Petroleum Engineering is concerned primarily with the economic extraction of oil, gas, and other natural resources from the earth. Oil and gas is produced through the design, drilling and operation of wells and well systems, and the integrated management of the underground reservoirs in which the resources are found.

The mission of the Petroleum Engineering Department is to create, preserve, integrate, transfer and apply petroleum engineering knowledge and to enhance the human capability of its practitioners. The Petroleum Engineering Program has two educational objectives:

- graduates will have the technical depth and breadth to be successful professionals early in their careers; and
- graduates will have the broad technical knowledge and soft skills needed to rise to positions of professional leadership.

In essence, the goal of the Petroleum Engineering curriculum is to provide a modern engineering education with proper balance between fundamentals and practice, and to graduate engineers capable of being productive contributors immediately who are also prepared for life-long learning. The curriculum includes study of:

- design and analysis of well systems and procedures for drilling and completing wells;
- characterization and evaluation of subsurface geological formations and their resources;
- design and analysis of systems for producing, injecting and handling fluids;
- application of reservoir engineering principles and practices for optimizing resource development and management; and
- use of project economics and resource valuation methods for design and decision making under conditions of risk and uncertainty.

There is a heavy emphasis on mathematics, computer applications, communication skills and interdisciplinary problem solving. As a result, Aggie petroleum engineers are in high demand in the industry, and their starting salaries are consistently among the top in the University and the nation.

The department is well known for its curriculum, facilities and faculty, and its undergraduate program was recognized as one of the top petroleum engineering programs in the United States. The faculty comprises more than 43 professors and lecturers, many of them widely known and globally involved in the petroleum industry. Three (3) of the faculty are members of the prestigious National Academy of Engineering, and 18 are Distinguished Members of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. The Bachelor of Science program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, www.abet.org.

Students must work as interns during the summer months; a minimum of six weeks of approved experience is required for graduation. The department also participates in the Cooperative Education Program.

In addition to the Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering, the department also offers both masters and doctoral degrees, including Master of Science, Master of Engineering, and Doctor of Philosophy (see the Texas A&M University Graduate and Professional Catalog).

Before commencing course work in the major, students must be admitted to the major or have the approval of the department.

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**Majors**

- Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/engineering/petroleum/bs)
Courses

PETE 201 Introduction to Petroleum Engineering
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Overview and history of the petroleum industry and petroleum engineering; nature of oil and gas reservoirs, exploration and drilling, formation evaluation, well completions and production, surface facilities, reservoir mechanics, improved oil recovery; impact of ethical, societal, environmental considerations; career development resources, including professional society.
Prerequisite: Approval of department head.

PETE 225 Introduction to Drilling Systems
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Introduction to petroleum drilling systems, including fundamental petroleum engineering concepts, quantities and unit systems, drilling rig components, drilling fluids, pressure loss calculations, casing, well cementing, and directional drilling.
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in MATH 152; PHYS 206, and ENGR 216/PHYS 216, PHYS 216/ENGR 216, or PHYS 218.

PETE 285 Directed Studies
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Other Hours.
Special problems in various areas of petroleum engineering assigned to individual students or to groups.
Prerequisites: Approval of department head.

PETE 289 Special Topics in...
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours.
Selected topics in an identified area of petroleum engineering. May be repeated for credit.
Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

PETE 291 Research
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Other Hours.
Research conducted under the direction of a faculty member in petroleum engineering. May be taken two times for credit. Registration in multiple sections of this course is possible within a given semester.
Prerequisites: Freshman or sophomore classification and approval of instructor.

PETE 300 Summer Practice
Credits 0.
Required. No Credit. Industry practice to familiarize the petroleum engineering student with practices and equipment of the petroleum industry. Approval of advisor required.

PETE 301 Petroleum Engineering Numerical Methods
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Use of numerical methods in a variety of petroleum engineering problems; numerical differentiation and integration; root finding; numerical solution of differential equations; curve fitting and interpolation; computer applications; introduction to the principles of numerical simulation methods.
Prerequisites: MATH 308, junior or senior classification, petroleum engineering majors only; or approval of instructor.

PETE 310 Reservoir Fluids
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Thermodynamic behavior of naturally occurring hydrocarbon mixtures; evaluation and correlation of physical properties of petroleum reservoir fluids including laboratory and empirical methods.
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in CHEM 107 and CHEM 117; MATH 251, MEEN 315, PETE 311; concurrent enrollment in MATH 308.

PETE 311 Reservoir Petrophysics
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Systematic theoretical and laboratory study of physical properties of petroleum reservoir rocks; lithology, porosity, elastic properties, strength, acoustic properties, electrical properties, relative and effective permeability, fluid saturations, capillary characteristics and rock-fluid interactions such as adsorption and absorption.
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in PHYS 207, and ENGR 217/PHYS 217 or PHYS 217/ENGR 217; MATH 251; concurrent enrollment in GEOL 104.

PETE 314 Transport Processes in Petroleum Production
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Basics and applications of fluid mechanics (statics; mass, energy, momentum balances; laminar and turbulent flow, Reynolds number, Moody diagram; non-Newtonian fluid flow; multi-phase flow; flow in porous media, non-Darcy flow); heat transfer (heat conduction, convection, heat exchangers); emphasis on analogies and similarities within mass, energy and momentum transport.
Prerequisites: MEEN 315, junior or senior classification, petroleum engineering majors only; or approval of instructor.

PETE 321 Formation Evaluation
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Well-log interpretation for formation evaluation of hydrocarbon-bearing reservoirs; basic rock physics principles; theory of tool operation; analysis of open hole logs and core measurements to estimate hydrocarbon reserves and petrophysical properties of the formation such as porosity, net pay thickness, water/hydrocarbon saturation, permeability and saturation-dependent capillary pressure; formation evaluation of clay-free and shaly-sand formations as well as basic introduction to formation evaluation of organic-shale formations.
Prerequisites: PETE 301, PETE 310, PETE 311; GEOL 404, junior or senior classification, petroleum engineering majors only; or approval of instructor.

PETE 323 Fundamentals of Reservoir Engineering
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Determination of reserves; material balance methods; aquifer models; fractional flow and frontal advance; displacement, pattern and vertical sweep efficiencies in waterfloods; enhanced oil recovery processes; design of optimal recovery processes; introduction and performance analysis of unconventional reservoirs.
Prerequisites: PETE 301, PETE 310, PETE 311; GEOL 404, junior or senior classification, petroleum engineering majors only; or approval of instructor.
PLETE 324 Well Testing
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Analysis of well performance under varied reservoir conditions including evaluation of unsteady, pseudo-steady and steady state flow; well testing methods used to determine well and reservoir parameters; applications to conventional and unconventional wells producing gas and/or liquids; fundamentals of preparing and operating well test equipment to monitor, measure and gather samples for evaluating well performance.
Prerequisites: PETE 301, PETE 310, PETE 311; GEOL 404, junior or senior classification, petroleum engineering majors only; or approval of instructor.

PLETE 325 Petroleum Production Systems
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Petroleum operation and oil field equipment including onshore and offshore production systems; wellbore inflow and outflow and backpressure analysis; downhole completion and sand control equipment; artificial lift equipment and design; stimulation, workover/ completion nomenclature; flow assurance; produced fluids, fluid separation and metering, safety systems, pressure boosting and monitoring.
Prerequisites: PETE 301, PETE 310, PETE 314, junior or senior classification, petroleum engineering majors only; or approval of instructor.

PLETE 335 Technical Presentations I
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Preparation of a written technical paper proposal on a subject related to petroleum technology and an oral presentation of the proposal in a formal technical conference format.
Prerequisites: COMM 203, COMM 205 or ENGL 210; junior or senior classification.

PLETE 336 Petroleum Technical Presentation I
Credit 1. 3 Lab Hours.
Preparation of a written technical paper on a subject related to petroleum technology.
Prerequisites: ENGL 210; junior or senior classification, petroleum engineering majors only or approval of department head; Qatar campus.

PLETE 337 Junior Student Paper Contest
Credits 0.
No Credit. Presentation of a technical proposal on a subject related to petroleum technology judged by petroleum professionals at the junior level departmental student paper contest. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.
Prerequisite: PETE 335.

PLETE 353 Petroleum Project Evaluation
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Economic analysis and investment decision methods in petroleum and mineral extraction industries; depletion, petroleum taxation regulations, and projects of the type found in the industry; mineral project evaluation case studies.
Corequisites: PETE 301, PETE 310.

PLETE 355 Drilling Engineering
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Design and evaluation of well drilling systems; identification and solution of drilling problems; wellbore hydraulics, well control, casing design; well cementing directional drilling, offshore drilling.
Prerequisites: CVEN 305, PETE 225, PETE 314; concurrent enrollment in PETE 321, PETE 325.

PLETE 401 Reservoir Simulation
Credits 2. 1 Lecture Hour. 3 Lab Hours.
Solution of production and reservoir engineering problems using state-of-the-art commercial reservoir simulation software, using data commonly available in industry; emphasis on reservoir description, reservoir model design and calibration, production forecasting and optimization, economic analysis and decision making under uncertainty.
Prerequisites: PETE 310, PETE 321, PETE 323, PETE 324, PETE 353.

PLETE 402 Integrated Asset Development
Credits 3. 1 Lecture Hour. 6 Lab Hours.
Capstone design encompassing previously acquired skills; project teams formed to solve practical petroleum engineering problems using current tools; technical content of the projects may include any combination of drilling and completion, formation evaluation, inflow/outflow design and analysis, and application of reservoir engineering principles.
Prerequisites: PETE 355, PETE 401, PETE 404, PETE 410.

PLETE 404 Integrated Reservoir Modeling
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Geophysical, geological, petrophysical and engineering data with geostatistical methods to create reservoir descriptions for dynamic reservoir modeling (simulation); geostatistical concepts such as variogram modeling, kriging and sequential Gaussian simulation; combines several techniques to quantify uncertainty in a realistic dynamic reservoir simulation.
Corequisite: PETE 401.

PLETE 406 High Performance Drilling Design and Operational Practices
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Preparation in achieving differentiating drilling performance in the most complex wells; includes training in the underlying physics of each type of performance limiter and real time and engineering practices to address the limitation; performance management workflows and change models required to effectively change the way organizations conduct work essential in achieving higher performance.
Prerequisite: PETE 355.

PLETE 408 Probabilistic Reserves Evaluation
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Oil and gas reserves definitions and reporting regulations; probabilistic reserves estimation methods; unconventional resources characterization; reserves valuation techniques.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in PETE 353 or approval of instructor.

PLETE 409 Enhanced Oil Recovery
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Fundamentals and theory of enhanced oil recovery; polymer flooding, surfactant flooding, miscible gas flooding and steam flooding; application of fractional flow theory; strategies and displacement performance calculations.
Prerequisites: PETE 310 or approval of instructor.

PLETE 410 Production Engineering
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Fundamental production engineering design, evaluation and optimization for oil and gas producing well; well deliverability; formation damage and skin analysis; well completion selection; technologies that improve oil and gas well performance including artificial lift and well stimulation.
Prerequisites: PETE 321, PETE 323, PETE 324, PETE 325.
PETE 412 Surface Production Facilities  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Overview of separation and treatment of production fluid; fundamentals of gas-liquid separation; design and performance analysis of two- and three-phase separators; oil desalting, sweetening and stabilization; water treatment; overview of gas separation, dehydration and sweetening.  
Prerequisite: Senior classification or approval of instructor; Qatar campus.

PETE 413 Natural Gas Engineering  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Flow of natural gas in reservoirs and wellbores and gathering systems; deliverability testing; production surveillance and monitoring; production forecasting; flow measurement; and compressor sizing.  
Prerequisites: PETE 323, PETE 324 and PETE 325.

PETE 416 Solving Common Production Engineering Problems  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Application of petroleum engineering tools, methods and techniques to solve real problems that petroleum engineers encounter in producing individual wells; focus primarily on problems associated with single-phase gas wells and uses Microsoft Excel to solve many of these problems.  
Prerequisite: PETE 410.

PETE 418 Deterministic Reserves Evaluation  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Oil and gas reserves definitions and reporting regulations; deterministic estimation methods; unconventional resources characterization; reserves valuation techniques.  
Prerequisite: PETE 353 or approval of instructor.

PETE 435 Technical Presentations II  
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.  
Preparation of a written technical paper on a subject related to petroleum technology and an oral presentation of the paper in a formal technical conference format.  
Prerequisites: PETE 337.

PETE 436 Petroleum Technical Presentation II  
Credit 1. 3 Lab Hours.  
Preparation of a written technical paper on a subject related to petroleum technology and an oral presentation of the paper in a formal technical conference format.  
Prerequisites: PETE 336; senior classification, petroleum engineering majors only or approval of department head; Qatar campus.

PETE 437 Senior Student Paper Contest  
Credits 0.  
No credit. Presentation of a technical petroleum engineering topic judged by petroleum professionals at the senior level departmental student paper contest. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.  
Prerequisite: PETE 435 or concurrent enrollment.

PETE 458 Energy and Sustainability  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Energy resources and use with emphasis on long-term sustainability; considers fossil, nuclear and alternative energy sources, electricity and transportation, energy conversions, energy efficiency, energy security, energy policy and environmental impact.

PETE 485 Directed Studies  
Credits 1 to 5. 1 to 5 Other Hours.  
Special problems in various phases of petroleum engineering assigned to individual students or to groups.  
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification and approval of department head.

PETE 489 Special Topics in...  
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Other Hours.  
Selected topics in an identified field of petroleum engineering. Approval of instructor. May be repeated for credit.

PETE 491 Research  
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Other Hours.  
Research conducted under the direction of a faculty member in petroleum engineering. May be taken two times for credit. Registration in multiple sections of this course is possible within a given semester.  
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification and approval of instructor.