Mechanical Engineering Courses-1

**MEC 251/Strength of Materials**  
1 course unit  
(same as CIV 251)  
(spring semester)  
*Prerequisites:* ENG 222, CSC 215, or 250  
Topics include axial, lateral, and torsional loading of shafts and beams; statically indeterminate structures; temperature and prestrain effects; shear force and bending moment in beams; axial, shear, bearing and bending stresses; deflection of beams; and buckling of columns.

**MEC 263/Mechanical Engineering Laboratory I**  
.5 course unit  
(laboratory)  
(spring semester)  
*Corequisite:* MEC 251 or CIV 251  
Experiments related to strength of materials and basic stress analysis and material science. Computer data acquisition and data analysis.

**MEC 311/Mechanical Design Analysis I**  
1 course unit  
(with design hour)  
(fall semester)  
*Prerequisite:* MEC 251  
Combined stresses, energy methods, Castigiano’s theorem, failure theories for static failure of ductile and brittle materials, low- and high-cycle fatigue, bolted connections with symmetric and eccentric loading.

**MEC 321/Numerical Methods for Engineers**  
1 course unit  
(same as CIV 321)  
(fall semester)  
*Prerequisites:* ENG 272, CSC 215  
Numerical solutions to linear and non-linear systems of equations; root finding methods; numerical integration; numerical methods for finding eigenvalues and eigenvectors; numerical integration of ordinary and partial differential equations.

**MEC 343/Biomechanics**  
1 course unit  
(same as BME 343)  
(with design hour)  
(fall semester)  
*Prerequisite:* MEC 251  
Comprehensive study of structure, function and mechanical properties of biological soft and hard tissues. Topics include joint and tissue mechanics, analysis of tissue remodeling, fatigue and fracture resistance, and mechanical properties of skeletal tissue.

**MEC 361/Fluid Mechanics**  
1 course unit  
(same as CIV 361)  
(spring semester)  
*Prerequisites:* ENG 222, ENG 272  
Topics include hydrostatics; kinematics of fluid motion; conservation equations in integral and differential form; dimensional analysis; laminar and turbulent viscous incompressible flow; boundary layer theory; and lift and drag.

**MEC 363/Mechanical Engineering Laboratory II**  
.5 course unit  
(laboratory)  
(spring semester)  
*Prerequisite:* MEC 263  
*Corequisites:* MEC 361, MEC 371  
MEC 371/Thermodynamics II 1 course unit
(spring semester)
Prerequisite: ENG 322
Topics include availability and irreversibility; power and refrigeration cycles; mixtures and solutions; chemical reactions; Maxwell relations and one-dimensional flow through nozzles and diffusers.

MEC 381/Introduction to Mechatronics 1 course unit
(with design hour)
(occasionally)
Prerequisites: ENG 212, ENG 272
This course is an introduction to the analysis and design of mechatronic systems including actuators, sensors, microcomputer, interfacing, control electronics, signal processing and mechanisms. Course work includes weekly lectures and hands-on labs.

MEC 391/Independent Study .5-1 course unit
(occasionally)
Prerequisites: Permission of instructor, senior status required
For students wishing to study an advanced area of interest. Topic(s) developed in consultation with a faculty member.

MEC 411/Heat Transfer 1 course unit
(with design hour)
(fall semester)
Prerequisites: ENG 322, ENG 342, MEC 321, MEC 361

MEC 421/Kinematics and Mechanisms 1 course unit
(with design hour)
(occasionally)
Prerequisites: ENG 262, CSC 215, junior status required
Analysis of displacement, velocity, and acceleration in mechanical linkages, cams, gears, and mechanisms; synthesis of linkages, analytical, graphical, and computer-generated solutions.

MEC 423/Introduction to Biomaterials 1 course unit
(same as BME 423)
(with design hour)
(spring semester)
Prerequisite: CHE 201
Introduction to metal, polymeric, ceramic, and biological materials used as surgical implants in humans. Topics include acute and chronic biological response to implants, degradation of artificial materials, artificial organs, and medical devices. Consideration of ethical issues.

MEC 431/Mechanical Design Analysis II 1 course unit
(with design hour)
(occasionally)
Prerequisites: MEC 311, senior status
Bolted and welded connections; mechanical springs; rolling and journal bearings; spur, helical, bevel, and worm gears; clutches, brakes, and flexible mechanical elements; safety, economic, reliability, and design considerations.

MEC 433/Mechanical Engineering Laboratory III .5 course unit
(laboratory)
(fall semester)
Prerequisite: MEC 363
Corequisite: MEC 411
Experiments related to heat transfer in forced and natural convection. Computer data acquisition and data analysis.

**MEC 441/Vibration Analysis**
with design hour
(occasionally)
Prerequisites: ENG 262, MEC 321
This course introduces the mathematical models and responses for one and multiple-degree-of-freedom systems. Application and suppression of mechanical vibrations are investigated.

**MEC 451/Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning**
with design hour
(occasionally)
Prerequisites: MEC 361, MEC 371
Heating and cooling loads; principles of psychrometrics; air, electric, hydronic, and steam heating systems; absorption; evaporation and vapor compression air conditioning system. Design and analysis of residential, commercial, and industrial HVAC systems.

**MEC 453/Digital Control Systems**
same as ELC 453
with design hour
(occasionally)
Prerequisite: ENG 352
Digital control Systems, dynamic response modeling, design, and compensation techniques.

**MEC 460/Finite Elements in Mechanical Design**
fall semester
Prerequisite: MEC 311
Coerequisite: MEC 411
Introduction to finite element analysis. Application of modern engineering tools in the design of mechanical and thermal systems.

**MEC 461/Thermal Systems Design**
with design hour
(occasionally)
Prerequisites: MEC 361, MEC 411
Workable and optimum systems, modeling of thermal systems, system simulation, and optimization.

**MEC 463/Mechanical Engineering Laboratory IV**
laboratory
(spring semester)
Prerequisites: MEC 263, MEC 311, ENG 262
Experiments related to advanced mechanical engineering topics including free and forced vibrations for first- and multi-degree of freedom systems. Measurements on elements experiencing combined stresses.

**MEC 471/Compressible Fluid Mechanics**
with design hour
(occasionally)
Prerequisites: ENG 322, MEC 361
Study of physical acoustics, one-dimensional compressible flow, normal and oblique shock waves. Design of ducts and nozzles for compressible flow.

**MEC 473/Bioinstrumentation**
same as BME 473, ELC 473
(with laboratory)
(spring semester)
Prerequisites: ENG 212, ENG 214
Theory and design of biomedical instruments used for measurements on humans and animals. Detailed coverage of sensors and transducers that quantify force, pressure, flow, sound, temperature, and displacement. Origin of biopotentials (ECG, EMG, EEG) and biological signal processing. Consideration of noise, interference, and electrical safety issues.

MEC 481/Advanced Strength of Materials 1 course unit
(with design hour)
(occasionally)
Prerequisite: MEC 311
Beams on elastic foundations, rotating discs, membrane stresses in shells, Castigliano’s principles, torsional bucking of beams, and shafts.

MEC 483/Robotics 1 course unit
(same as ELC 483)
(with design hour)
(occasionally)
Prerequisite: ENG 272
Introduction to robotics foundations in kinematics, dynamics, control, trajectory generation, actuation, sensing, and design. Laboratory projects involving building mobile robots and operating manipulators are incorporated to reinforce the basic principles introduced in the lecture.

MEC 495, 496/Senior Project I, II 0, 1 course unit
(every semester)
Prerequisites: Senior standing
Senior project focuses students’ previous experience upon a specific technical project. Library research, design, cost analysis, construction, testing, and project management. Students work closely with a faculty advisor.