Bachelor of Science in Engineering, B.S.E.

**Requirements**

The Bachelor of Science in Engineering (B.S.E.) requires a minimum of 128 s.h. of credit. Students must be enrolled in the UI College of Engineering for the last 30 s.h. of work toward the degree, or 45 of the last 60 s.h., or a total of 90 s.h. They must have a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 on all college work used to satisfy degree requirements as well as on all coursework attempted at the University of Iowa.

Engineering students earn the B.S.E. degree in one of eight undergraduate programs of study (majors): biomedical engineering, chemical engineering, civil engineering, computer science and engineering, electrical engineering, environmental engineering, industrial engineering, or mechanical engineering.

The collegiate curriculum requires all students to complete a minimum of 24 s.h. of mathematics and basic sciences; 7 s.h. of core engineering; and 19 s.h. of general education courses (including RHET:1030 Rhetoric and 15 s.h. of additional electives). Collegiate courses are typically completed early in a student's undergraduate program, thereby allowing students to change programs during the first semesters without a loss in course credit.

These foundational courses serve as prerequisites or corequisites for more advanced coursework in the major. Each major has several focus areas consisting of required and elective courses that provide students the flexibility to tailor their studies to their career interests. Each major culminates in a capstone senior design project.

**Collegiate Curriculum Requirements**

All students in the College of Engineering are required to complete the following courses as part of their collegiate curriculum.

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**Mathematics and Basic Sciences**

Students complete a minimum of 24 s.h. in mathematics and basic sciences. Courses with the option of a laboratory component must be taken with the lab. Students should refer to the individual departmental section in the Catalog for information about fulfilling the statistics requirement.

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**Engineering Core**

The engineering core consists of two engineering courses and an engineering success seminar required by all undergraduate programs in the College of Engineering.

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**General Education Component**

The General Education Component promotes understanding of and appreciation for arts, community, culture, and learning through coursework. Students are required to complete 19 s.h. of the General Education Component as outlined below. Some focus areas in certain majors may recommend or require specific courses to fulfill the General Education Component.

- RHET:1030 Rhetoric: 4 s.h.
- Engineering Be Creative: 3 s.h.
- Diversity and Inclusion: 3 s.h.
- Approved Course Subjects: 9 s.h.

Credit may be earned by examination; consult the College of Engineering.

Students who enter the College of Engineering with a B.A. or B.S. degree are considered to have satisfied the General Education Component.

Students who enroll in a combined degree program in the College of Engineering and with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences or with the Tippie College of Business are considered to have satisfied the College of Engineering's General Education Component once they have completed all requirements for the liberal arts and sciences degree or the business degree.

**First- and Second-Semester Plan of Study**

The majority of the collegiate curriculum can be completed in the first two semesters.

**First Semester**

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To enter the combined degree program, students must have approval from both colleges and must be admitted to both the College of Engineering and the Tippie College of Business. Interested students should contact the Student Development Center for information about the B.B.A., including requirements for the degree, see the Bachelor of Business Administration, B.B.A. (Tippie College of Business) in the Catalog.

**B.S.E./Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree**

Students may earn two University of Iowa bachelor’s degrees in a combined program in the College of Engineering and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Successful candidates are awarded a B.S.E. (Bachelor of Science in Engineering) by the College of Engineering and a B.A. (Bachelor of Arts), B.S. (Bachelor of Science), B.F.A. (Bachelor of Fine Arts), or B.M. (Bachelor of Music) by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Students in combined degree programs must complete all requirements for both degrees, including the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core and the College of Engineering General Education Component.

Students in the combined program usually are able to meet the degree requirements of both colleges in about five academic years. The exact length of time necessary to complete the program is determined by the major areas of study selected in each college. Students who enter the combined degree program are assigned two faculty advisors, one in their major department in the College of Engineering and the other in their major department in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

To enter the combined degree program, students must be admitted to both the College of Engineering and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and must have College of Engineering approval to enter the combined degree program. Combined degree program applicants must meet the high school course or unit requirements for admission to each of the two colleges.

It is crucial that students enroll in the proper mathematics and engineering courses early in their course of study to expedite the completion of the program. The specific engineering courses taken by each student vary according to one’s engineering major. Since courses in natural sciences, mathematics, humanities, and social sciences are accepted for credit by both colleges, students may be able to count a particular course toward both degrees.

Contact the Student Development Center for information about specific requirements. To learn about liberal arts and sciences majors, visit College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**B.S./B.S.E. Dual Degree with Northern Iowa**

The 3+2 dual degree program leads to a B.S. in applied physics from the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) and a B.S.E. from the University of Iowa. It requires approximately three years of study at UNI followed by approximately two years of study at Iowa. There is no guarantee that students can complete the 3+2 degree in five years.

Students interested in the program are guaranteed admission to the University of Iowa portion of the program if they have a g.p.a. of at least 3.00 (B average) in all coursework and in the chemistry, mathematics, and physics courses required by the University of Northern Iowa physics department.
During the first three years of the program, students complete at least 90 s.h. of coursework at the University of Northern Iowa. They must successfully complete courses in each of the following areas: chemistry, mathematics through differential equations, physics to satisfy the applied physics major requirements, and courses to satisfy the general education requirements. Credit for courses passed with a grade of C or higher is transferred to the University of Iowa as credit for equivalent coursework.

At the University of Iowa, students complete the B.S.E. requirements that were current at the time of their admission to the UI College of Engineering. Coursework completed at the University of Iowa is transferred to the University of Northern Iowa and applied toward the requirements for that institution’s B.S. in applied physics.

When transferring to Iowa from UNI, students must submit applications for admission, housing, and financial aid to the University of Iowa by the University’s established deadlines.

**B.S.E. and Graduate Degrees**

**B.S.E./M.S. Programs in Engineering**

Engineering students may be eligible to enroll in one of the College of Engineering’s combined B.S.E./M.S. programs, which allow students to begin working toward a master’s degree in engineering while they are completing their bachelor’s degree. The combined programs, which are offered by each of the college’s departments, permit students to count certain courses toward both degrees, completing both programs in less time than they would need to complete them separately. See "Combined Programs" in each department’s B.S.E. sections of the Catalog.

**B.S.E. in Biomedical Engineering (Biomechanics and Biomaterials Track)/M.S. in Occupational and Environmental Health (Industrial Hygiene Subprogram)**

B.S.E. students majoring in biomedical engineering in the biomechanics and biomaterials track who are interested in earning a Master of Science in occupational and environmental health with an industrial hygiene subprogram may apply to the combined B.S.E./M.S. program offered by the College of Engineering and the College of Public Health. The combined program permits students to count a limited amount of credit toward the requirements of both degrees, enabling them to begin the study of public health before they complete the bachelor’s degree. See the M.S. in Occupational and Environmental Health—Undergrad to Grad information on the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health (College of Public Health) website.

**B.S.E. in Civil Engineering/M.S. in Urban and Regional Planning**

The College of Engineering and the School of Planning and Public Affairs offer the combined Bachelor of Science in Engineering in civil engineering/Master of Science in urban and regional planning. The program, which is completed in five years, is designed for students who wish to pursue a public or private sector career in planning, a field that encompasses the development of alternatives to improve the quality of life in cities and regions.

For additional information on the B.S.E. in civil engineering, see that section of the Catalog. For more information about the graduate degree, see the M.S. in urban and regional planning (Graduate College) in the Catalog. Contact Engineering Student Services for information about applying to the combined program.

**B.S.E. in Computer Science and Engineering/M.C.S.**

The College of Engineering and the Department of Computer Science (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) offer a combined B.S.E. in computer science and engineering/Master of Computer Science for computer science and engineering undergraduate students.

The combined degree program allows students to count a limited amount of credit toward both degrees. For more information, see the Master of Computer Science, M.C.S. in the Catalog.

**Honors**

**Honors in Engineering**

Outstanding undergraduate students who demonstrate exceptional accomplishment through research, directed independent study, teaching internships, or other approved nondegree enrichment activities may graduate with honors in engineering. They must maintain a University of Iowa g.p.a. of at least 3.33, complete an honors project with a faculty member, and participate in a college-wide honors seminar with faculty members and other honors students. Successful completion of the honors requirements leads to a B.S.E. with honors, which is noted on the student’s transcript. See Engineering Honors Program on the College of Engineering website for details.

**University of Iowa Honors Program**

In addition to honors in engineering, undergraduate students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University’s honors program.

**Career Advancement**

Engineering is a well-respected profession that is used as a foundation for a variety of careers in industry, medicine, law, government, and consulting. Engineering majors hold eight of the top ten spots on the list of top-paid majors for bachelor’s degree graduates, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE). On average, 93-98 percent of graduates are employed in their field of study or pursuing advanced education within seven months of graduation.

Engineering Career Services develops and promotes experiential education and professional opportunities for students in the College of Engineering. Professional staff coordinate the college’s co-op and internship program, engage in employer outreach, and provide opportunities for students to network with employers, including engineering career fairs and other programming related to career development.

Engineering Career Services offers individual advising and class presentations on résumé and cover letter preparation,
job and internship search strategies, interviewing skills, job offer evaluation, and much more. Engineering Career Services partners with the Pomerantz Career Center to facilitate on-campus interviewing, postgraduation outcome collection, and the University’s online recruiting system, Handshake.