

MULTIDISCIPLINARY ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY - BS, ELECTRO MARINE ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY TRACK

Multidisciplinary Engineering Technology (MXET) prepares students for careers requiring an understanding of technical problems and systems that combine principles from two or more engineering technology disciplines.

This degree is designed to be flexible, giving the student a strong background in electronic and mechanical systems, which is then augmented with a 29-hour focus area. Graduates of the program receive a rigorous technical education and typically take engineering and technology positions appropriate to their focus area of study. The MXET curriculum is based on a strong underpinning of engineering math and science courses followed by a core technical sequence. This core includes mechanical, electronic and embedded systems/software fundamentals, principles and design concepts. Throughout their curriculum, students work on multiple open-ended projects to design, implement, test, and evaluate mechanical and electronic hardware and software systems. One of the most unique aspects of the Multidisciplinary Engineering Technology program is that most technical courses provide a hands-on laboratory experience using state-of-the-art equipment and industry-standard design and analysis software. The technical curriculum is augmented with courses in written/oral communications and technical project management. A team-based industry-sponsored capstone design sequence provides a challenging opportunity to apply technical, managerial, and communications skills to solve a real-world problem.

The Multidisciplinary Engineering Technology program is accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of ABET, <http://www.abet.org/>.

For more information about the MXET program, please see the program requirements.

MXET Program Mission

The Multidisciplinary Engineering Technology Program at Texas A&M University prepares graduates for immediate impact and long-term career success by providing a real-world experiential education coupled with personalized undergraduate experiences in mechanical, electronic, control, computer, communication systems, and robotics.

MXET Program Vision

Provide a high-quality undergraduate education with a multidisciplinary curriculum that evolves to keep pace with the rapid growth of engineering and technology in various areas of multidisciplinary engineering technology.

MXET Program Educational Objectives

Graduates of the multidisciplinary engineering technology program:

1. Are engaged in building and using technical knowledge of the design, manufacture, supply chain, and service of complex systems that span multiple engineering technology disciplines.
2. Continue providing leadership in their respective organizations.
3. Are engaged productively in a dynamic work environment through a commitment to lifelong learning.
4. Practice high standards of professional ethics in their careers.

A continuous cycle of assessment and program improvement is used to ensure that these objectives are being met. Through interactions with industry and academic partners, the Multidisciplinary Engineering Technology program offers a state-of-the-art curriculum that produces successful graduates.

MXET Tracks

The MXET program has a common core of courses and 29 additional credit hours that allow students to gain further experience with the focus area of choice. Currently, there are three focus areas, each representing a track of the MXET program. These tracks are mechatronics, STEM education, and electro-marine engineering technology.

Electro Marine Engineering Technology Track

The Electro Marine Engineering Technology track has an emphasis in marine mechatronics, a multidisciplinary field that includes a combination of electrical, mechanical, communications, control, and marine engineering technology topics. Students interested in wireless communications, automation, instrumentation and/or robotics will gain hands-on experience with a focus on marine electronic systems. Additionally, students graduating with this degree and obtaining a license will be well prepared to become an electronic technology officer (ETO). In the near future, at least one ETO will be required on each sailing vessel.

This program is approved to be offered at the Texas A&M University at Galveston campus.

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

		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		Semester Credit Hours
Fall		
ENGR 217/ PHYS 217	Experimental Physics and Engineering Lab III - Electricity and Magnetism ¹	2
ESET 210	Circuit Analysis ¹	4
ESET 219	Digital Electronics ¹	4
PHYS 207	Electricity and Magnetism for Engineering and Science ¹	3
Math elective ^{1, 6}		3
Semester Credit Hours		16
Spring		
ESET 269	Embedded Systems Development in C ¹	3
ESET 350	Analog Electronics ¹	4
MMET 207	Metallic Materials ¹	3
MMET 275	Mechanics for Technologists ¹	3
MMET 370 or MARE 315	Thermodynamics for Technologists ¹ or Thermodynamics for Technologists	4
Semester Credit Hours		17
Third Year		
Fall		
ESET 211	Power Systems and Circuit Applications ^{1,7}	3
ESET 349	Microcontroller Architecture ^{1,7}	4
MMET 376	Strength of Materials ¹	4
MXET 375	Applied Dynamic Systems ¹	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 203	Public Speaking	
COMM 205	Communication for Technical Professions	
ENGL 210	Technical and Professional Writing	
Semester Credit Hours		17
Spring		
ESET 315	Local-and-Metropolitan-Area Networks ^{1, 7}	4
ESET 359	Electronic Instrumentation ¹	4
ESET 369	Embedded Systems Software ^{1,7}	4
MMET 363	Mechanical Design Applications I ¹	3
High Impact Experience ⁸		0
ENTC 399	High Impact Experience	
Semester Credit Hours		15
Fourth Year		
Fall		
ESET 355	Electromagnetics and High Frequency Systems ^{1,7}	4
ESET 419	Engineering Technology Capstone I ¹	3
MXET 300	Mechatronics I – Mobile Robotic Systems ^{1,7}	3
University Core Curriculum (https://catalog.tamu.edu/ undergraduate/general-information/university-core- curriculum/) ³		6
Semester Credit Hours		16
Spring		
ESET 420	Engineering Technology Capstone II ¹	2
ESET 455	Wireless Transmission Systems ^{1,7}	4

MARE 402	Shipboard Automation and Control ^{1,7}	3
University Core Curriculum (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/) ³		6
Semester Credit Hours		15
Total Semester Credit Hours		96

⁶ See a departmental advisor for a list of approved electives.

⁷ Meets the 29 hr Electro Marine Engineering Technology focus area requirements.

⁸ All students are required to complete a high-impact experience in order to graduate. The list of possible high-impact experiences is available from a departmental advisor.

This curriculum lists the minimum number of classes required for graduation. Additional courses may be taken.

Total Program Hours 127