

INTERDISCIPLINARY ENGINEERING - 6-YEAR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AND JURIS DOCTOR

This program merges engineering and law, preparing students for legal careers requiring technical expertise, like patent or environmental law, through a streamlined six-year curriculum.

Program Requirements

The freshman year is identical for degrees in aerospace engineering, architectural engineering, civil engineering, computer engineering, computer science, data engineering, electrical engineering, electronic systems engineering technology, environmental engineering, industrial distribution, industrial engineering, interdisciplinary engineering, manufacturing and mechanical engineering technology, mechanical engineering, multidisciplinary engineering technology, nuclear engineering, ocean engineering, and petroleum engineering. The freshman year is slightly different for chemical engineering, biomedical engineering and materials science and engineering degrees in that students take CHEM 119 or CHEM 107/CHEM 117 and CHEM 120. Students pursuing degrees in biological and agricultural engineering should refer to the specific curriculum for this major. It is recognized that many students will change the sequence and number of courses taken in any semester. Deviations from the prescribed course sequence, however, should be made with care to ensure that prerequisites for all courses are met.

First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
CHEM 107	General Chemistry for Engineering Students ^{1,4}	3
CHEM 117	General Chemistry for Engineering Students Laboratory ^{1,4}	1
ENGL 103 or ENGL 104	Introduction to Rhetoric and Composition ¹ or Composition and Rhetoric	3
ENGR 102	Engineering Lab I - Computation ¹	2
MATH 151	Engineering Mathematics I ^{1,2}	4
University Core Curriculum (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/) ³		3
Semester Credit Hours		16

Spring

ENGR 216/ PHYS 216	Experimental Physics and Engineering Lab II - Mechanics ¹	2
MATH 152	Engineering Mathematics II ¹	4
PHYS 206	Newtonian Mechanics for Engineering and Science ¹	3
University Core Curriculum (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/) ³		3
Select one of the following:		3-4

CHEM 120 Fundamentals of Chemistry II^{1,4}

University Core Curriculum (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/>)^{3,5}

Semester Credit Hours	15-16
Total Semester Credit Hours	31-32

¹ A grade of C or better is required.

² Entering students will be given a math placement exam. Test results will be used in selecting the appropriate starting course which may be at a higher or lower level.

³ Of the 21 hours shown as University Core Curriculum electives, 3 must be from creative arts (see AREN curriculum for more information), 3 from social and behavioral sciences (see DAEN and IDIS curriculum for more information), 3 from language, philosophy and culture (see CVEN, EVEN and PETE curriculum for more information), 6 from American history and 6 from government/political science. The required 3 hours of international and cultural diversity and 3 hours of cultural discourse may be met by courses satisfying the creative arts, social and behavioral sciences, language, philosophy and culture, and American history requirements if they are also on the approved list of international and cultural diversity (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and cultural discourse (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses.

⁴ BMEN, CHEN and MSEN require 8 hours of fundamentals of chemistry which are satisfied with CHEM 119 or CHEM 107/CHEM 117 and CHEM 120; Students with an interest in BMEN, CHEN and MSEN can take CHEM 120 second semester freshman year. CHEM 120 will substitute for CHEM 107/CHEM 117.

⁵ For BS-PETE, allocate 3 hours to core communications course (ENGL 210, COMM 203, COMM 205, or COMM 243) and/or 3 hours to UCC elective. For BS-MEEN, allocate 3 hours to core communications course (ENGL 203, ENGL 210, COMM 203 or COMM 205) and/or 3 hours to UCC elective.

Second Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ENGR 217/ PHYS 217	Experimental Physics and Engineering Lab III - Electricity and Magnetism ¹	2
ITDE 201	Foundations of Interdisciplinary Engineering ¹	1
MATH 251 or MATH 253	Engineering Mathematics III ¹ or Engineering Mathematics III	3
PHYS 207	Electricity and Magnetism for Engineering and Science ¹	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 203	Public Speaking	
COMM 205	Communication for Technical Professions	
COMM 243	Argumentation and Debate	
ENGL 203	Writing about Literature	
ENGL 210	Technical and Professional Writing	
Math/Science elective ^{1,7}		3
Technical electives ^{1,6}		3
Semester Credit Hours		18

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MATH 308	Differential Equations ¹	3
University Core Curriculum (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/) ³		6
Technical electives ^{1, 6}		9
Semester Credit Hours		18

Summer

ITDE 399	High Impact Experience for Interdisciplinary Engineers	0
Semester Credit Hours		0

Third Year**Fall**

ITDE 301	Interdisciplinary Engineering Experimentation ¹	1
Select one of the following:		3
MATH 304	Linear Algebra ¹	
MATH 311	Topics in Applied Mathematics I ¹	
MATH 323	Linear Algebra ¹	
MATH 401	Advanced Engineering Mathematics ¹	
University Core Curriculum (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/) ³		3
Technical electives ^{1, 6}		9
Semester Credit Hours		16

Spring

University Core Curriculum (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/) ³		3
Technical electives ^{1, 6}		13
Semester Credit Hours		16

Fourth Year**Fall**

LAW 7001	Analysis, Research, and Writing I	3
LAW 7005	Civil Procedure	4
LAW 7042	Torts	4
LAW 7110	Professional Identity	0.5
LAW 7418	Legislation and Regulation	3
Semester Credit Hours		14.5

Spring

LAW 7002	Analysis, Research, and Writing II	3
LAW 7007	Alternative Dispute Resolution Survey	1
LAW 7017	Contracts	4
LAW 7021	Criminal Law	3
LAW 7032	Property	4
LAW 7110	Professional Identity	0.5
Semester Credit Hours		15.5

Fifth Year**Fall**

LAW 7010	Constitutional Law	4
LAW 7091	Professional Responsibility	3
Upper level LAW electives ^{8, 9}		8
Semester Credit Hours		15

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Upper level LAW electives ^{8, 9}	15
Semester Credit Hours	15

Sixth Year**Fall**

ITDE 401	Interdisciplinary Engineering Capstone Design I ^{1, 10}	3
Technical Electives ^{1, 6, 10}		3
Upper level LAW electives ^{8, 9, 10}		9
Semester Credit Hours		15

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ITDE 402	Interdisciplinary Engineering Capstone Design II ^{1, 10}	2
ITDE 499	Degree Plan Approval for ITDE	0
Technical Electives ^{1, 6, 10}		3
Upper level LAW electives ^{8, 9, 10}		9
Semester Credit Hours		14
Total Semester Credit Hours		157

⁶ A total of 40 semester credit hours of technical electives are required. To be selected in consultation with ITDE advisor.

⁷ Select from the following courses: ASTR 314; ATMO 363; BIOL 111, BIOL 113; CHEM 222, CHEM 227, CHEM 310, CHEM 311, CHEM 315, CHEM 316, CHEM 318, CHEM 322; ECCB 205; GEOG 205; GEOL 101, GEOL 104; MARS 408, MARS 410; MATH 304, MATH 311, MATH 323, MATH 401; PHYS 222; RWF 375; STAT 211, STAT 414.

⁸ Students must successfully complete a minimum of six credit hours in one or more upper-level experiential courses. As part of the six credit hours, the student must successfully complete an approved externship or a clinic that involves advising or representing one or more actual clients or serving as a third-party neutral. An experiential course must be a simulation course, a law clinic, or a field placement.

⁹ One LARW III course is required.

¹⁰ Courses taken for credit for both the undergraduate and professional degree for a combined total of 30 semester credit hours: ITDE 301, ITDE 401, ITDE 402, 6 semester credit hours of technical electives, and 18 semester credit hours of upper level LAW electives. All double-counted elective courses are to be selected in consultation with both ITDE and LAW advisors.

The combined program includes a total of 188 semester credit hours, which includes 30 semester credit hours applied both to the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Engineering and Juris Doctor degrees.

The JD degree is conferred on students who satisfactorily complete the program with a cumulative grade point average of 2.33 or better in LAW classes. In addition, each student must complete an upper-level rigorous writing requirement, a six-hour experiential requirement, and a 30-hour *pro bono* requirement. Students must complete their degree requirements within 72 months of starting law school, which occurs at the start of the fourth year of this combined program.

Total Semester Credit Hours for Combination Program 188