Biomedical Engineering Courses (BME)

This is a list of all biomedical engineering courses. For more information, see Biomedical Engineering.

BME:0000 Biomedical Engineering Internship/Co-op 0 s.h.
Biomedical engineering students participating in the Cooperative Education Program register for this course during work assignment periods; registration provides a record of participation in the program on the student’s permanent record. Requirements: admission to Cooperative Education Program.

BME:1010 First-Year Forum 1 s.h.
Presentations by faculty, graduate students, collaborators from the Carver College of Medicine, and Colleges of Dentistry and Law; may include visits to laboratories and industries.

BME:2010 Professional Seminar: Biomedical Engineering 1 s.h.
Professional aspects of biomedical engineering presented through lectures and discussions by guest speakers, field trips, films, panel discussions. Requirements: sophomore or higher standing.

BME:2110 Cell Biology for Engineers 3 s.h.
Introduction to fundamental concepts in quantitative cell biology from an engineering perspective. Prerequisites: BIOL:1411. Corequisites: BIOS:4120 or STAT:3510.

BME:2200 Systems, Instrumentation, and Data Acquisition 4 s.h.
Introduction to engineering art and science of modeling, acquisition, and analysis of data collected from living systems; modeling of physiological and biological systems; concepts of analog circuit design, with emphasis on circuits for collecting data for biomedical applications using operational amplifiers, active filters, conversion, and interface to microcomputers; patient safety; clinical circuits; analysis of data using time domain and Fourier domain techniques and models; time domain sampling, and Nyquist sampling theorem. Prerequisites: ENGR:2120. Corequisites: HHP:3500, and BIOS:4120 or STAT:3510.

BME:2210 Bioimaging and Bioinformatics 4 s.h.
Introduction to bioinformatics and biomedical imaging; computer algorithms, machine learning, databases and SQL, the web and web servers, ethics, computer security, genome technology, public warehouses of biological data; medical imaging hardware and software for acquisition and analysis of medical images, especially those collected from X-ray, CT, MR, and ultrasound systems; medical imaging system physics, including interaction of energy with tissue, concepts of image spatial and temporal resolution; applications of filtering, enhancement, and image processing for analysis of medical images. Prerequisites: ENGR:1300 and BIOL:1411. Corequisites: BIOS:4120 or STAT:3510.

BME:2500 Biomaterials and Biomechanics 4 s.h.
Introduction to mechanics and materials in biological systems; principles of mechanics (stress, strain, motion, fluid flow) presented and used to characterize behavior of biological entities (tendon/ligament, bone and cartilage, blood, blood vessels, heart); principles of material science; role of biomaterials (metals, polymers, ceramics) in medical devices. Prerequisites: ENGR:2110. Corequisites: HHP:3500, and BIOS:4120 or STAT:3510.

BME:2710 Engineering Drawing, Design, and Solid Modeling 3 s.h.
Introduction to methods and principles used by engineers to define and describe geometry and topology of engineered components; use of Parametric Technology's Creo Pro (formerly ProEngineer) 3-D CAD software; emphasis on elements of design; basic commands used in parametric design to develop spatial visualization skills and the ability to create and understand 3-D solid parametric design for assembly and 3-D drawing documentation; creation of 3-D assemblies and detailed drawings from art of design to part, utilization of solid modeling techniques.

BME:3010 Leadership and Resourcefulness 1 s.h.
Development of leadership skills and resourcefulness for real-world professional work and life. Requirements: completion of BME:1010 and two semesters of BME:2010.

BME:3200 Systems Biology for Biomedical Engineers 3 s.h.
Introduction to computational approaches relevant to systems biology; although systems biology is comprised of both experimental and computational aspects, the focus is on the latter, providing an introduction to the use of deterministic models to study biochemical reaction networks; computational models will be constructed using Wolfram Mathematica to provide insights into the complexities of biochemical systems and also serve to acquaint students with the types of modeling approaches used to study these systems. Prerequisites: BME:2110 and BME:2200.

BME:3998 Individual Investigations: Biomedical Engineering arr.
Individual projects for biomedical engineering undergraduate students, such as laboratory study, engineering design projects, analysis and simulation of an engineering system, computer software development, research.

BME:4010 Biomedical Engineering Design Seminar 1 s.h.
Information and presentations about possible projects; mentors available for senior design projects. Requirements: junior standing.

BME:4110 Principles of Regenerative Bioengineering arr.
Embryonic, fetal, and adult sources, human and nonhuman “stemness” of cells; references to biomaterials (i.e., those designed to direct organization, growth, and differentiation of cells in process of forming functional tissue by providing physical and chemical cues); biomarkers and nano-medicine; promises of bioinformatics in support tissue engineering, gene and protein sequencing, gene expression analysis, protein expression, and interaction analysis. Prerequisites: BIOL:1411. Corequisites: HHP:3500. Recommendations: BME:2110.
BME:4111 Fundamentals of NanoScale Technologies in Regenerative Bioengineering 1 s.h.

Nanotechnology as an emerging field in the quest to better and more affordable health care; experimentation and development of new materials that benefit regenerative medicine; targeted drug delivery and enhanced tissue engineering as a priority in pursuit of new approaches in tissue and organ transplantation; state-of-the-art new technologies applied to role of stem cells and biomedical engineering in future health care; seminar with reading and comments of significant journal articles in the field. Prerequisites: BME:4110.

BME:4112 Methods in Regenerative Bioengineering and NanoScale Technology 3 s.h.

Nanotechnology as an emerging field in the quest to better and more affordable health care; experimentation and development of new materials that benefit regenerative medicine; targeted drug delivery and enhanced tissue engineering as a priority in pursuit of new approaches in tissue and organ transplantation; state-of-the-art new technologies applied to role of stem cells and biomedical engineering in future health care. Prerequisites: BME:4110. Corequisites: HHP:3500. Recommendations: BME:2110.

BME:4120 Advanced Cell Biology for Engineers 3 s.h.

Introduction to techniques and quantitative analysis used in cell biology and taught from cell engineering perspective; focus on isolation, intracellular localization, and determination of mRNA levels of specific cellular proteins; analysis of resulting data and interpret reliability of results; laboratory course. Prerequisites: BME:2110.

BME:4310 Computational Biochemistry 3 s.h.

Introduction to biomolecular modeling and computer simulation techniques; biomolecular structure and molecular driving forces; principles of structural optimization and conformational sampling; applications to biomolecular phenotypes; scripting and molecular visualization in PyMol, setting up and running molecular dynamics simulations using VMD and NAMD, performing refinement of X-ray diffraction data sets using Phenix, and executing Poisson-Boltzmann electrostatic calculations using APBS. Prerequisites: (MATH:1560 or MATH:1860) and CHEM:1120. Recommendations: BIOC:3110 or BIOC:3120. Same as BIOC:4310.

BME:4910 Biomedical Engineering Senior Design I 4 s.h.

Individual or group work on a creative design project involving current problems in biomedical engineering; interdisciplinary projects involving biomedical engineering and health sciences faculty members; first semester of a year-long senior capstone design project. Prerequisites: BIOS:4120 or STAT:3510. Requirements: senior standing.

BME:4920 Biomedical Engineering Senior Design II 4 s.h.

Second semester of a year-long senior capstone design project begun in BME:4910. Prerequisites: BME:4910.

BME:5010 Seminar in Biomedical Engineering 0 s.h.

Presentation of recent advances in biomedical engineering. Requirements: graduate standing.

BME:5020 Seminar in Bioinformatics 1 s.h.

Forum for research presentations by scientists with national and international prominence; broad range of research topics in bioinformatics, genomics, and high-throughput biology; sponsored by the NIH T32 Bioinformatics Predoctoral Training Program at the University of Iowa. Same as IGPI:5020.

BME:5200 Biomedical Signal Processing 3 s.h.

Application of signal processing methods (e.g., Fourier, Laplace, z-transforms) to biomedical problems, such as analysis of cardiac signals, circadian rhythm, the breathing cycle; computer simulation lab. Same as IGPI:5212.

BME:5210 Medical Imaging Physics 3 s.h.

Physics and data acquisition techniques of major medical imaging modalities (X-ray, CT, MR, ultrasound, PET, SPECT); physical interactions of energy with living tissue; principles and methods for acquiring imaging data and subsequent image construction; how individual modalities influence image quality; MATLAB programming required. Second in a medical imaging sequence. Prerequisites: BME:2200 and BME:2210. Same as IGPI:5206.

BME:5220 Digital Image Processing 3 s.h.

Mathematical foundations and practical techniques for digital manipulation of images; image sampling, compression, enhancement, linear and nonlinear filtering and restoration; Fourier domain analysis; image pre-processing, edge detection, filtering; image segmentation. Prerequisites: ECE:2400 or BME:2200. Same as ECE:5480, IGPI:5480.

BME:5230 Multidimensional Medical Imaging Process 3 s.h.

Algorithms developed to process and analyze large volumetric data sets; physics of CT, MRI, ultrasound, 3-D convolution and filtering, geometric transformations, shape features, surface segmentation, regional segmentation, surface tiling, surface reconstruction, volumetric registration. Third in a medical imaging sequence. Prerequisites: ENGR:1300.

BME:5251 Advanced Biosystems 3 s.h.

Biological systems unique to systems analysis; operation under nonequilibrium conditions; tools for systems analysis developed from models of systems at equilibrium (i.e., mechanical systems); fundamental difference between biological and mechanical systems that impact systems analysis; expand knowledge of linear systems and begin work with nonlinear systems; various modeling and analysis approaches useful in biomedical and biomedical engineering research. Prerequisites: BME:2200. Same as IGPI:5251.

BME:5320 Bioinformatics Techniques 3 s.h.

Informatics tools and techniques applied to modern problems in biomedicine and basic life sciences; common tools, experience applying tools in contemporary problem settings; genomics and genetics, how to sequence a genome, transcription and expression, SNPs, Perl, BioPerl, Perl modules, Ensembl API, BLAST/BLAT, NCBI, UCSC, Ensembl Genome browsers, linkage, association, disease gene identification. Prerequisites: BIOL:1411 and (ENGR:2730 or CS:2110 or CS:3110). Same as ECE:5210, IGPI:5321.

BME:5330 Computational Genomics 3 s.h.

Introduction to computational methods used in genome analysis and functional genomics; biological sequence analysis, sequence database search, microarray data analysis, biological network analysis; in-depth coverage of principal genome science challenges and recent solutions. Prerequisites: (BIOS:4120 or STAT:3510) and BME:5320 and (CS:5110 or ENGR:1300). Same as BIOL:5320, ECE:5220, GENE:5173, IGPI:5330.

BME:5340 Contemporary Topics in Biomedical Engineering 3 s.h.

New and emerging areas of biomedical engineering and related fields; specific content varies.
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<td>BME:5401</td>
<td>Biomaterials and Implant Design</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Introduction to material and mechanical considerations underlying a broad range of medical implants; emphasis on understanding factors involved in orthopedic device design; major classes of biomaterials; considerations that underlie implant design, use, failure; contemporary areas of biomaterials and implant development. Prerequisites: ENGR:2750 and BME:2500.</td>
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<td>BME:5415</td>
<td>Polymer Fundamentals</td>
<td>1 s.h.</td>
<td>Basic knowledge of polymers required as a foundation for other UI courses on polymers: basic polymer terminology, polymer groups, polymerization mechanisms, molecular weight determination. Five weeks. Same as CBE:5309.</td>
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<td>BME:5421</td>
<td>Cell Material Interactions</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Current thought and techniques in the engineering and assessment of biomaterials. Prerequisites: BME:2110.</td>
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<td>BME:5430</td>
<td>Biotransport</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Energy, mass, and momentum transport in living systems; processes essential for understanding how physiological systems function from molecular level through scale of tissues and organs; fluid mechanics and physiological flows, mass transport, biochemical kinetics and reactions, bioheat transfer; conservation laws; various biological applications. Prerequisites: BME:2500.</td>
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<td>BME:5435</td>
<td>Systems Biology for Biomedical Engineering</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Although systems biology is comprised of both experimental and computational aspects, focus is on computational aspects; introduction to deterministic models of biochemical reaction networks; development and application of mathematical models of reaction networks using systems of nonlinear ordinary differential equations; numerical techniques employed to study system stability and perform simulations in realistic biological contexts. Prerequisites: BME:2110 and BME:2200 and BME:5430.</td>
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<td>BME:5441</td>
<td>Numerical and Statistical Methods for Bioengineering</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Mathematics and computation as indispensable tools needed to model and explain complex phenomena relevant to biomedical engineering problems; introduction to concepts from linear algebra, differential equations, probability and statistics, nonlinear model regression, optimization, numerical integration, and other numerical methods, all using Matlab. Prerequisites: MATH:2560 and MATH:2550.</td>
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<td>BME:5451</td>
<td>Research Methods in Cellular Engineering</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Statistical approaches and principles of assays routinely used in cell engineering; design of experiments and statistical approaches commonly used to analyze biological data including t-tests and one- and two-way ANOVAs, taking into consideration the constraints of cellular engineering research; students design, execute, and analyze data collected from actual experiments; review of recently published literature and analysis of public data sets to understand how each assay and test contributes to understanding of cellular phenotype. Prerequisites: BIOL:1411 and BIOS:4120.</td>
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<td>BME:5510</td>
<td>Cardiovascular Biomechanics</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Mechanics—forces and motion—at the heart of the cardiovascular system; fluid and solid mechanics inherent to the motion of the heart, valves, arteries, and veins, and how they facilitate the flow of blood; how to use mechanics to understand and diagnose the severity of cardiovascular disease states and to design implants and devices. Prerequisites: BME:2500.</td>
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<td>BME:5530</td>
<td>Design of Circulatory Implants and Artificial Organs</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Exploration of current innovations and new technologies; examination of various devices currently on the market from a standpoint of design variables and objectives (i.e., stents, heart valves, dialyzers, VADs, artificial organs); biomedical engineers’ vital role in design and improvement of these implants. Prerequisites: BME:2500.</td>
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<td>BME:5540</td>
<td>Quantitative Studies of Respiratory and Cardiovascular Systems</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Quantitative physiological aspects of respiratory and cardiovascular systems; classical models of these systems are considered including lumped element models, branching tree structures, and distributed parameter models to predict wave propagation in compliant walled tubes filled with compressible or incompressible fluids; development of extensive computer models to simulate the behavior of these systems in frequency- and time-domains, under various conditions of health and disease. Prerequisites: BME:2200 and HHP:3500.</td>
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<td>BME:5550</td>
<td>Cardiovascular Tissue Mechanics</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Solid mechanics principles applied to understand behavior of tissues in the cardiovascular system; mechanical properties of ventricles, valves, and blood vessels, their normal function, how they are affected by disease states; solid mechanics of tissue-prosthesis interactions. Prerequisites: ENGR:2750 and BME:2500.</td>
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<td>BME:5610</td>
<td>Musculoskeletal Biomechanics</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Principles of solid mechanics applied to analytical, experimental investigation of biological systems; emphasis on applications in kinesiology of human musculoskeletal system. Prerequisites: BME:2500 and ENGR:2750.</td>
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<td>BME:5620</td>
<td>Introduction to Applied Biomedical Finite Element Modeling</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Introduction to finite element modeling as applied to biomechanics-related applications. Prerequisites: ENGR:2750 and BME:2500.</td>
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<td>BME:5630</td>
<td>Kinetics of Musculoskeletal Systems</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Principles of kinematics; kinetics applied to analytical and experimental investigation of musculoskeletal systems; mathematical foundations for kinematic and kinetic analyses; examples of mathematical modeling of human movements. Prerequisites: ENGR:2710.</td>
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<td>BME:5660</td>
<td>Intermediate Mechanics of Deformable Bodies</td>
<td>3 s.h.</td>
<td>Application of equilibrium analyses, strain-displacement relations, and constitutive relationships to practical structural systems and elementary plane elasticity problems. Prerequisites: ENGR:2750. Same as CEE:5540, ME:5150.</td>
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BME:5720 Optimization of Structural Systems 3 s.h.
Advanced topics; optimization of structural topology, shape, and material; finite dimensional dynamic response optimization, sensitivity analysis, distributed parameter systems; projects. Same as CEE:5236, ME:5236.

BME:5910 Fast-Track Biomedical Engineering Design 1-A 3 s.h.
Part A of first semester of year-long senior capstone design project; individual or group design project involving biomedical engineering problems. Corequisites: BME:5911. Requirements: senior standing.

BME:5911 Fast-Track Biomedical Engineering Design 1-B 1 s.h.
Part B of first semester of year-long senior capstone design project; individual or group project involving biomedical engineering problems. Corequisites: BME:5910. Requirements: senior standing.

BME:5920 Fast-Track Biomedical Engineering Design 2-A 3 s.h.

BME:5921 Fast-Track Biomedical Engineering Design 2-B 1 s.h.

BME:5998 Individual Investigations: Biomedical Engineering arr.
Individual projects for biomedical engineering graduate students, such as laboratory study, engineering design project, analysis and simulation of an engineering system, computer software development, research. Requirements: graduate standing.

BME:5999 Research: Biomedical Engineering M.S. Thesis arr.
Experimental and/or analytical investigation of an approved topic for partial fulfillment of the requirements for the M.S. with thesis in biomedical engineering. Requirements: graduate standing.

BME:6110 Mechanics of Cells and Cellular Systems 3 s.h.
Mechanics of cells; focus on cellular mechanical properties, responses to mechanical stimuli, cellular forces and measurement, and computational tools; cellular environment considered with implication to disease pathologies and medical device design considerations.

BME:6120 Advanced Topics in Regenerative Bioengineering and NanoScale Biotechnology 3 s.h.
Continuation of BME:4110 with in-depth examples and approaches; development of organs through stem cells maturation and differentiation complemented by biomedical applications; fundamental concepts of stem cell biology applied to modern technology; reference to biomaterials (those designed to direct organization, growth, and differentiation of cells); concept of biomarkers and nanomedicine based on the notion that new materials can be engineered to not interfere with normal biological conditions and unique enough to be detected non-invasively with modern diagnostic instruments (CT, MRI, Echo). Prerequisites: BME:2110 or BME:4110.

BME:6415 Advanced Biomechanics and Modeling of Soft Tissues 3 s.h.
Application of continuum mechanics and modeling to study of biological tissues and biomaterials.

BME:6515 Advanced Biological Soft Tissue Mechanics 3 s.h.
Topics in vascular solid mechanics; study of vascular tissue from theoretical (constitutive modeling), experimental, and computational perspectives.

BME:6520 Advanced Biofluid Mechanics 3 s.h.
Hemodynamic theories of atherogenesis, Womersley models, steady and unsteady flows in curavature, bifurcation and branching arterial segments, flow dynamics past prosthetic implants, experimental and computational models, particulate and mass transport simulations in human circulation. Prerequisites: BME:5520.

BME:6610 Spine Mechanics 3 s.h.
Biomechanics applied to mechanics of the human spine; clinical aspects; state-of-the-art in spine research; basic engineering principles for biomechanical analysis. Prerequisites: BME:5610.

BME:6630 Human Response to Vibration 3 s.h.
Exploration of the human body, a complex mechanism exposed to mechanical shock and vibration from many sources, under many conditions; interactions and applicable exposure standards, effects of whole-body and hand-arm vibration. Requirements: graduate standing in College of Engineering or College of Public Health.

BME:7999 Research: Biomedical Engineering Ph.D. Dissertation arr.
Experimental and/or analytical investigation of an approved topic for partial fulfillment of requirements for Ph.D. with thesis in biomedical engineering.