MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (ME)

Subject-area course lists indicate courses currently active for offering at the University of Louisville. Not all courses are scheduled in any given academic term. For class offerings in a specific semester, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm).

500-level courses generally are included in both the undergraduate- and graduate-level course listings; however, specific course/section offerings may vary between semesters. Students are responsible for ensuring that they enroll in courses that are applicable to their particular academic programs.

Course Fees

Some courses may carry fees beyond the standard tuition costs to cover additional support or materials. Program-, subject- and course-specific fee information can be found on the Office of the Bursar website (http://louisville.edu/bursar/tuitionfee).

ME 206. Mechanics II: Dynamics 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisite(s): ENGR 102 and CEE 205.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

ME 251. Thermodynamics I 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisite(s): ENGR 102 and PHYS 298.
Description: This course covers: fundamental thermodynamic concepts involving heat and work; obtaining properties for typical working fluids, real and ideal gases; first and second laws of thermodynamics; entropy and reversible and irreversible processes; and basic cycles.
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ME 280. Structured Programming for Mechanical Engineering 2 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Prerequisite(s): CECS 121.
Description: Software development using structured computer programming. Design and implementation of programs with application to mechanical engineering problems such as numerical solution methods and kinematics. Uses a suitable programming language such as MATLAB.
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ME 288. Mechanical Engineering Cooperative Education Seminar 0 Units
Grading Basis: Pass/Fail
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisite(s): CEE 205.
Description: Discussion of the policies and procedures for cooperative education and instruction in self-directed job search techniques, including interviewing skills, resume preparation, and guidelines for the co-op report. This is a prerequisite for each cooperative education term.
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ME 289. Mechanical Engineering Cooperative Education I 1 Unit
Grading Basis: Pass/Fail
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisite(s): ME 288.
Description: Full-time technical work experience related to the student’s academic program.
Course Attribute(s): CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.
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ME 301. Thermodynamics II 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Spring, Summer
Prerequisite(s): ME 251.
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ME 310. Fluid Mechanics I 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Prerequisite(s): ME 206 and ME 251.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

ME 311. Fluid Mechanics Laboratory 1 Unit
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Corequisite(s): ME 311.
Description: Experimental measurements of static and dynamic fluid properties. Concepts of laboratory testing. Introduction to technical report writing.
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<td>ME 323.</td>
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<td>Experimental measurements of mechanical material properties and experimental verification of solid mechanics theory. Concepts of laboratory testing. Introduction to technical report writing. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Computer Aided Design</td>
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<td>An introduction to the engineering design process emphasizing the use of modern computer-based analysis, design and presentation tools for mechanical engineering applications. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Introduction to Manufacturing</td>
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<td>CHE 253 and ME 251.</td>
<td>ME 380.</td>
<td>Introduction to manufacturing processes with an emphasis on considerations for mechanical engineering design. Topics covered include casting, machining, forming, assembly, and modern methods for both polymer and metal materials. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Differential analysis of fluid flow, viscous flow in pipes, flow over immersed bodies, compressible flow and turbomachinery. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Mechanical Measurements</td>
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<td>General consideration of signals and utilization of instruments to measure physical properties of systems. Review and introduction of useful mathematical concepts such as statistical data analysis. Introduction to digital data acquisition and signal processing. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Senior Mechanical Engineering Laboratory</td>
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<td>Experiments in heat transfer, mechanics, acoustics, pumps, electrical circuits, sound dynamics, and HVAC systems. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Machine Design I</td>
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<td>Fundamental concepts related to the design of mechanical components and machines. The engineering design process. Design for strength and reliability. Open-ended design projects are assigned. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Intermediate Mechanics of Materials</td>
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<td>ME 323.</td>
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<td>Principle of virtual work. Principle of minimum potential energy. Matrix formulation of static and dynamic structural mechanics problems with a strong emphasis on computer applications. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>ECE 252, ENGR 205, and ME 311.</td>
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<td>Modeling of mechanical, fluid, electrical, and mixed systems. Determination of time and frequency domain response of such systems to transient and periodic inputs. Specific applications. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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<td>Heat Transfer</td>
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<td>A study of the fundamental laws and applications of heat transfer by conduction, convection, and radiation. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<a href="http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm">http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm</a>)</td>
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ME 442. Machine Design II  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring  
**Prerequisite(s):** ME 422.  
**Description:** Design and application of machine elements such as springs, rolling element bearings, gearing, and journal bearings. Open-ended design projects are assigned.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

ME 489. Mechanical Engineering Cooperative Education III  
**1 Unit**  
**Grading Basis:** Pass/Fail  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer  
**Prerequisite(s):** ME 389.  
**Description:** Full-time technical work experience related to the student's academic program.  
**Course Attribute(s):** CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.

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ME 497. Mechanical Engineering Capstone Design Project - CUE  
**3 Units**  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring  
**Prerequisite(s):** ME 442.  
**Description:** Team-oriented design of a mechanism, system or process satisfying a set of open-ended requirements. Written reports and oral presentations are required.  
**Course Attribute(s):** CUE - This course fulfills the Culminating Undergraduate Experience (CUE) requirement for certain degree programs. CUE courses are advanced-level courses intended for majors with at least 90 earned credits/senior-level status. CBL - This course includes Community-Based Learning (CBL). Students will engage in a community experience or project with an external partner in order to enhance understanding and application of academic content.

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ME 510. Thermal Design of Internal Combustion Engines  
**3 Units**  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer  
**Prerequisite(s):** ME 310.  
**Description:** Thermodynamics and fluid mechanics of internal combustion engine design. Combustion stoichiometry, thermochemistry, and properties of working fluids. Ideal and real engine cycles. Fluid flow processes, combustion processes, pollutant formation and control. Engine operating characteristics.  
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ME 512. Finite Element Methods for Mechanical Design I  
**3 Units**  
**Term Typically Offered:** Occasionally Offered  
**Prerequisite(s):** ME 422.  
**Description:** Matrix analysis of static and dynamic structural systems and steady-state heat transfer. Computer aided design of structures, frames, plane stress structures, as well as one- and two-dimensional thermal systems including conduction and convection.  
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

ME 513. Energy Conversion  
**3 Units**  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer  
**Prerequisite(s):** ME 310.  
**Description:** A study of nuclear and fossil-fueled steam generators, plus internal combustion prime movers and alternate energy sources. A computerized design project will be required.  
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ME 521. Mechanical Vibrations  
**3 Units**  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer  
**Prerequisite(s):** ME 422.  
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ME 523. Intermediate Dynamics  
**3 Units**  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer  
**Prerequisite(s):** ME 206.  
**Description:** Extension of the concepts in introductory dynamics (ME 206) to three dimensional motion. This includes the kinematics of multiple, rotating reference frames, and Newtonian vector mechanics for particles and rigid bodies (Euler's equations). Lagrangian analytical methods. Stability of motion.  
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ME 526. Vehicle Dynamics and Handling  
**3 Units**  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer  
**Prerequisite(s):** ME 380.  
**Description:** Design of passenger and commercial vehicles for optimal dynamic performance with a focus on architecture layout, characterization of critical subsystems, and CAE-based kinematic and kinetic modeling.  
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ME 530. Mechanical Design of Consumer Appliances  
**3 Units**  
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer  
**Description:** Application of classical, computational, and experimental methods and analyses to the design of mechanical systems characteristic of consumer appliances. Topics include component analysis and design, failure mechanisms, and organization with respect to life, reliability, performance, and cost.  
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ME 566. Advanced Engineering Mathematics II 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisite(s): ME 565 or equivalent.
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ME 570. Sustainable Energy Systems 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall Only
Prerequisite(s): ME 310 and ME 311.
Description: Analysis and design of sustainable energy systems, and exploration of concepts such as carbon capture storage for making fossil energy systems more environmentally acceptable.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

ME 572. Energy Storage Systems 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisite(s): ME 440.
Description: Study of the principles and analysis of energy systems. Introduction to energy storage systems and their applications; thermal and mechanical energy storage, storage of organic fuels, hydrogen, and electrochemical energy.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

ME 575. Special Topics in Mechanical Engineering 1-4 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisite(s): Faculty consent.
Description: A special topics course in mechanical engineering topics not covered by regularly scheduled courses.
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ME 580. Air Pollution Control 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 202, ME 310 or equivalent.
Description: Origin and fate of air pollutants, combustion and pollutant formation processes, control of emissions of gaseous and particulate pollutants and design of various pollution control devices.
For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm)

ME 585. Design and Energy Analysis of Consumer Appliances 4.5 Units
Description: Application of classical, computational, and experimental methods and analysis to the design of mechanical and energy systems. Topics include material impacts on design, structural component design, and design and analysis of thermal fluid, and acoustic systems.
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