & Communication I and II Sequence –
- WRD/CIS 110
- WRD/CIS 111

Quantitative Reasoning – One course in each of the following areas:

- Quantitative Foundations – Fulfilled by program requirement of MA 113
- Statistical Inferential Reasoning – Fulfilled by taking either STA 210 or STA 381

Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA – Fulfilled by taking one course from UK Core offerings.

Global Dynamics – Fulfilled by taking one course from UK Core offerings.

Foreign Language – two semesters of the same foreign language or two years of the same foreign language in a secondary school. Submit high school transcript to UK Admissions if one is not on file already.

In addition to the UK Core, students must fulfill the university’s Graduation Composition & Communication Requirement (GCCR). ME majors accomplish this by taking WRD 204 (Technical Writing).

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING MAJOR PRE-REQUISITES

The mechanical engineering curriculum (see pages 11-12) is organized by courses recommended taken in a particular semester. Certain courses are pre-requisites for other courses, and it is important that pre-requisite course(s) be taken during the proper semester of study. A delay in taking a pre-requisite course may result in a delay of the student’s graduation.

The student who is “off- schedule” may find that the number of semesters required to complete this program will be determined not by the number of courses needed, but the sequence in which the courses must be taken.

Note: Pre-requisites will be enforced rigidly, regardless of the student’s major.
REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGINEERING STANDING

To earn engineering standing, mechanical engineering students must have completed at least 35 semester credit hours applicable to the degree program with a minimum cumulative UK GPA of 2.50. In addition, completion of EGR 101/112, 102 & 103, WRD/CIS 110, WRD/CIS 111 (or ENG 101 and ENG 102) CHE 105, MA 113, MA 114, MA 213, PHY 231/241 with a minimum GPA of 2.50 in these courses.

While a student may exercise up to three official University of Kentucky Repeat Options to improve his/her cumulative grade point average, only one retake of any course listed above can be used in the calculation of the engineering standing GPA. After that one substitution, all other attempts at those courses will be used in the GPA calculation. Written request for exception to the allowed number of repeats should be submitted to the ME Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Note to Transfer Students: Additionally, it is important to note if you receive acceptance of transfer credit for one or more of the above listed courses, the grades earned will be used in the calculation of the GPA necessary for engineering standing.

In no case will an exception be made to the minimum acceptable grade point averages listed above.

SUPPORTIVE ELECTIVE

The supportive elective course can be any course that carries college credit and is not a more elementary version of a required course. For example, College Algebra would not be acceptable as it is more elementary than the required Calculus courses. However, a course in the Human Environmental Sciences would be satisfactory because HES courses are not required for ME. It is important to note that this is the only course in the Mechanical Engineering curriculum that may be taken on a pass/fail grade option.

MATHEMATICS ELECTIVE

The mathematics elective is selected from the following options:

STA 381 – Intro to Engineering Stats
MA/STA 320 – Intro Probability
MA 321 – Intro to Numerical Methods
MA 322 – Matrix Algebra
*MA 416G – Principles of Operations Research I
*MA 432G – Methods of Applied Mathematics I
*MA 481G – Differential Equations I
EGR 537 – Numerical Analysis
ME585 – Fourier Series & Boundary Value Problems
*These courses are particularly appropriate for students considering graduate study.

TECNINCAL ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT

Students must take nine credit hours from the approved lists; a minimum of six credit hours (two courses) must have an ME prefix or be cross-listed as an ME course. A maximum of three credit hours (one course) may be chosen from the courses listed from another COE engineering department.

NOTE: A list of approved ME and non-
ME technical electives is provided as an attachment at the end of this document.

For a student receive permission to take a course not on the either of the approved lists, the student will submit a petition -- with justification included -- to the DUS for an exception, which will then be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

TEs are generally taught during a fall or spring term-only basis and may not be offered every year. Insufficient student enrollment may result in a course not being offered.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible for the award of any degree, a student must have completed all requirements as approved by the University Senate. **Curriculum requirements must include, in addition to specified credits, a specified grade-point average, both overall and in the student’s major (all ME, EM, and technical elective classes), which may in no case be less than a 2.0 GPA.** The graduating student must file an application for graduation, via a link on myUK or otherwise directed, by the published deadline. The last day to submit the Application for Degree is provided in the official University of Kentucky Calendar.

**REPEATED REGISTRATION IN A COURSE**

ME policy allows students to take ME and EM classes at UK multiple times. ("W"s do not count toward attempts.) However, unless an official university Repeat Option is filed, only the first attempt will count toward a student’s cumulative GPA. (All attempts at EM, ME, and all technical electives will be used to calculate a student’s major GPA, except for courses on which a Repeat Option is filed.)

Please keep in mind that repeated attempts yielding low grades will negatively affect a student’s GPA and may create problems with GPA-related issues, such as earning engineering standing, maintaining scholarships, probation/suspension, etc.

Be sure to talk to your advisor about any need and/or plans to repeat a course. Also, when considering whether or not to repeat a course, be sure to consider both the University’s and the department’s policies on filing Repeat Options.

**ACADEMIC BANKRUPTCY**
**(Readmission after Two or More Years)**

The dean of the student’s college may permit a readmitted student who has elected not to count past work to receive credit for selected courses without including those grades in the computation of the student’s cumulative GPA. This is called academic bankruptcy. Part-time as well as full-time students can take advantage of the academic bankruptcy rule. Students need not have been originally suspended from the University to qualify for this option. Check with your academic advisor about the qualifications for applying for academic bankruptcy.

**How Academic Bankruptcy is applied to ME:**

For ME Engineering Standing, previous grades earned for any of the ME standing courses that have been bankrupted will be used towards the calculation of standing. When courses
have been repeated, the average of all attempts will be used to calculate the GPA for standing, even if they have been removed from the student’s cumulative GPA.

However, as described in the previous section discussing the calculation of the engineering standing GPA, students may still swap out one grade for the calculation of engineering standing GPA.

PLAGIARISM

A note to all students – be sure you understand the expectations of the university in regard to cheating and plagiarism. Do not assume that a team effort is allowed unless it is clearly indicated in the assignment. A team effort should be indicated clearly in the submission. For a discussion of the overall issue and guidelines, refer to the website for the Ombud of the University of Kentucky.

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS and BYPASS EXAMS

The chair of the mechanical engineering department approves/denies requests by students to take special examinations or bypass exams.

No special or bypass exam will be approved for courses with laboratory content, group projects, presentations, or design content offered through the Mechanical Engineering Department.

To request a special or bypass exam, begin by checking with the appropriate department or faculty member that a special exam is available, then go to the Registrar’s Office (Room 10 Funkhouser Building) and request an “Application for Special Examination” form. Complete the top portion of the form and take the form to your academic advisor for further instructions.

PERMISSION TO RECEIVE CREDIT FROM ANOTHER INSTITUTION (Transfer credit)

[NOTE: Before enrolling at another institution, meet with your ME advisor to insure that the course will transfer and fulfill the intended UK degree requirement, for further details, procedures, and for approval.]

Transferring engineering courses to UK is possible, but certain restrictions apply. Due to ABET accreditation, all ME and EM required courses (with the possible exception of EM 221, ME 220, EM 313 and EM 302) must be taken at an ABET-accredited institution. Permission to receive credit from another institution must be requested and approved prior to taking the intended course. Ask your advisor for the proper form and additional information.

Depending on the course and the institution, approval or conditional approval will be granted for either a course equivalency or bypass examination eligibility (see earlier section). It is advised that students collect and save the course syllabus, graded homework and papers, and copies of exams for possible review/evaluation.

Credit hours earned will transfer to UK, although the grade will only be used for calculating engineering standing and exit status. Grades will not be used in calculating University cumulative GPA.

Once you have completed the course,
you must have that institution send an official transcript to UK so that the credit may be applied to your UK record.

Send the official transcript or course information to the Office of Undergraduate Admission.

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER FUNDAMENTALS EXAM (FE EXAM)**

Students often inquire about why they should take the FE exam if it is not required for graduation. Students may find that many employers place a premium on licensure and reward it with higher pay; others may require it for more senior level positions. Some types of engineering work require a Professional Engineers License which can only be obtained after successfully completing the FE exam and four years of engineering work experience beyond a Bachelor’s from an (EAC/ABET) accredited institution.

Students will register for the FE exam on the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying website (http://ncees.org). For more information, go to the Kentucky State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors at: http://kyboels.ky.gov/. The website provides information on the application process for the FE exam.

Students will also take the FE at the Pearson VUE Testing Center in Lexington, as well as at Pearson VUE testing centers in other cities in Kentucky. Students may register for the tests at any time throughout the year through the NCEES website.

**COOPERATIVE EDUCATION**

Through co-operative education, students obtain transferable skills, such as communication, leadership, presentation, teamwork and social skills. Students get a glimpse of “real life” as an engineer,” and have the opportunity to be mentored and be introduced to a professional engineering business or research environment.

Most Co-op employers request students to work for a total of three, full-time rotations (semesters and summers), alternating with semesters of study on campus. Many of UK’s co-op graduates receive job offers even before receiving their diplomas.

Many employers in and outside of Kentucky participate in this program and routinely recruit co-op students from UK. About thirty percent of co-ops work outside of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

**EDUCATION ABROAD**

The ME department collaborates with the Education Abroad office in order to assure pre-departure approval of course equivalencies and course bypass examination eligibility. Meet with your advisor early in the planning process in order to discuss the proper procedure.

**THE UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR’ S PROGRAM -- COMBINED MASTER’ S/ BACHELOR’ S DEGREE PROGRAM**

The University Scholar’s Program offers highly motivated undergraduates the opportunity and the challenge of integrating their undergraduate and graduate courses in a single continuous
program culminating in both a baccalaureate and master’s degree in Mechanical Engineering.

The University Scholar’s program provides students the opportunity to begin preliminary course and research work for the graduate degree under the direction of a faculty advisor during their senior year.

Other opportunities for similar combined degrees are available in Biomedical Engineering and Manufacturing Systems.

For further information on these programs, check with your advisor.

**AEROSPACE CERTIFICATE**

The aerospace option in engineering certificate program provides students with a formalized recognition of an emphasis in aerospace subjects as part of their undergraduate degree program.

At UK, as at most universities, the fundamental and applied courses necessary for a career in aerospace engineering are taught in various departments. The UK Aerospace Certificate option will provide students with multidisciplinary experience in aerospace systems and in aerospace specializations, preparing them to join the aerospace workforce.

**POWER AND ENERGY INSTITUTE OF KENTUCKY (PEIK) CERTIFICATE**

The certification program at the PEIK are built on a series of foundational courses at the undergraduate level, supplemented with a broad array of more advanced elective courses related to power and energy.

These advanced courses will cover both conventional and emerging areas, including smart grid systems, distributed generation, system protection, energy storage, solar power systems, biofuels, and others.

The undergraduate certificate program will mesh with the requirements for the various engineering majors, taking advantage of the fact that each major already has elective courses within their existing curriculum relevant to power and energy.

The structure of the certificate program will allow certification through electives requirements, with few if any additional courses beyond those required for the degree.

**STUDENT LEAN CERTIFICATION COURSE**

The College of Engineering Lean Systems Program offers a unique week-long non-academic certification course for UK undergraduate students. It accommodates student academic schedules by being offered during semester breaks: Once between the fall and spring semesters, and twice between the spring and fall semesters. Students do not receive any credit towards their degree, but will receive a Lean Certification.

This fee-based course is designed to build students' basic knowledge of true lean principles and practices, plus the most important lean tools.

It will be an intensive five full days of hands-on instructional strategy, focused on the specially designed lean cylinder factory laboratory where regular, basic
lean tools, standardization, collaborative problem solving, and continuous improvement are taught.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Present Educational Objectives – Effective Fall 2015:

- Our graduates will be employed in mechanical engineering or a variety of related fields as professionals, or attend graduate and professional schools in their career paths.

- Our graduates will continue their education and professional growth by supporting or participating in professional societies, licensure programs, short courses, or other professional development activities.

Student Outcomes

The mechanical engineering faculty has adopted the engineering criteria “a” through “k” student outcomes, namely:

(a) an ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering

(b) an ability to design and conduct experiments, as well as to analyze and interpret data

(c) an ability to design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs within realistic constraints such as economic, environmental, social, political, ethical, health and safety, manufacturability, and sustainability

(d) an ability to function on multidisciplinary teams

(e) an ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems

(f) an understanding of professional and ethical responsibility

(g) an ability to communicate effectively

(h) the broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context

(i) a recognition of the need for, and an ability to engage in life-long learning

(j) a knowledge of contemporary issues

(k) an ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice.
# Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

**For new students beginning Fall 2016 and afterward**

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- * Indicates course also counts as a UK Core course
- ** Indicates course to be selected from appropriate list
- Indicates core course counting toward Engineering Standing
List of Approved ME TECHNICAL ELECTIVES
(Offered by ME Department or Cross-listed)

A minimum of six credit hours (two courses) must have an ME prefix or be cross-listed as an ME course.

ME 380  Topics in ME
ME 395  Independent Work in ME
ME/MFS 503  Lean Manufacturing
ME/MFS 505  Modeling of Manufacturing
ME/MSE 506  Mechanics of Comp. Materials
ME/MFS 507  Design for Manufacturing
ME 510  Vibro-Acoustic Design
ME/MFS 512  Manufacturing Systems
ME/MFS 513  Mechanical Vibrations
ME 514  Comp Tech in Systems
ME/MFS 515  Rotordynamics of Turbomachinery
ME 516  Systems Engineering
ME/MFS/EE 526  Lean Operations Management
ME/MA 527  Applied Math in Nat Sci I
ME 530  Gas Dynamics
ME 531  Fluid Dynamics I
ME 532  Adv. Strength of Materials
ME 548  Aerodynamics of Turbomachinery
ME 549  Power Generation
ME/MFS/CME/MSE 554  Chemical and Physical Processing of Polymer Systems
ME/EE/MSE 555  Intro to Micro/Nano Elect Sys
ME/MFS/CME/MSE 556  Intro. to Composite Materials
ME 560  Engineering Optics (same as EE 566)
ME 563  Basic Combustion Phenom
ME 565  Scale Modeling in Engr.
ME/EE/MSE 570  Fundamentals of Nanoelectronic Devices and Materials
ME/BAE 580  Heating, Ventilating & Air Conditioning
ME 599  Topics in ME

List of Approved Non-ME Technical Electives
(From other College Departments)

A maximum of three credit hours (one course) may be chosen from the courses listed below:

BAE 502  Modeling of Bio Systems
BME 405  Introduction to Biomedical Signal Processing
BME 472  Human Biomechanics
BME 485  Fundamentals of Biofluid Mechanics
BME 488  Introduction to Biomaterials
BME 508  Cell Mechanics and Mechanobiology
BME 515  Modeling of Physiological Systems
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BME 530  Biomedical Instrumentation  
BME 540  Mechanical Modeling of Human Motion  
BME 579  Neural Engineering: Merging Engineering with Neuroscience  
BME 580  Introduction to Biomedical Imaging  

EGR 540  Power Economics and Public Policy  
EGR 542  Electric Power Generation Technologies  
EGR 546  Electric Power System Fundamentals  
EGR 553  Environmental Consequences of Energy Production  
EGR 599  Topics in Engineering  

MFS 509  Leadership for a Lean Enterprise  
MFS 525  Organizational Learning for Lean Manufacturing  
MFS 599  Topics in Manufacturing Systems Engineering  

MSE 201  Material Science  

**NOTE:** For any courses not on the either of the approved lists, a student will submit a petition -- including justification -- to the DUS for an exception, which will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.