Energy Engineering

Bachelor of Science (BS)

The Energy Engineering major offered through the Engineering Science Program interweaves the fundamentals of classical and modern physics, chemistry, and mathematics with energy engineering applications. A great strength of the major is its flexibility. The firm base in physics and mathematics is augmented with a selection of engineering course options that prepare the student to tackle the complex energy-related problems faced by society. Because the program emphasizes science and mathematics, students are well-prepared to pursue graduate studies in physics or engineering. Energy engineering is a multidisciplinary field requiring the integration of physical principles with engineering analysis, augmented with the realities of policy and engineering economics. The program incorporates courses from many departments on campus to create a discipline that is rigorously based in science, mathematics, and engineering while addressing a wide variety of environmental issues.

Admission to the Major

Prospective undergraduates in the College of Engineering must apply for admission to one specific major/degree program. For further information, please see the College of Engineering's website (http://coe.berkeley.edu/students/prospective-students/admissions.html).

Admission to engineering via a Change of College application for current UC Berkeley students is very competitive, as there are few open spaces in engineering for students admitted to other colleges at UC Berkeley. For further information regarding a Change of College to Engineering, please see the college’s website (http://coe.berkeley.edu/students/current-undergraduates/change-of-college/).

Minor Program

The Energy Engineering minor has arisen as a natural outgrowth of the large amount of energy-related research in the College of Engineering. For a number of years, courses have been developed across the College of Engineering, and the energy engineering minor is designed to coordinate these courses for students who have an interest in systems that are associated with all aspects of energy systems, such as generation, transmission, and consumption. The energy minor, offered through the College of Engineering, is an optional program that encourages coherence in the work students undertake around energy engineering.

For admission to the minor, students must have a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and have also completed all of the prerequisite courses. For information regarding the prerequisites, please see the Minor Requirements tab on this page.

After completion of the prerequisite courses, students will need to complete and submit a Petition for Admission form (http://engineeringscience.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Energy-Minor-Application-2103-141.pdf) to the undergraduate staff adviser. This must be completed no later than two weeks prior to the end of the semester.

Other Majors offered by the Engineering Science Program

Engineering Mathematics and Statistics (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/engineering-math-statistics/)
Engineering Physics (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/engineering-physics/)
Environmental Engineering Science (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/environmental-engineering-science/)

In addition to the University, campus, and college requirements, students must fulfill the below requirements specific to their major program.

General Guidelines

1. All technical courses taken in satisfaction of major requirements must be taken for a letter grade.
2. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student’s major and minor programs.
3. A minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for all work undertaken at UC Berkeley.
4. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for all technical courses taken in satisfaction of major requirements.

For information regarding residence requirements and unit requirements, please see the College Requirements tab.

For a detailed plan of study by year and semester, please see the Plan of Study tab.

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4. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for all technical courses taken in satisfaction of major requirements.
Upper Division Requirements

Due to the interdisciplinary nature of this major, electives may be approved throughout the year.

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1. CHEM 4A is intended for students majoring in chemistry or a closely-related field.
2. Students interested in the areas of data, distribution, generation or materials are advised to choose the following courses for Engineering Prep:
   - Data: COMPSCI C8 + connector (course number 88) and COMPSCI 61B
   - Distribution: EECS 16A and EECS 16B
   - Generation: MEC ENG C85 and MEC ENG 104
   - Materials: MAT SCI 45 + MAT SCI 45L and PHYSICS 7C

Engineering Electives

Students are required to take four engineering electives of at least 3 units each. Engineering electives include upper division courses in any engineering department and must be chosen in consultation with a faculty adviser. The only course not offered by an engineering department that can count toward this requirement is ENE,RES 131. Courses used to satisfy other major requirements cannot also fulfill the engineering elective requirement. Engineering electives cannot include any courses taken on a P/NP basis; BIOENG 100; DESINV courses (except DES INV 190E); ENGIN 125, 157AC, 180, 185, 187; INDENG 172, 185, 186, 190 series, 191, 192, 195; MECENG 190K, 191AC, 191K. Students interested in data, distribution, generation, or materials are advised to choose from the following courses as their engineering electives:
   - Data: COMPSCI 180 series courses, STAT 133, STAT 135 (exception approved for these two Statistics courses)
   - Distribution: COMPSCI 61B (exception approved for this lower division course), EL ENG 105, EL ENG 113, EL ENG 117, EL ENG 120, EL ENG C128/MEC ENG C194, MEC ENG 132
   - Generation: BIO ENG C181, MEC ENG 130, MEC ENG 140, MEC ENG 146, NUC ENG 161
   - Materials: MAT SCI 103, MAT SCI 111, MAT SCI 113, MAT SCI 125, MAT SCI 136

6. Research capstone course: Original research with approved faculty member.

Minor programs are areas of concentration requiring fewer courses than an undergraduate major. These programs are optional but can provide depth and breadth to a UC Berkeley education. The College of Engineering does not offer additional time to complete a minor, but it is usually possible to finish within the allotted time with careful course planning. Students are encouraged to meet with their ESS adviser to discuss the feasibility of completing a minor program.

All the engineering departments offer minors. Students may also consider pursuing a minor in another School or College.
**General Guidelines**

1. All minors must be declared no later than one semester before a student's Expected Graduation Term (EGT). If the semester before EGT is fall or spring, the deadline is the last day of RRR week. If the semester before EGT is summer, the deadline is the final Friday of Summer Sessions. To declare a minor, contact the department advisor for information on requirements, and the declaration process.

2. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be taken for graded credit.

3. A minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the prerequisite courses is required for acceptance into the minor program.

4. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.

5. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.

6. Completion of the minor program cannot delay a student's graduation.

**Lower Division Prerequisites**

- MATH 1A Calculus 4
- MATH 1B Calculus 4
- MATH 53 Multivariable Calculus 4
- MATH 54 Linear Algebra and Differential Equations 4

Select one of the following:

- CHEM 1A General Chemistry 4
- CHEM 1AL General Chemistry Laboratory 4
- CHEM 4A General Chemistry and Quantitative Analysis 5
- PHYSICS 7A Physics for Scientists and Engineers 4
- PHYSICS 7B Physics for Scientists and Engineers 4
- ENGIN 7 Introduction to Computer Programming for Scientists and Engineers 4

**Upper Division Minor Requirements**

- MEC ENG 40 Thermodynamics (or approved equivalent) 3
- EL ENG 137A Introduction to Electric Power Systems 4

Select one of the following:

- ENE,RES C10 Energy and Society 4
- CIV ENG 111 Environmental Engineering 3
- CIV ENG C106 Air Pollution 3

Select two of the following:

- ARCH 140 Energy and Environment 4
- CY PLAN 119 Planning for Sustainability 4
- CIV ENG 107 Climate Change Mitigation 3
- CIV ENG 111 Environmental Engineering 3
- CIV ENG 115 Water Chemistry 3
- CIV ENG 156 Infrastructure Planning and Management 3
- EL ENG 134 Fundamentals of Photovoltaic Devices 4
- EL ENG 137B Introduction to Electric Power Systems 4
- ENE,RES C10 Energy and Society 4

**Students in the College of Engineering must complete no fewer than 120 semester units with the following provisions:**

1. Completion of the requirements of one engineering major program (https://engineering.berkeley.edu/students/undergraduate-guide/degree-requirements/major-programs/) of study.

2. A minimum overall grade point average of 2.00 (C average) and a minimum 2.00 grade point average in upper division technical coursework required of the major.

3. The final 30 units and two semesters must be completed in residence in the College of Engineering on the Berkeley campus.

4. All technical courses (math, science, and engineering) that can fulfill requirements for the student's major must be taken on a letter graded basis (unless they are only offered P/NP).

5. Entering freshmen are allowed a maximum of eight semesters to complete their degree requirements. Entering junior transfers are allowed five semesters to complete their degree requirements. Summer terms are optional and do not count toward the maximum. Students are responsible for planning and satisfactorily completing all graduation requirements within the maximum allowable semesters.

6. Adhere to all college policies and procedures (http://engineering.berkeley.edu/academics/undergraduate-guide/) as they complete degree requirements.

7. Complete the lower division program before enrolling in upper division engineering courses.

**Humanities and Social Sciences (H/SS) Requirement**

To promote a rich and varied educational experience outside of the technical requirements for each major, the College of Engineering has a six-course Humanities and Social Sciences breadth requirement (http://engineering.berkeley.edu/student-services/degree-requirements/humanities-and-social-sciences/), which must be completed to graduate. This requirement, built into all the engineering programs of study, includes two Reading and Composition courses (R&C), and four additional courses within which a number of specific conditions must be satisfied. Follow these guidelines to fulfill this requirement:
1. Complete a minimum of six courses from the approved Humanities/Social Sciences (H/SS) lists (http://engineering.berkeley.edu/hssreq/).

2. Courses must be a minimum of 3 semester units (or 4 quarter units).

3. Two of the six courses must fulfill the College’s Reading and Composition (R&C) requirement. These courses must be taken for a letter grade (C- or better required). The first half (R&C Part A) must be completed by the end of the freshman year; the second half (R&C Part B) must be completed by no later than the end of the sophomore year. Please see the Reading and Composition Requirement (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/engineering/reading-composition-requirement/) page for a complete list of R&C courses available and a list of exams that can be applied toward the R&C Part A requirement. Students can also use the Class Schedule (https://classes.berkeley.edu/) to view R&C courses offered in a given semester. Note: Only R&C Part A can be fulfilled with an AP, IB, or A-Level exam score. Test scores do not fulfill R&C Part B for College of Engineering students.

4. The four additional courses must be chosen from the five areas listed in #13 below. These four courses may be taken on a pass/no pass basis.

5. Special topics courses of 3 semester units or more will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

6. Two of the six courses must be upper division (courses numbered 100-196).

7. One of the six courses must satisfy the campus American Cultures (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/engineering/american-cultures-requirement/) (AC) requirement. Note that any American Cultures course of 3 units or more may be used to meet H/SS.

8. A maximum of two exams (Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or A-Level) may be used toward completion of the H/SS requirement. View the list of exams (http://engineering.berkeley.edu/academics/undergraduate-guide/exams/) that can be applied toward H/SS requirements.

9. No courses offered by any engineering department other than BIO ENG 100, COMPSCI C79, ENGIN 125, ENGIN 157AC, ENGIN 185, and MEC ENG 191K may be used to complete H/SS requirements.

10. Language courses may be used to complete H/SS requirements. View the list of language options (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/engineering/approved-foreign-language-courses/).

11. Courses may fulfill multiple categories. For example, CY PLAN 118AC satisfies both the American Cultures requirement and one upper division H/SS requirement.

12. Courses numbered 97, 98, 99, or above 196 may not be used to complete any H/SS requirement.

13. The College of Engineering uses modified versions of five of the College of Letters and Science (L&S) breadth requirements lists to provide options to our students for completing the H/SS requirement. The five areas are:
   - Arts and Literature
   - Historical Studies
   - International Studies
   - Philosophy and Values
   - Social and Behavioral Sciences

Within the guidelines above, choose courses from any of the Breadth areas listed above. (Please note that you cannot use courses on the Biological Science or Physical Science Breadth list to complete the H/SS requirement.) To find course options, go to the Class Schedule (http://classes.berkeley.edu/), (http://classes.berkeley.edu/search/class/) select the term of interest, and use the Breadth Requirements filter.

**Class Schedule Requirements**

- Minimum units per semester: 12.0
- Maximum units per semester: 20.5
- Minimum technical courses: College of Engineering undergraduates must include at least two letter graded technical courses (of at least 3 units each) in their semester program. Every semester students are expected to make satisfactory progress in their declared major.
- Satisfactory progress is determined by the student’s Engineering Student Services Advisor. (Note: For most majors, normal progress (https://engineering.berkeley.edu/academics/undergraduate-guide/policies-procedures/scholarship-progress/#ac12282) will require enrolling in 3-4 technical courses each semester). Students who are not in compliance with this policy by the end of the fifth week of the semester are subject to a registration block that will delay enrollment for the following semester.
- All technical courses (math, science, engineering) that satisfy requirements for the major must be taken on a letter-graded basis (unless only offered as P/NP).

**Minimum Academic (Grade) Requirements**

- Minimum overall and semester grade point averages of 2.00 (C average) are required of engineering undergraduates. Students will be subject to dismissal from the University if during any fall or spring semester their overall UC GPA falls below a 2.00, or their semester GPA is less than 2.00.
- Students must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.00 (C average) in upper division technical courses required for the major curriculum each semester.
- A minimum overall grade point average of 2.00 and a minimum 2.00 grade point average in upper division technical course work required for the major are required to earn a Bachelor of Science in the College of Engineering.

**Unit Requirements**

To earn a Bachelor of Science in Engineering, students must complete at least 120 semester units of courses subject to certain guidelines:

- Completion of the requirements of one engineering major program (https://engineering.berkeley.edu/students/undergraduate-guide/degree-requirements/major-programs/) of study.
- A maximum of 16 units of special studies coursework (courses numbered 97, 98, 99, 197, 198, or 199) is allowed to count towards the B.S. degree, and no more than 4 units in any single term can be counted.
- A maximum of 4 units of physical education from any school attended will count towards the 120 units.
- Passed (P) grades may account for no more than one third of the total units completed at UC Berkeley. Fall Program for Freshmen (FFP), UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP), or UC Berkeley Washington Program (UCDC) toward the 120 overall minimum unit requirement. Transfer credit is not factored into the limit.
This includes transfer units from outside of the UC system, other UC campuses, credit-bearing exams, as well as UC Berkeley Extension XB units.

Normal Progress

Students in the College of Engineering must enroll in a full-time program and make normal progress (https://engineering.berkeley.edu/students/undergraduate-guide/policies-procedures/scholarship-progress/#ac12282) each semester toward the bachelor's degree. The continued enrollment of students who fail to achieve minimum academic progress shall be subject to the approval of the dean. (Note: Students with official accommodations established by the Disabled Students' Program, with health or family issues, or with other reasons deemed appropriate by the dean may petition for an exception to normal progress rules.)

University of California Requirements

Entry Level Writing (https://www.ucop.edu/elwr/)

All students who will enter the University of California as freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the Entry Level Writing Requirement. Satisfaction of this requirement is also a prerequisite to enrollment in all Reading and Composition courses at UC Berkeley.

American History and American Institutions (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/education/#universityrequirementstext)

The American History and Institutions requirements are based on the principle that a U.S. resident graduated from an American university should have an understanding of the history and governmental institutions of the United States.

Campus Requirement

American Cultures (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/education/#campusrequirementstext)

The American Cultures requirement is a Berkeley campus requirement, one that all undergraduate students at Berkeley need to pass in order to graduate. You satisfy the requirement by passing, with a grade not lower than C- or P, an American Cultures course. You may take an American Cultures course any time during your undergraduate career at Berkeley. The requirement was instituted in 1991 to introduce students to the diverse cultures of the United States through a comparative framework.

Courses are offered in more than fifty departments in many different disciplines at both the lower and upper division level.

The American Cultures requirement and courses constitute an approach that responds directly to the problem encountered in numerous disciplines of how better to present the diversity of American experience to the diversity of American students whom we now educate.

Faculty members from many departments teach American Cultures courses, but all courses have a common framework. The courses focus on themes or issues in United States history, society, or culture; address theoretical or analytical issues relevant to understanding race, culture, and ethnicity in American society; take substantial account of groups drawn from at least three of the following: African Americans, indigenous peoples of the United States, Asian Americans, Chicano/Latino Americans, and European Americans; and are integrative and comparative in that students study each group in the larger context of American society, history, or culture.

This is not an ethnic studies requirement, nor a Third World cultures requirement, nor an adjusted Western civilization requirement. These courses focus upon how the diversity of America’s constituent cultural traditions have shaped and continue to shape American identity and experience.

Visit the Class Schedule (http://classes.berkeley.edu/) or the American Cultures website (http://americancultures.berkeley.edu/) for the specific American Cultures courses offered each semester. For a complete list of approved American Cultures courses at UC Berkeley and California Community Colleges, please see the American Cultures Subcommitteee's website (https://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/committees/amcult/). See your academic adviser if you have questions about your responsibility to satisfy the American Cultures breadth requirement.

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1. CHEM 4A is intended for students majoring in chemistry or a closely-related field.
2. See Major Requirements tab for approved courses.
3. ENE,RES C100 satisfies both a major requirement and one of the upper division humanities/social sciences requirements. It must be taken for a letter grade.
4. The Humanities/Social Sciences (H/SS) requirement includes two approved Reading & Composition (R&C) courses and four additional approved courses, with which a number of specific conditions must be satisfied. R&C courses must be taken for a letter grade (C- or better required). The first half (R&C Part A) must be completed by the end of the freshman year; the second half (R&C Part B) must be completed by no later than the end of the sophomore year. The remaining courses may be taken at any time during the program. See engineering.berkeley.edu/hss (https://engineering.berkeley.edu/academics/undergraduate-guide/degree-requirements/humanities-and-social-sciences/) for complete details and a list of approved courses.