

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING AND MECHANICS  
**DEGREE: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING**  
MAJOR: BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING  
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING UNDER UG CATALOG 2023-2024  
CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 124

FALL SEMESTER FIRST YEAR		Credits	SPRING SEMESTER FIRST YEAR		Credits
CHEM 1035 General Chemistry <i>Pre: Eligible to enroll</i>	3		ENGL 1106 First-Year Writing <i>Pre: ENGL 1105</i>	3	
CHEM 1045 General Chemistry Lab <i>Co: CHEM 1035</i>	1		MATH 1226 Calculus of a Single Variable <i>Pre: MATH 1225 (C-)</i>	4	
ENGL 1105 First-Year Writing	3		MATH 2114 <sup>(1)</sup> Introduction to Linear Algebra <i>Pre: MATH 1225 (B) or MATH 1226</i>	3	
MATH 1225 Calculus of a Single Variable (C-) <i>Pre: Eligible to enroll</i>	4		PHYS 2305 Found of Physics I w/lab <i>Pre: MATH 1225 or MATH 1226 Co: MATH 1226</i>	4	
ENGE 1215 Foundations of Engineering (C-)	2		ENGE 1216 Foundations of Engineering (C-) <i>Pre: ENGE 1215</i>	2	
Pathways 2 or 3	3				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	
FALL SEMESTER SECOND YEAR		Credits	SPRING SEMESTER SECOND YEAR		Credits
BIOL 1105 <sup>(1)</sup> Principles of Biology	3		BMES 2104 <sup>(1)</sup> Intro to Biomedical Engineering <i>Pre: (ENGE 1216 or ENGE 1414), (MATH 2214 or MATH 2214H)</i>	3	
MATH 2204 <sup>(1)</sup> Intro Multivariable Calculus <i>Pre: MATH 1226</i>	3		ECE 3054 <sup>(1)</sup> Electrical Theory <i>Pre: PHYS 2305 Co: MATH 2214</i>	3	
MATH 2214 Intro Differential Equations <i>Pre: (1114 or 2114 or 2114H or 2405H or ISC 2105), MATH 1226</i>	3		ESM/AOE 2074 <sup>(1)</sup> Computational Methods <i>Pre: (ENGE 1216 or ENGE 1434 or ENGE 1414)</i>	2	
ESM 2104 <sup>(1)</sup> Statics <i>Pre: MATH 1226</i>	3		ESM 2304 <sup>(1)</sup> Dynamics <i>Pre: (2104 or 2114), (MATH 2204 or MATH 2204H); Co: MATH 2214</i>	3	
PHYS 2306 Foundations of Physics I w/lab <i>Pre: (MATH 1206 or MATH 1206H or MATH 1226), PHYS 2305</i>	4		MSE 2034 <sup>(1)</sup> Elements of Materials Engr <i>Pre: CHEM 1035 Co: PHYS 2305</i>	3	
BMES 2014 <sup>(1)</sup> Biomedical Engineering Professional Practice	1				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	
FALL SEMESTER THIRD YEAR		Credits	SPRING SEMESTER THIRD YEAR		Credits
BMES 3024 <sup>(1)</sup> BME Cellular Lab and Design <i>Co: 2104, BIOL 1105</i>	2		BMES 3034 <sup>(1)</sup> Bioinstrumentation Laboratory & Design for Living Systems <i>Pre: 2104, ECE 3054</i>	2	
ESM 3234 <sup>(1)</sup> Fluid Mechanics I – Control Volume Analysis <i>Pre: ESM 2304, PHYS 2306</i>	3 <sup>[F]</sup>		BMES 3184 <sup>(1)</sup> Problem Solving in BME <i>Pre: 2104, ESM 2074</i>	3 <sup>[S]</sup>	
ESM 2204 <sup>(1)</sup> Mechanics of Deformable Bodies <i>Pre: (2104 or 2114), MATH 2204 or MATH 2204H</i>	3		Technical Elective	3	
STAT Course <sup>*(1)</sup>	3		Technical Elective	3	
BMES/BMVS 4064 Introduction to Medical Physiology <sup>(1)</sup> <i>Pre: Junior Standing</i>	3 <sup>[F]</sup>		Pathways 2 or 3	3	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	
FALL SEMESTER FOURTH YEAR		Credits	SPRING SEMESTER FOURTH YEAR		Credits
BMES 4015 <sup>(1)</sup> BME Senior Design and Project <i>Senior Standing. Pre: 3034, 3184</i>	3 <sup>[F]</sup>		BMES 4016 BME Senior Design and Project <i>Pre: 4015</i>	3 <sup>[S]</sup>	
BMES 4134 <sup>(1)</sup> Global, Societal and Ethics in BME <i>Pre: 2104</i>	3 <sup>[F]</sup>		Technical Elective	3	
Technical Elective	3		Technical Elective	3	
Technical Elective	3		Technical Elective	3	
Pathways 2 or 3	3		Pathways 2/7 or 3/7	3	
Pathways 6a	3				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	

\* STAT course chosen from: STAT 3615, STAT 4604

**General Information about Checksheet:** Superscripted annotation after the course number <sup>(1)</sup> indicates core course of the degree. Additionally, (F, S, SI, SII) in credits column indication terms when a course is expected to be offered. Course offerings are subject to change and the availability of sufficient resources. Students should confirm course offerings in advance with their department.

**Pathways to General Education (Pathways)**

Consult the pathways courses table: <https://www.pathways.prov.vt.edu/about/table.html>. Pathways courses need to be completed prior to graduation

<b>Pathways Concept 1:</b> Discourse (6 hrs foundational, 3 hrs advanced)	<i>Foundational:</i> ENGL 1105 (3)	<i>Foundational:</i> ENGL 1106 (3)
	<i>Advanced:</i> BMES 4015-4016 (3)	
<b>Pathways Concept 2:</b> Critical Thinking in the Humanities (6 hrs)	(3)	(3)
<b>Pathways Concept 3:</b> Reasoning in the Social Sciences (6 hrs)	(3)	(3)
<b>Pathways Concept 4:</b> Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (8 hrs)	PHYS 2305 (4)	PHYS 2306 (4)
<b>Pathways Concept 5:</b> Quantitative and Computational Thinking (11 hrs)	<i>Foundational:</i> MATH 1225 (4)	<i>Foundational:</i> MATH 1226 (4)
	<i>Advanced:</i> MATH 2214 (3)	
<b>Pathways Concept 6:</b> Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts (7 hrs)	<i>Arts:</i>	(3)
	<i>Design:</i> ENGE 1215 + ENGE 1216 (4)	
<b>Pathways Concept 7:</b> Critical Analysis of Identity & Equity in the US (3 hrs) <sup>(1)</sup>	Pathways 7 should be double counted with either Pathways 2, 3, or 6a to avoid taking any additional credit hours. (3)	

<sup>1</sup>A total of 6 hours of Pathways 2 and 6 hours of Pathways 3 courses must be completed. Only selected courses can simultaneously satisfy both Pathways 2/3 & 7 requirements. Use extra care when selecting this course.

**Technical Electives:** The BME degree requires 21 credits of approved technical electives, of which a minimum of 12 credits must be taken from List A. Please see the attached lists for technical elective choices. A 3/4000-level course in another discipline that has significant technical content relevant to the science or application of biomedical engineering can be used as a technical elective only with prior approval. No more than 3 credits of undergraduate research or independent study may be counted towards the technical elective requirement.

**Change of Major Requirements:** Please see: <https://eng.vt.edu/em>

**Foreign Language Requirements:** Students must have had 2 years of a foreign language in high school or one year at the college level (6 credit hours) of the same language. College-level credits used to meet this requirement do not count towards the degree.

**Satisfactory Progress Towards Degree:** University Policy 91 outlines university-wide minimum criteria to determine if students are making satisfactory progress towards the completion of their degrees. The BEAM Department fully supports this policy. Specific expectations for satisfactory progress for Biomedical Engineering majors are as follows:

- Each student must meet the minimum University-wide criteria as described in Policy 91 and summarized in the Undergraduate Catalog (under Academic Policies)
- Maintain an in-major GPA (in-major GPA is calculated using all courses taught under the BMES designator) and an extended in-major GPA (extended in-major GPA is calculated using all BMES courses and ESM 2104, 2204, and 2304) of 2.0 or better
- Complete a minimum of 12 credits that apply toward the BME degree per academic year (including summer and winter sessions).

**Statement of Prerequisites:**

- Prerequisites for each course are listed after the course title. The (letter grade) notation, such as (C-), indicates the minimum grade students must earn in the prerequisite course.
- There are no hidden prerequisites in this program of study.
- Prerequisites may change from what is indicated. Be sure to consult the University Catalog or check with your advisor for the most current requirements.

**Graduation Requirements:** Each student must complete at least 124 semester credit hours with a minimum overall GPA of 2.00 and a minimum in-major GPA of 2.00. All BMES prefix courses count towards the in-major GPA. All courses required for the degree must be completed under the A-F grading system.

**Additional Checksheet Comments:**

- ENGE 1414 (4 cr) may be substituted for ENGE 1215 (2 cr) + ENGE 1216 (2 cr)
- MATH 2405H (5 cr) may be substituted for MATH 2114 (3 cr)
- MATH 2405H (5 cr) + MATH 2406H (5 cr) may be substituted for MATH 2114 (3 cr) + MATH 2204 (3 cr) + MATH 2214 (3 cr)

## Approved Technical Elective Lists for BME Undergraduate Students

The BME program provides course offerings within the BME subfields of Biomechanics, Cell & Tissue Engineering, and Biomedical Devices & Imaging. With the required 12 credits from List A, students will obtain depth by taking at least two courses (6 credits) within a subfield. The listing of List A and List B courses within each subfield are available in the BME Undergraduate Student Guide available at <https://beam.vt.edu/undergraduate/biomedical/bs.html>.

Note: Below listed technical elective courses have pre- and/or co-requisites, be sure to consult the University Catalog or check with your advisor. Except for courses listed with a credit hour reference in parentheses, technical electives are 3 credit hour courses

### **List A of Technical Electives (minimum of 12 credits from this list)**

- BMES 3114 Needs Identification in Healthcare
- BMES 3124 Introduction to Biomechanics
- BMES 3134 Introduction to BME Imaging
- BMES 3144 Biomedical Devices
- BMES 3154 Biosignal Processing and Classification
- BMES 3844 / NEUR 3844 Computational Neuroscience and Neural Engineering
- BMES 4034/BCHM 4034 Wearable Bioinstrumentation
- BMES/ESM 4614 Probability-based Modeling, Analysis, and Assessment ESM 4105-4106  
Engineering Analysis of Physiologic Systems
- ESM 4204 Musculoskeletal Biomechanics
- ESM 4224 Biodynamics and Control
- ESM 4234/BMES 4234 Mechanics of Biological Materials and Structures ESM 4245-ESM 4246  
Mechanics of Animal Locomotion
- ESM 4304 Hemodynamics
- †BMES/BMVS 5024 Biomedical Engineering and Human Disease
- †BMES/BSE/CHE 5044 Engineering Mathematics
- †BMES 5054 Quantitative Cell Physiology
- †BMES 5064 Quantitative Organ Systems Physiology
- †BMES 5124 /ESM 5224 Advanced Musculoskeletal Biomechanics
- †BMES 5164 Advanced Impact Biomechanics
- †BMES/ME 5174 Biomechanics of Crash Injury Prevention
- †BMES 5184 Injury Physiology
- †BMES 5204/ME 5204 Laboratory Techniques in Injury Prevention
- †BMES/ISE 5214 Human Physical Capabilities
- †BMES 5304G Advanced Biological Transport Phenomena
- †BMES/ESM 5305 Biomechanics of Cardiovascular System
- †BMES/ESM 5306 Biomechanics of Cardiovascular System
- †BMES 5314 Introduction to Regenerative Medicine
- †BMES/CHE 5434 Polymeric Biomaterials
- †BMES/ME 5514 Digital Signal Processing for Mechanical Measurements
- †BMES/ECE 5525 Stochastic Signals and Systems
- †BMES 5534 Advanced Computational Methods and Modeling for Biomedical Applications
- †BMES 5574 Advanced Biomaterials
- †BMES 5614 Multi-Scale Cancer Engineering
- †BMES 5714 Biomedical Microdevices
- †BMES 5724 Biomedical Nanoengineering
- †BMES 5764/ME 5764/ESM 5764 Modeling MEMS and NEMS

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† Students in their senior year, with 3.0 or better GPA, may enroll in 5000-level courses satisfying undergraduate degree requirements within their department with the permission of the course instructor.

**List B of Technical Electives**

BCHM 3114 Biochemistry for Biotechnology and the Life Sciences  
BMES 4154 Commercialization of BME Research  
BMES 5154G Advanced Commercialization of BME Research  
BMVS 4054 Laboratory Animal Management  
BMVS 4074 Pharmacology  
CHEM 2535-CHEM 2536 Organic Chemistry  
CHEM 2545-CHEM 2546 Organic Chemistry Lab **(1,1)**  
CHEM 4554 Drug Chemistry  
ESM/MSE 3054 Mechanical Behavior of Materials  
ESM 3334 Fluid Mechanics II: Differential Analysis  
ESM 4024 Advanced Mechanical Behavior of Materials  
ESM 4044/CEE 4610 Mechanics of Composite Materials  
ESM 4734 Introduction to the Finite Element Method  
HNFE 3634/PHS 3634 Epidemiologic Concepts of Health and Disease  
HNFE 3824 Kinesiology  
MATH 3214 Calculus of Several Variables  
MATH 4234 Elementary Complex Analysis  
MATH 4445-MATH 4446 Introduction to Numerical Analysis  
MSE 4164 Principles of Materials Corrosion  
MSE 4304 Metals and Alloys  
MSE 4574 Biomaterials  
MSE 4584 Biomimetic Materials  
MSE 4614 Nanomaterials  
NEUR 3044 Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience  
PHYS 3324 Modern Physics **(4)**  
PHYS 3405-PHYS 3406 Intermediate Electricity and Magnetism  
PHYS 4455-PHYS 4456 Introduction to Quantum Mechanics  
PHYS 4504 Introduction to Nuclear and Particle Physics  
PHYS 4574 Nanotechnology  
PHYS 4614 Optics  
PHYS 4714 Introduction to Biophysics