Elective Options for the Engineering Program

See the concentration-specific Model Program Worksheets to determine which electives are required. Please note that not all courses on this list are offered every year (see the university catalog for details).

1) The Basic Science elective can be any course from the list below. Other courses of 2 SH or greater in the major or minor programs of biology, chemistry, geology, nursing, or physics may be considered for substitution – contact the department chair to obtain approval.

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ASTR 201 (4) – Astrophysical Black Holes (SP, alt years)
                                                                    GEO 120 (4) – Earth Systems (FA, SP)
ASTR 211 (4) – Planetary and Stellar Astronomy (SP, alt years)
                                                                    GEO 151 (4) – Introduction to Geology (FA, SP)
ASTR 212 (4) – Galactic Astronomy and Cosmology (SP, alt years)
                                                                    GEO 152 (4) – Historical Geology (SP)
BIOL 141 (4) – Cell Biology and Genetics for Health Sciences (SP)
                                                                    GEO 215 (4) – Mineralogy (FA)
BIOL 160 (4) – Ecological and Evolutionary Systems (FA, SP)
                                                                    GEO 252 (4) - Geomorphology (FA)
BIOL 161 (4) – Cellular and Genetic Systems (FA, SP)
                                                                    GEO 325 (4) – Hydrogeology (FA, odd years)
BIOL 205 (4) – Human Anatomy (FA, SP, SU)
                                                                    KIN 212 (4) – Anatomical Kinesiology (FA)
                                                                    KIN 213 (2) - Biomechanics (SP)
BIOL 206 (4) – Human Physiology (FA, SP, SU)
BIOL 207 (4) - Medical Microbiology (SP)
                                                                    PHYS 130 (2) – Particles, Nuclei, and Astronomy (FA)
BIOL 231 (2) – Introduction to Animal Physiology (SP)
                                                                    PHYS 131 (2) - Matter, Light, and Energy (FA)
BIOL 232 (2) – Introduction to Plant Physiology (SP)
                                                                    PHYS 246 (4) – Waves, Optics and Optical Tech (SP, alt years)
BIOL 364 (4) – Global Health, Env't, and Sustainability (FA, SP)
                                                                    PHYS 306 (4) – Intro to Quantum Physics (SP, alt years)
BIOL 372 (2) – Dutch Sustainability (SU, alt years)
                                                                    PHYS 335 (4) – Classical Mechanics (FA, alt years)
CHEM 102 (4) – General Chemistry II (SP)
                                                                    PHYS 345 (4) – Electromagnetism (FA, alt years)
CHEM 210 (4) – Analytical Chemistry (FA, SP)
                                                                    PHYS 346 (2) – Advanced Optics (SP, alt years)
CHEM 230 (4) – Essential Inorganic Chemistry (SP)
                                                                    PHYS 365 (4) – Thermodynamics and Stat. Mech's (FA, alt years)
CHEM 240 (4) – Survey of Organic Chemistry (FA)
                                                                    PHYS 375 (4) – Quantum Mechanics (FA, alt years)
CHEM 241 (4) - Organic Chemistry I (FA)
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Note: The Advanced Science Elective for the chemical engineering concentration is limited to BCHM 321/322/323/324, BIOL 141/160/161, or CHEM 210/230/270/311/341/353/371/372/373.

2) The Advanced Mathematics elective can be any 300-level course that has at least Math 172 as a prerequisite. See the website for a tentative schedule of planned MATH/STAT course offerings: https://calvin.edu/academics/departments-programs/mathematics-statistics/academics/index.html

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MATH 305 – Geometry/Topology of Manifolds (FA, alt years)
MATH 312 – Logic/Computability/Complexity (FA, alt years)
MATH 331 – Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos (FA, alt years)
MATH 333 – Partial Differential Equations (FA, alt years)
MATH 335 – Numerical Analysis (offered occasionally)
MATH 355 – Advanced Linear Algebra (SP)
MATH 361 – Real Analysis I (FA)

MATH 362 – Real Analysis II (SP, alt years)
MATH 365 – Complex Variables with Topics (SP)
MATH 385 – Topics in Mathematics (as needed)
STAT 341 – Computational Bayesian Statistics (SP, alt years)
STAT 343 – Probability and Statistics (FA)
STAT 344 – Mathematical Statistics (SP, alt years)
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Note: For a mathematics minor the following are required: MATH 171 plus 18 SH of additional MATH/STAT courses. At least 8 SH must be from 300-level courses.

3) The Statistics requirement can be met by the following courses:

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Most typical option: STAT 241 (2) – Engineering Statistics (SP)

AP Statistics (equivalent to STAT 143)

STAT 341 (4) – Computational Bayesian Statistics (SP, alt years)

STAT 145 (4) – Biostatistics (FA, SP)

STAT 343 (4) – Probability and Statistics (FA)
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4) The Technical Elective can be any course from the list below. Other courses of 2 SH or greater that have significant mathematical or scientific content may be considered for substitution – contact the department chair to obtain approval.

CS 112 – Intro to Data Structures (FA, SP) (except for E&C)
CS 212 – Data Structures and Algorithms (FA)
CS 214 – Programming Language Concepts (SP)
CS 232 – Operating Systems and Networking (SP)
CS 232 – Operating Systems and Networking (SP)
CS 300 – Special Topics in CS (FA, SP)
CS 326 – Embedded Systems and IoT (SP, alt years)
GEO 260 – GIS and Cartography (FA, SP)

5) An Engineering elective course can be any course of 2 SH or greater from the appropriate concentration-specific lists below. Consult the catalog to determine any necessary prerequisites.

Civil & Environmental Engineering Concentration

ENGR 220 – Introduction to Computer Architecture (FA) ENGR 319 – Introduction to Thermal Sciences (FA) ENGR 250 – Introduction to Biomedical Engineering (SP) ENGR 322 – Machine Design (SP) ENGR 302 – Engineering Electromagnetics (SP) ENGR 324 – Materials and Processes in Mfg (SP) ENGR 303 – Chem Engr Principles and Thermodynamics (FA) ENGR 328 - Intermediate Thermofluids (SP) ENGR 304 – Fundamentals of Digital Systems (SP) ENGR 330 - Fluid Flow and Heat Transfer (SP) ENGR 307 – Electrical Signals and Systems (FA) ENGR 334 – Dynamics of Machinery (SP) ENGR 311 – Electronic Devices and Circuits (FA) ENGR 338 – Traffic Engineering (SP, alt years) ENGR 312 – Chemical Engineering Thermo (SP) ENGR 342 – Process Dynamics, Modeling, and Control (SP) ENGR 314 – Vibration Analysis (SP) ENGR 350 - Special Topics in Engineering (SP) ENGR 315 – Control Systems (FA) ENGR 354 – Sustainability Engineering (SP) ENGR 318 – Soil Mechanics and Found'n Design (SP, alt years)

Electrical & Computer Engineering Concentration

ENGR 250 – Introduction to Biomedical Engineering (SP)	ENGR 320 – Hydraulic Engineering (FA)
ENGR 303 – Chem Engr Principles and Thermodynamics (FA)	ENGR 324 – Materials and Processes in Mfg (SP)
ENGR 305 – Mechanics of Materials (FA)	ENGR 326 – Structural Analysis (SP)
ENGR 306 – Principles of Environmental Engineering (FA)	ENGR 334 – Dynamics of Machinery (SP)
ENGR 314 – Vibration Analysis (SP)	ENGR 338 – Intro to Traffic Engineering (SP, alt years)
ENGR 315 – Control Systems (FA)	ENGR 342 – Process Dynamics, Modeling, and Control (SP)
ENGR 318 – Soil Mechanics and Found'n Design (SP, alt years)	ENGR 350 – Special Topics in Engineering (SP)
ENGR 319 – Introduction to Thermal Sciences (FA)	ENGR 354 – Sustainability Engineering (SP)

Energy, Environment, and Sustainability Engineering Concentration

ENGR 250 – Introduction to Biomedical Engineering (SP)	ENGR 319 – Introduction to Thermal Sciences (FA)
ENGR 303 – Chem Engr Principles and Thermodynamics (FA)	ENGR 320 – Hydraulic Engineering (FA)
ENGR 305 – Mechanics of Materials (FA)	ENGR 324 – Materials and Processes in Mfg (SP)
ENGR 306 – Principles of Environmental Engineering (FA)	ENGR 326 – Structural Analysis (SP)
ENGR 314 – Vibration Analysis (SP)	ENGR 334 – Dynamics of Machinery (SP)
ENGR 315 – Control Systems (FA)	ENGR 338 – Intro to Traffic Engineering (SP, alt years)
ENGR 318 – Soil Mechanics and Found'n Design (SP, alt years)	ENGR 342 – Process Dynamics, Modeling, and Control (SP)
	ENGR 350 – Special Topics in Engineering (SP)

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Mechanical Engineering Concentration

The first engineering elective is limited to one of the following courses.

ENGR 315 – Control Systems (FA)

ENGR 314 – Vibration Analysis (SP)

ENGR 342 – Process Dynamics, Modeling, and Control (SP)

Additional engineering electives can be from any of the courses listed below.

ENGR 315 – Control Systems (FA)
ENGR 318 – Soil Mechanics and Found'n Design (SP, alt years)
ENGR 320 – Hydraulic Engineering (FA)
ENGR 321 – Hydraulic Engineering Design (SP)
ENGR 326 – Structural Analysis (SP)
ENGR 327 – Structural Design (FA)
ENGR 330 – Fluid Flow and Heat Transfer (SP)
ENGR 338 – Intro to Traffic Engineering (SP, alt years)
ENGR 342 – Process Dynamics, Modeling, and Control (SP)
ENGR 350 – Special Topics in Engineering (SP)
ENGR 354 – Sustainability Engineering (SP)

Mechatronics Engineering Concentration

ENGR 250 – Introduction to Biomedical Engineering (SP)	ENGR 320 – Hydraulic Engineering (FA)
ENGR 302 – Engineering Electromagnetics	ENGR 324 – Materials and Processes in Mfg (SP)
ENGR 303 – Chem Engr Principles and Thermodynamics (FA)	ENGR 326 – Structural Analysis (SP)
ENGR 306 – Principles of Environmental Engineering (FA)	ENGR 332 – Analog Circuits and Systems Design (SP)
ENGR 314 – Vibration Analysis (SP)	ENGR 338 – Intro to Traffic Engineering (SP, alt years)
ENGR 315 – Control Systems (FA)	ENGR 342 – Process Dynamics, Modeling, and Control (SP)
ENGR 318 – Soil Mechanics and Found'n Design (SP, alt years)	ENGR 350 – Special Topics in Engineering (SP)
ENGR 319 – Introduction to Thermal Sciences (FA)	ENGR 354 – Sustainability Engineering (SP)

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