

NUCLEAR ENGINEERING, B.S.

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the *Guide*.

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| General Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits • Breadth–Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits • Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits • Communication Part A & Part B * • Ethnic Studies * • Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B * |
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* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

The nuclear engineering curriculum emphasizes nuclear power and is appropriate for students seeking careers in the nuclear power industry.

There is also a Radiation Sciences option (p. 3) available for students interested in medical and other non-power applications.

The following curriculum applies to students who entered the program starting in Fall 2020.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

| Code | Title | Credits |
|------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | Mathematics and Statistics | 22 |
| | Science | 13 |
| | Engineering Science | 31 |
| | Nuclear Engineering Core | 28 |
| | Nuclear Engineering Electives | 8 |
| | Introduction to Engineering | 3 |
| | Communication Skills | 8 |
| | Liberal Studies | 16 |
| | Total Credits | 129 |

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| MATH 221 or MATH 217 or MATH 275 | Calculus and Analytic Geometry 1 Calculus with Algebra and Trigonometry II | 5 |
| MATH 222 or MATH 276 | Calculus and Analytic Geometry 2 | 4 |
| MATH 234 | Calculus--Functions of Several Variables | 4 |
| MATH 320 | Linear Algebra and Differential Equations | 3 |
| MATH 321 | Applied Mathematical Analysis | 3 |
| STAT 324 | Introductory Applied Statistics for Engineers | 3 |
| | Total Credits | 22 |

SCIENCE

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| | Select one of the following: | 5-9 |
| CHEM 109 | Advanced General Chemistry | |
| CHEM 103 & CHEM 104 | General Chemistry I and General Chemistry II | |
| PHYSICS 202 or PHYSICS 208 | General Physics General Physics | 5 |
| PHYSICS 241 or PHYSICS 205 | Introduction to Modern Physics Modern Physics for Engineers | 3 |
| | Total Credits | 13-17 |

ENGINEERING SCIENCE

| Code | Title | Credits |
|--|---|---------|
| E M A 201 | Statics | 3 |
| E M A 202 or M E 240 | Dynamics Dynamics | 3 |
| E M A 303 or M E 306 | Mechanics of Materials Mechanics of Materials | 3 |
| E P 271 or COMP SCI 200 or COMP SCI 220 or COMP SCI 310 | Engineering Problem Solving I Programming I Data Science Programming I Problem Solving Using Computers | 3-4 |
| M S & E 350 | Introduction to Materials Science | 3 |
| M E 231 | Geometric Modeling for Design and Manufacturing | 3 |
| M E 361 | Thermodynamics | 3 |
| | Select one of the following: | 4-6 |
| CBE 320 | Introductory Transport Phenomena | |
| M E 363 & M E 364 | Fluid Dynamics and Elementary Heat Transfer | |
| E C E 376 | Electrical and Electronic Circuits ¹ | 3 |
| | Computing Elective (select one of the following): | 3 |
| COMP SCI 300 | Programming II | |
| COMP SCI 412 | Introduction to Numerical Methods | |
| E M A/E P 471 | Intermediate Problem Solving for Engineers | |

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| E M A/E P 476 | Introduction to Scientific Computing for Engineering Physics | |
| Total Credits | | 31-34 |

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PHYSICS 321 Electric Circuits and Electronics is an acceptable substitute for E C E 376 Electrical and Electronic Circuits.

NUCLEAR ENGINEERING CORE

| Code | Title | Credits |
|----------------------|--|-----------|
| N E 305 | Fundamentals of Nuclear Engineering | 3 |
| N E 405 | Nuclear Reactor Theory | 3 |
| N E 408 | Ionizing Radiation | 3 |
| N E 411 | Nuclear Reactor Engineering | 3 |
| N E 412 | Nuclear Reactor Design | 5 |
| N E/M S & E 423 | Nuclear Engineering Materials | 3 |
| N E 424 | Nuclear Materials Laboratory | 1 |
| N E 427 | Nuclear Instrumentation Laboratory | 2 |
| N E 428 | Nuclear Reactor Laboratory | 2 |
| N E 571 | Economic and Environmental Aspects of Nuclear Energy | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 28 |

NUCLEAR ENGINEERING ELECTIVES

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| <i>Nuclear Engineering Electives</i> | | 6 |
| Select credits from Nuclear Engineering Electives Course List below | | |
| <i>Technical Electives (not to be confused with Nuclear Engineering Electives) choose 2 credits from:</i> | | 2 |
| N E 1 | Cooperative Education Program (no more than 3 credits) | |
| Courses numbered 300+ in the CoE except for E P D/ INTEREGR | | |
| Courses numbered 300+ in MATH, PHYSICS, COMP SCI, STAT (except STAT 301), ASTRON, MED PHYS, and CHEM departments | | |
| Students may also propose any class that they feel will benefit their education path with pre-requisite of two physics or calculus classes. For these courses the advisor will review the request and if approved, recommend a DARS substitution. | | |
| Total Credits | | 8 |

Nuclear Engineering Electives Course List¹

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| N E 234 | Principles and Practice of Nuclear Reactor Operations | 4 |
| N E 406 | Nuclear Reactor Analysis | 3 |
| N E/M S & E 433 | Principles of Corrosion | 3 |
| N E/MED PHYS 506 | Monte Carlo Radiation Transport | 3 |
| M E/N E 520 | Two-Phase Flow and Heat Transfer | 3 |
| N E/E C E/ PHYSICS 525 | Introduction to Plasmas | 3 |

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| N E 536 | Feasibility St of Power from Controlled Thermonuclear Fusion | 3 |
| N E 541 | Radiation Damage in Metals | 3 |
| N E 545 | Materials Degradation in Advanced Nuclear Reactor Environments | 3 |
| N E 550 | Advanced Nuclear Power Engineering | 3 |
| N E 555 | Nuclear Reactor Dynamics | 3 |
| N E/M E 565 | Power Plant Technology | 3 |
| N E/MED PHYS 569 | Health Physics and Biological Effects | 3-4 |
| N E/I SY E 574 | Methods for Probabilistic Risk Analysis of Nuclear Power Plants | 3 |
| N E 602 | Special Topics in Reactor Engineering | 3 |

Students are encouraged to access the online N E future course offering grid to plan their future course schedules and to confirm the offering of a course in the table.

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Courses meeting the Nuclear Engineering Electives requirement are all N E courses numbered above 200 that are not part of the required curriculum. No more than 3 credits of N E 699 Advanced Independent Study may be used to meet this requirement. (Refer to the NE handbook under Degree Information on the NEEP department website (<https://docs.google.com/document/u/1/d/e/2PACX-1vRMi-zHWwv19rf6wMx2E5Nzdn1Awf0ZHG6pK-QXTSRfsD-13kYuBBCOMZbiWt9vcLejeTxBQQHEjZVs/pub/>)).

INTRODUCTION TO ENGINEERING

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| N E 231 | Introduction to Nuclear Engineering | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 3 |

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| ENGL 100 | Introduction to College Composition | 3 |
| or LSC 100 | Science and Storytelling | |
| or COM ARTS 100 | Introduction to Speech Composition | |
| or ESL 118 | Academic Writing II | |
| E P D 275 | Technical Presentations | 2 |
| INTEREGR 397 | Engineering Communication | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 8 |

LIBERAL STUDIES ELECTIVES

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| College of Engineering Liberal Studies Requirements | | |
| Complete Requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/engineering/#requirementstext) ¹ | | 16 |
| Total Credits | | 16 |

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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 subject area (<https://registrar.wisc.edu/subjectarea/>) (the description before the course number). 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 only count once toward the total required. Note: Some courses may have "e" designation but not have 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>).

NAMED OPTION

Talk to your academic advisor about declaring the Radiation Sciences option. Students must have and are expected to maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

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- NUCLEAR ENGINEERING: RADIATION SCIENCES ([HTTP://GUIDE.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/ENGINEERING/NUCLEAR-ENGINEERING-ENGINEERING-PHYSICS/NUCLEAR-ENGINEERING-BS/NUCLEAR-ENGINEERING-RADIATION-SCIENCES-BS/](http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/engineering/nuclear-engineering-engineering-physics/nuclear-engineering-bs/nuclear-engineering-radiation-sciences-bs/))

HONORS IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM

Qualified undergraduates may earn an Honor in Research designation on their transcript and diploma by completing 8 credits of undergraduate honors research, including a senior thesis. Further information is available in the department office.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree To receive a bachelor's degree from UW-Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

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| Residency | Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW-Madison. "In residence" means on the UW-Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW-Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW-Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs. |
| Quality of Work | Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation. |