Area of Emphasis (AOE) Courses

There are a large number of courses that can be used to satisfy the Area of Emphasis (AOE) course requirements in Mechanical Engineering. These courses fall into four categories: (1) ME electives as regular course offering; (2) mathematics courses applicable to ME; (3) select general engineering, business, writing and technology courses; and (4) miscellaneous upper division engineering and science offerings with departmental approval. No online courses may be used as AOEs.

Category 1: Mechanical engineering elective courses (a minimum of 9 cr. hrs must be taken from this category for AOEs)

- ME 4020 (5020) Applied Machine Design
- ME 4060 (5060) Machine Vibrations
- ME 4120 (5120) Intermediate Dynamics
- ME 4140 (5140) Introduction to Robotics and Intelligent Machines Engineering
- ME 4160 (5160) Experimental Stress Analysis
- ME 4180 (5180) Finite Element Methods in Mechanical Design
- ME 4190 (5190) Advanced Mechanics of Materials
- ME 4210 (5210) Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
- ME 4220 (5220) Air Conditioning Design
- ME 4260 (5260) Energy Conversion and Conservation
- ME 4310 (5310) Gas Dynamics
- ME 4370 (5370) Mechatronics and Intelligent Machines Engineering
- ME 4460 (5460) Mechanical Properties of Materials
- ME 4470 (5470) Interdisciplinary Studies in Ceramic Materials Processing
- ME 4480 (5480) Microstructural Analysis
- ME 4490 (5490) Properties and Selection of Engineering Materials
- ME 4510 (5510) Aerodynamics
- ME 4610 (5610) Steam Power Plants
- ME 4620 (5620) Turbomachinery
- ME 4630 (5630) Internal Combustion Engines
- ME 4640 (5640) Dynamics of Machinery II
- ME 4720 (5720) Thermal Design
- ME 4730 (5730) Numerical Heat Transfer
- ME 4810 (5810) Automatic Controls

ME 4900 - Special Topics (maximum of 3 cr. hrs shall be counted as AOE)

ME 4930 (5930) - Noise Control

ME 4990 – Undergraduate Research (maximum of 3 cr. hrs shall be counted as AOE)

Any ME 6000-level courses may be used with prior approval of both the course instructor and the ME department chair/associate chair. The student must be within 18 credit hours of graduation.

Category 2: Mathematics directly applicable to mechanical engineering

MATH 3470 - Introductory Probability and Statistics

MATH 3810 - Complex Variables

MATH 4210 (5210) - Numerical Analysis I

MATH 4220 (5220) - Numerical Analysis II

MATH 4250 (5250) - Advanced Ordinary Differential Equations I

MATH 4510 (5510) – Advanced Mathematics for Engineers

MATH 4530 (5530) - Linear Algebra I

MATH 4710 (5710) - Vector Analysis

Category 3: Select General Engineering, Business, Writing and Technology Courses (maximum of 3 cr. hrs shall be counted as AOE)

BMGT 3510 - Management and Organization Behavior

ENGL 3250 - Professional Communication I

ENGR 4510 – Engineering Management

ENTR 4500 – Innovation and Entrepreneurship through Lean Launchpad

MET 4400 - Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing

MET 4450 – Additive Manufacturing

MET 4650 - Lean Six Sigma Manufacturing

Category 4: Miscellaneous Engineering and Science Courses

Other upper division (3000 and 4000-level) engineering and science courses may be used with prior approval of both the course instructor and the ME department.