



Materials Engineering

College of
Engineering

The materials engineer is responsible for the preparation, fabrication, selection, use, and reuse of existing materials, and for the development of new and improved materials. The professional in this field is often called on to consider metals, ceramics and polymers. The engineer considers chemical, electronic, magnetic, optical, and mechanical properties of materials.

Admission to the degree program is selective. Students should refer to the UK *Bulletin* for general information concerning admission and graduation requirements.

Degree Requirements

The following curriculum meets the requirements for a B.S. in Materials Engineering, provided the student satisfies the graduation requirements of the College of Engineering.

Freshman Year

First Semester	Hours
MSE 101 Materials Engineering	1
CHE 105 General College Chemistry I	3
ENG 101 Writing I	3
MA 113 Calculus I	4
CS 221 First Course in Computer Science for Engineers	2
University Studies*	3
Second Semester	
CHE 107 General College Chemistry II	3
CHE 115 General Chemistry Laboratory	3
MA 114 Calculus II	4
ENG 102 Writing II	3
COM 181 Basic Public Speaking	3
University Studies*	3

Sophomore Year

First Semester	Hours
MSE 201 Materials Science	3
MSE 202 Materials Science Laboratory	1
MA 213 Calculus III	4
PHY 231 General University Physics	4
PHY 241 General University Physics Laboratory	1
CHE 236 Survey of Organic Chemistry	3
Second Semester	
MSE 301 Materials Science II	3
MSE 351 Material Thermodynamics	3
PHY 232 General University Physics	4
EM 221 Statics	3
MA 214 Calculus IV	3

Junior Year

First Semester	Hours
MSE 401G Metal and Alloys	4
MSE 404G Polymeric Materials	3
EM 302 Mechanics of Deformable Solids	3
EE 305 Electrical Circuits and Electronics	3
University Studies*	3
Second Semester	
MSE 403G Ceramic Engineering and Processing	4
MSE 402G Electronic Materials and Processing	4
PHY 361 Principles of Modern Physics	3
STA 381 Introduction to Engineering Statistics	3
MSE 535 Mechanical Properties of Materials	3

Senior Year

First Semester	Hours
MSE 585 Materials Characterization Techniques	4
MSE 436 Material Failure Analysis	3
MFS 503 Lean Manufacturing Principles and Practices	3
Materials Elective***	3
University Studies*	3
Second Semester	
MSE 480 Materials Design	3
MSE 538 Metals Processing	4
Materials Elective***	4
Supportive Elective**	3
University Studies*	6

*To be selected from University Studies areas in Social Sciences, Humanities, Cross-Cultural and Electives in consultation with the academic advisor. A minimum of 18 credits in the humanities and social sciences are required.

**Supportive elective is any university course, excluding more elementary versions of required courses, such as precalculus mathematics or PHY 211.

***Choose from the following materials electives below:

Materials Electives

General

Metals

- MSE 462 Physical Metallurgy of Ferrous Materials
- MSE 531 Powder Metallurgy
- MSE 542 Extractive Metallurgy
- MSE 550 Corrosion

Polymers

- MSE 506 Mechanics of Composite Materials
- MSE/CME 554 Chemical and Physical Processing of Polymer Systems
- MSE 556 Introduction to Composite Materials

Electronics

- MSE 568 Fiber Optics
- MSE 569 Electronic Packaging Systems and Manufacturing Processes