MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, B.S.

The Saint Louis University Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering offers an undergraduate program in mechanical engineering that equips students to shape the future by incorporating the latest industry trends and immersive experiential coursework.

A robust foundation in mechanical engineering concepts coupled with cross-disciplinary teamwork sets SLU students apart not only as problem solvers but also as ethical innovators and leaders by becoming aware of the impact of engineering decisions in the context of the environment and society. Our program provides students with a comprehensive education in mechanical engineering with a focus on human-centered mechatronics systems design.

Program Highlights

• Curriculum: Strong foundation in design thinking and engineering sciences, followed by specialization in structures, thermal fluids, and human-centered mechatronics design.

• Career focus: Preparation for careers in mechanical engineering, design, development, and manufacturing in emerging technology areas and for graduate studies.

• Global reach: The campus in Madrid provides students with a unique international experience and opportunities for study abroad. The opportunity is available anytime during the four years.

• Experiential learning: Our curriculum emphasized hands-on learning from day one with a focus on practical experience and proactive engagement through design projects and research endeavors. A commitment to innovation, entrepreneurship, service learning, diversity, equity, inclusion, and teamwork is a part of the student experience.

• Capstone design experience: Two design courses focusing on product design in thermal and mechanical systems areas.

• Research opportunities: Students can access a wide range of funded and voluntary research opportunities, collaborating closely with dedicated faculty members on diverse research projects.

• Cutting-edge facilities: State-of-the-art labs and equipment, including the WINDwind tunnel lab, CHROME lab, Mecharithm lab and the Automation, Robotics, Intelligence, and Autonomous Systems (ARIA) lab.

• Student engagement that fosters diversity and inclusion: Our students have an opportunity to be a part of several active student organizations, participate in national and international competitions, and collaborate with faculty on research projects.#Student organizations actively lead initiatives, organizing outreach events to promote the involvement of underrepresented groups in engineering.

• Dedicated faculty and staff: Faculty, staff, and students form a learning community that supports individual excellence and shared accomplishment learning.

Curriculum Overview

We take pride in our innovative mechanical engineering curriculum, carefully crafted to offer students a holistic education that seamlessly integrates theoretical knowledge with experiential learning opportunities. Our program stands out for its exceptional faculty, dedicated staff, and access to a wide range of cutting-edge equipment and facilities, creating an immersive learning environment where students can immediately apply their knowledge to real-world scenarios.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

SLU's mechanical engineering program benefits include summer internships and cooperative education programs available with industry, and federal labs in the St. Louis area and nationwide. These sites include the U.S. Department of Defense, the Boeing Company, Deloitte, Lockheed Martin Corporation, and Northrop Grumman. Further, students can count the internship experience toward a technical elective by documenting their learning.

Funded undergraduate and graduate research opportunities with faculty members in the program are available for qualified students. Funded opportunities range from private industries to federal government research laboratories. Initiatives like SURGE and FIRE offer undergraduates hands-on research experiences, allowing them to work in university labs and apply their learning in practical settings, thereby enhancing their academic journey.

Careers

Industry and government agencies have long recognized the quality of mechanical engineering graduates from Saint Louis University. Successful alumni have found employment at corporations and government agencies such as:

- Boeing
- Caterpillar
- Deloitte
- Department of Defense
- Neff Power
- Mercedes Benz
- Nooter/Eriksen
- Textron Systems
- Toyota

Admission Requirements

Begin Your Application (https://www.slu.edu/apply.php)

Saint Louis University also accepts the Common Application.

Freshman

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory coursework is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file.

To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, applicants must be graduating from an accredited high school, have an acceptable HiSET exam score or take the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED.

Students who have attempted fewer than 24 semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must follow the above freshmen admission requirements. Students who have completed 24 or more semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must submit transcripts from all previously attended college(s).

In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the Office of Admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University. Where applicable, transfer students will be evaluated on any courses outlined in the continuation standards of their preferred major.

International Applicants

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/)
- Proof of financial support must include:
  - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
  - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Additional Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission and matriculation requirements of the University, applicants to SLU's engineering programs must meet the following requirements:

- **GPA**: Minimum cumulative 3.00 high school GPA for freshmen applicants and 2.70 college GPA for transfer applicants.
- **Coursework**: Fifteen total units of high school work are required: three or four units of English; four or more units of mathematics, including algebra I and II, geometry and precalculus (Algebra II with Trigonometry is not sufficient). Students should be prepared to start the first semester of freshmen year in Calculus I or higher; three or four units of science, including general science, introduction to physical science, earth science, biology, physics or chemistry; two or three units of social sciences including history, psychology or sociology; and three units of electives.

Admission to the School of Science and Engineering's degree programs is based on a combination of secondary school grades, college admission test scores, co-curricular activities and attempted college coursework, as well as other indicators of the applicant's ability, career focus and character. This process respects the non-discrimination policy of the University and is designed to select a qualified, competent and diverse student body with high standards of scholarship and character, consistent with the mission of the University.

Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Year
Undergraduate Tuition	$54,760

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php)

Information on Tuition and Fees (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/)

Miscellaneous Fees (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/)

Information on Summer Tuition (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer/)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- **Scholarships:** Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- **Financial Aid:** Financial aid is provided through grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

Saint Louis University makes every effort to keep our education affordable. In fiscal year 2023, 99% of first-time freshmen and 92% of all students received financial aid (https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/) and students received more than $459 million in aid University-wide.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, apply for admission by December 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit www.slu.edu/financial-aid (https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/).

Accreditation

The Mechanical Engineering, B.S. is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, http://www.abet.org (http://www.abet.org/), under the commission's General Criteria and Program Criteria for Mechanical and Similarly Named Engineering Programs.

Enrollment and Graduation Data for Mechanical Engineering (https://www.slu.edu/science-and-engineering/about/pdfs/me-enrollment-graduation-data.pdf)

Learning Outcomes

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Program Educational Objectives

The undergraduate program is designed to meet the following specific objectives in order to fulfill the departmental and institutional missions.

- To practice the principles of engineering in mechanical or allied organizations

- To pursue further learning in mechanical engineering or in allied disciplines
- To function as effective engineers with professional knowledge, skills and values

Student Outcomes

Graduates of the mechanical engineering program at Saint Louis University will have an ability to:

1. Identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science and mathematics.
2. Apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors.
3. Communicate effectively with a range of audiences.
4. Recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts.
5. Function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives.
6. Develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions.
7. Acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
University Undergraduate Core (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/university-core/)		**32-35**
Basic Engineering		
CSCI 1060	Introduction to Computer Science: Scientific Programming	3
ECE 1100	Electrical Engineering 101	2
ECE 1200	Computer Engineering 101	2
SE 1700 & SE 1701	Engineering Fundamentals and Engineering Fundamentals Studio	3
General Engineering Courses		
MENG 1011	Prototyping	1
MENG 2100X	Statics	3
MENG 2150	Dynamics	3
MENG 2310	Thermodynamics	3
MENG 3105	Mechanics of Solids	3
MENG 3110	Linear Vibrations	3
MENG 3111	Mechanics Laboratory	1
MENG 3200	Fluid Dynamics	3
Mechanical Engineering Courses		
MENG 1000	Design Thinking	3
MENG 2400	Mechatronics Systems Design	3
MENG 2450	Engineering Experimentation	3
MENG 3001	Mechanical Engineering Lab	1
MENG 3010	Machine Design	3
MENG 3510X	Materials Science	3
MENG 3600	Manufacturing Process	3
MENG 4024	Mechanical Systems Design	3
MENG 4300	Heat Transfer	3
MENG 4304	Thermal Systems Design	3
MENG 4450	Programmable Logic Controllers and Robotics	3
Technical Electives		
Select 12 credits (four courses) from an approved ME list. [1]		12
Basic Science & Mathematics		
CHEM 1110 & CHEM 1115	General Chemistry 1 and General Chemistry 1 Laboratory	4
PHYS 1610 & PHYS 1620	University Physics I and University Physics I Laboratory	4
PHYS 1630 & PHYS 1640	University Physics II and University Physics II Laboratory	4
MATH 1510	Calculus I	4
MATH 1520	Calculus II	4
MATH 2530	Calculus III	4
MATH 3550	Differential Equations	3
Math/Science Electives		
Select one 3-credit courses from the AE/ME Department approved list.		3
Total Credits		**128-131**

Non-Course Requirements

All Science and Engineering B.A. and B.S. students must complete an exit interview/survey near the end of their bachelor's program.

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a minimum 2.00 GPA.

[1] Acceptable technical electives are courses at the 4000 level in the area of program major or the 3000 level or above in allied disciplines. (Allied disciplines include courses in engineering other than student's major, Mathematics – MATH, Computer Science – CSCI, Management – MGT, Pre-Law – PLS, Physics – PHYS, Chemistry – CHEM, and Biology – BIOL.) The student may also do an approved project or research independent study with a faculty member, or an approved internship with industry.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
SE 1700 & SE 1701	Engineering Fundamentals and Engineering Fundamentals Studio	3
MENG 1011	Prototyping	1
MATH 1510	Calculus I (! requires proficiency exam; must earn a grade of C- or above)	4
CHEM 1110 & CHEM 1115	General Chemistry 1 and General Chemistry 1 Laboratory	4
CORE 1500	Cura Personalis 1: Self in Community	1
CORE	Equity and Global Identities: Identities in Context	0-3
	Credits	**13-16**
Spring		
MENG 1000	Design Thinking	3
CSCI 1060	Introduction to Computer Science: Scientific Programming	3
MATH 1520	Calculus II (must earn a grade of C- or above)	4
PHYS 1610 & PHYS 1620	University Physics I and University Physics I Laboratory	4
CORE 1600	Ultimate Questions: Theology	3
	Credits	**17**
Year Two		
Fall		
ECE 1100	Electrical Engineering 101	2
ECE 1200	Computer Engineering 101	2
PHYS 1630 & PHYS 1640	University Physics II and University Physics II Laboratory	4
MENG 2100X	Statics	3
MATH 2530	Calculus III	4
CORE	Equity and Global Identities: Dignity, Ethics, and a Just Society	0-3
	Credits	**15-18**
Spring		
MENG 2310	Thermodynamics	3
MENG 3105	Mechanics of Solids	3
MATH 3550	Differential Equations	3
MENG 2400	Mechatronics Systems Design	3
MENG 2450	Engineering Experimentation	3
CORE 2500	Cura Personalis 2: Self in Contemplation	0
CORE 1900	Eloquentia Perfecta 1: Written and Visual Communication	3
	Credits	**18**
Summer		
CORE	Equity and Global Identities: Global Interdependence	0-3
	Credits	**0-3**
Year Three		
Fall		
MENG 3510X	Materials Science	3
MENG 2150	Dynamics	3
MENG 3200	Fluid Dynamics	3
CORE 3400	Ways of Thinking: Aesthetics, History, and Culture	3
Technical Elective [1]		3
CORE 3500	Cura Personalis 3: Self in the World	1
CORE 3600	Ways of Thinking: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3
	Credits	**19**
Spring		
MENG 3010	Machine Design	3
MENG 3110	Linear Vibrations	3
MENG 3600	Manufacturing Process	3
MENG 3111	Mechanics Laboratory	1
MENG 4300	Heat Transfer	3
Technical Elective [1]		3
	Credits	**16**
Year Four		
Fall		
MENG 4304	Thermal Systems Design	3
MENG 4450	Programmable Logic Controllers and Robotics	3
CORE 1200	Eloquentia Perfecta 2: Oral and Visual Communication	3
Technical Elective [1]		3
CORE	Eloquentia Perfecta: Writing Intensive	0-3
CORE 4000	Collaborative Inquiry	0-3
	Credits	**12-18**
Spring		
MENG 4024	Mechanical Systems Design	3
MENG 3001	Mechanical Engineering Lab	1
CORE 1700	Ultimate Questions: Philosophy	3
Technical Elective [1]		3
CORE	Eloquentia Perfecta: Creative Expression	1-3
CORE	Reflection-in-Action	0-3
Math / Science Elective		3
	Credits	**14-19**
	Total Credits	**124-144**

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2+SLU

2+SLU programs provide a guided pathway for students transferring from a partner institution.

- Mechanical Engineering, B.S. (STLCC 2+SLU) (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/2plusslu/stlcc/mechanical-engineering/)