Admissions to the Engineering Mechanics: Astronautics Named Option have been suspended as of fall 2020 and will be discontinued as of fall 2026. If you have any questions, please contact the department (https://www.engr.wisc.edu/department/engineering-physics/).

The astronautics option in engineering mechanics prepares students for design, development, and research, with an emphasis on applied mathematics and astronautics. Its purpose is to improve and expand the educational opportunities of students at the university who wish to pursue careers in astronautics and space-related areas. This is accomplished by providing in depth exposure to course sequences in astrodynamics, orbital mechanics, and flight dynamics, as well as a core curriculum of structural and material analysis, advanced dynamics, and vibrations. The program requires a minimum of 128 credits; students selecting this option must submit an option declaration form to the dean's office in room 2620 Engineering Hall.

**REQUIREMENTS**

The following curriculum applies to students who entered the College of Engineering after fall 2018.

### SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

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E M A 545  Mechanical Vibrations 3
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Spacecraft & Structural Dynamics Elective (select one) 3
E M A/ ASTRON  550  Astrodynamics 3
E M A 610  Structural Finite Element Model Validation 3
E M A 642  Satellite Dynamics 3
Aerospace Fluid Mechanics Elective (select one) 3
E M A 523  Flight Dynamics and Control 3
E M A 601  Special Topics in Engineering Mechanics (Topic: Rocket Propulsion) 3

Total Credits 40

**TECHNICAL ELECTIVES**

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**LIBERAL STUDIES**

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1 Students must take 16 credits that carry H, S, L, or Z breadth designators. These credits must fulfill the following subrequirements:

1. A minimum of two courses from the same department or program. At least one of these two courses must be designated as above the elementary level (I, A, or D) in the course listing.

2. A minimum of 6 credits designated as humanities (H, L, or Z in the course listing), and an additional minimum of 3 credits designated as social science (S or Z in the course listing). Foreign language courses count as H credits. Retroactive credits for language courses may not be used to meet the Liberal Studies credit requirement (they can be used for subrequirement 1 above).

3. At least 3 credits in courses designated as ethnic studies (lower case “e” in the course listing). These courses may help satisfy subrequirements 1 and 2 above, but they count only once toward the total required. Note: Some courses may have “e” designation but not H, S, L, or Z designation; these courses do not count toward the Liberal Studies requirement.

For information on credit load, adding or dropping courses, course substitutions, pass/fail, auditing courses, dean's honor list, repeating courses, probation, and graduation, see the College of Engineering Official Regulations (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/engineering/#policiesandregulationstext).

**FOUR-YEAR PLAN**

**ASTRONAUTICS OPTION IN ENGINEERING MECHANICS**

**EXAMPLE FOUR YEAR PLAN**

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1. It is recommended that students take CHEM 109 Advanced General Chemistry for 5 credits. However, depending on their high school chemistry experience, students may substitute CHEM 103 General Chemistry I and CHEM 104 General Chemistry II for a total of 9 credits.

2. Students who were not able to take INTEREGR 170 (https://guide.wisc.edu/search/?P=INTEREGR%20170/) Design Practicum as freshmen may, with the approval of their advisor, substitute a course offered in the College of Engineering or in the departments of Chemistry, Computer Sciences, Mathematics, and Physics.

3. Students may substitute PHYSICS 201 General Physics, 5 credits, for E M A 201 Statics, 3 credits, with the approval of their advisor.


5. E M A 611 Advanced Mechanical Testing of Materials or E M A/M E 540 Experimental Vibration and Dynamic System Analysis or E M A/M E 570 Experimental Mechanics or E M A 522 Aerodynamics Lab. Note that E M A/M E 540 and E M A/M E 570 are typically offered in the fall. E M A 611 and E M A 522 are typically offered in the spring.

6. M E 563 Intermediate Fluid Dynamics may be substituted for E M A 521 Aerodynamics. Note that M E 563 is offered in the spring semester only.

7. Before Fall 2020, E M A 524 Rocket Propulsion was offered as E M A 601 Special Topics in Engineering Mechanics with the topic of Rocket Propulsion. It is offered in the fall semester only. E M A 523 Flight Dynamics and Control is offered in the Spring semester only.