Materials Science and Engineering - Undergraduate Programs

Overview

The interdisciplinary field of materials science and engineering has become critical to many emerging areas of science and advanced technology. As a result, there is a growing demand for engineers and scientists with education and training in materials science and engineering. The Materials Science and Engineering Department provides students with such education and training through its graduate master's and doctoral degree programs. Additionally, the department offers undergraduate courses for use as electives in science and engineering, in Fast Track Programs in Materials Science and Engineering, in minor programs in this discipline and in Certificate in Nanotechnology.

Minor Program in Materials Science and Engineering

Outcomes and Goals

The goal of the minor program in Materials Science and Engineering is to give students a foundation in the governing principles of materials science which complements their major field of study, as well as an understanding of the latest trends. As such, the program is flexible in coursework requirements and can be tailored to each student’s interest.

Admission to the Minor Program in Materials Science and Engineering

Admission to the minor program in Materials Science and Engineering requires GPA of 2.0 or higher and approval by the Materials Science and Engineering Department undergraduate advisor as well as the student’s home department. Information on admissions and course requirements can be obtained from the Materials Science and Engineering undergraduate program advisor. The minor will be conferred at the same time the degree is conferred and the degree and minor will be recorded on the student’s transcript. The minor will not be on the diploma. Minors may not be conferred retroactively upon students who have graduated.

SCHOLARSHIPS, RESEARCH EXPERIENCE, and INTERNSHIP

Scholarships may be available for students who meet the academic requirements set by the Materials Science and Engineering minor program. Minor program students may also work as undergraduate research assistants for Materials Science and Engineering faculty. Internship opportunities at nearby industries may be arranged for students with interest.

Requirements for a Minor in Materials Science and Engineering

To receive a minor in Materials Science and Engineering, a student must complete 18 hours of the following courses with a grade of C or better in each course. Courses must be approved in advance by the MSE undergraduate program advisor. A student must complete:

Foundation courses for all tracks (6 hours)

- MSE 3300 INTRODUCTION TO MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
- MSE 4320 NANOSCALE MATERIALS

Select at least 2 core courses for each track (6 hours)

1. Structural Materials and Process Track

- MSE 4310 POLYMER MATERIALS SCIENCE
- MSE 4312 MECHANICAL BEHAVIOR OF MATERIALS (MAE 4336 for MAE majors)
- MSE 4315 INTRODUCTION TO COMPOSITES (MAE 4315 for MAE majors)
- MSE 4321 PHASE TRANSFORMATIONS OF MATERIALS
- MSE 4337 FATIGUE OF ENGINEERING MATERIALS
- MSE 4339 FAILURE ANALYSIS AND RELIABILITY ENGINEERING

- MAE 4338 FAILURE ANALYSIS
CHEM 3315 INTRODUCTION TO BIOPHYSICAL CHEMISTRY
CHEM 3321 PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY I
CHEM 4318 INORGANIC CHEMISTRY
CHEM 4346 ADVANCED SYNTHETIC METHODS
Selected courses offered as special topics in MAE and CHEM may be used if approved by MSE advisor

2. Semiconductor Materials and Technology Track
MSE 4354 ELECTRONIC MATERIALS AND DEVICES
MSE 4359 FAILURE ANALYSIS AND RELIABILITY ENGINEERING
EE 4329 SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES
PHYS 4325 SOLID STATE PHYSICS
PHYS 4326 INTRODUCTION TO QUANTUM MECHANICS
Selected courses offered as special topics in EE and Physics may be used if approved by MSE advisor

3. Magnetic Materials and Technology Track
MSE 4321 PHASE TRANSFORMATIONS OF MATERIALS
MSE 4333 INTRODUCTION TO MAGNETIC MATERIALS
MSE 4357 SYNTHESIS AND PROPERTIES OF MODERN ENGINEERING MATERIALS
PHYS 4325 SOLID STATE PHYSICS
PHYS 4326 INTRODUCTION TO QUANTUM MECHANICS

4. Energy Materials and Technology Track
MSE 4353 FUNDAMENTALS OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
MSE 4355 MATERIALS FOR ENERGY
REE 3301 PRINCIPLES OF ENERGY ENGINEERING
REE 3302 SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS
EE 3302 FUNDAMENTALS OF POWER SYSTEMS

Select 2 elective courses (6 hours)
(1) courses in other tracks
(2) courses recommended by MSE advisor and/or listed below
MSE 4310 POLYMER MATERIALS SCIENCE
MSE 4390 SPECIAL TOPICS IN MATERIALS SCIENCE & ENGINEERING
MAE 3344 INTRODUCTION TO MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING
PHYS 3313 INTRODUCTION TO MODERN PHYSICS
PHYS 3455 ELECTRONICS

Minor Program in Nanotechnology

Program Objective
The minor in Nanotechnology is designed to provide undergraduate students majoring in either science or engineering with fundamental knowledge of the nanotechnology that is emerging as one of the most influential technologies shaping the future. This program intends to introduce the fundamentals
and applications of nanotechnology in the areas of Nanoelectronics and human health, with weighted emphasis on the development of new materials and their applications.

**Admission to the Minor Program in Nanotechnology**

Admission to the minor program in Nanotechnology requires GPA of 2.0 or higher and approval by the Materials Science and Engineering Department undergraduate advisor as well as the student's home department. Information on admissions and course requirements can be obtained from the Materials Science and Engineering undergraduate program advisor. The minor will be conferred at the same time the degree is conferred and the degree and minor will be recorded on the student's transcript. The minor will not be on the diploma. Minors may not be conferred retroactively upon students who have graduated.

**Research Experience**

Minor program students are encouraged to experience research in nanotechnology by working as undergraduate research assistants. The advisor in Materials Science and Engineering may provide a list of faculty whose research field is closely related to the student's major and career interest.

**Requirements for a Minor in Nanotechnology**

Students must complete 18 hours of coursework as outlined below. Transferred course credit cannot be used for the minor. Prerequisites must be met for all courses and all courses used to satisfy the certificate requirements must be passed with a minimum grade of C and their combined GPA must be at least 3.0. Consultation with the Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) advisor is encouraged to check the course availability and any changes in the course requirements.

**Course Requirements**

**Required Courses (9 Hours):**

- MSE 3300 INTRODUCTION TO MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
- MSE 4320 NANOSCALE MATERIALS
- MSE 4351 CURRENT TOPICS IN NANOTECHNOLOGY

Three elective courses are required from a single track below: Elective courses are chosen with consultation and approval of the minor advisor. Undergraduate Research Course (3 hour) can be included in the electives with appropriate course number and research topic selected in agreement with the faculty and MSE advisor. The letter grade will be given after evaluation of student's performance by evaluation committee. A partial list of recommended courses include:

1. **Micro/Nano electronics Track**

   MSE 4354 ELECTRONIC MATERIALS AND DEVICES OR EE 4329 SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES
   MSE 4359 FAILURE ANALYSIS AND RELIABILITY ENGINEERING
   EE 4320 DIGITAL VLSI DESIGN
   PHYS 4326 INTRODUCTION TO QUANTUM MECHANICS

Selected courses offered as special topics in EE and MAE may be used if approved by MSE advisor.

2. **Nanobio Track**

   MSE 4343 NANOBIOENGINEERING
   BE 4333 NANO BIOMATERIALS AND LIVING-SYSTEMS INTERACTION
   BE 4372 DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS
   BE 4373 FORMULATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS
   BE 4314 BIOMEDICAL IMPLANTS
   BE 4390 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECT

Selected courses offered as special topics in EE and MAE may be used if approved by MSE advisor.
Certificate in Nanotechnology

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE
The objective of the Certificate in Nanotechnology is to provide the fundamentals, principles and applications of the emerging and exciting field of nanotechnology in the areas of energy, environment, security and human health, with weighted emphasis on the development of new materials and their applications. This program aims at the dual goal of exploring the potential of nanotechnology in addressing current global technological needs while acting as a resource for developing and educating the future workforce. Course material can be available over the internet upon request to accommodate participants from industry who do not have regular access to campus.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
The certificate is open to all current science and engineering degree-seeking students and holders of a bachelor’s degree in science or engineering. For those who have not completed a bachelor’s degree, the Certificate in Nanotechnology will be awarded concurrently with an undergraduate degree. The completed certificate program of study will be forwarded to the Office of Admissions, Records and Registration for verification and notation on the student’s transcript. A formal certificate will be prepared for the student by the university and recognition will be given at the graduation ceremonies.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
Students must complete 15 hours of coursework as outlined below. Transferred course credit cannot be used for the certificate. Prerequisites must be met for all courses and all courses used to satisfy the certificate requirements must be passed with a minimum grade of C and their combined GPA must be at least 3.0. Consultation with the Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) advisor is encouraged to check the course availability and any changes in the course requirements.

Required Courses (6 Hours):

MSE 3300 INTRODUCTION TO MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
MSE 4320 NANOSCALE MATERIALS

Three elective courses are required from a single track below:

**Micro/Nano Electronic Track**

MSE 4354 ELECTRONIC MATERIALS AND DEVICES
MSE 4359 FAILURE ANALYSIS AND RELIABILITY ENGINEERING
EE 4320 DIGITAL VLSI DESIGN
MAE 3309 THERMAL ENGINEERING
MAE 4301 SPECIAL TOPICS IN MECHANICAL AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

3 hour Undergraduate Research Course: research course under listed faculty, with appropriate course number, and research topic selected in agreement with the faculty and MSE advisor. The letter grade will be given after evaluation of student’s performance by evaluation committee.

**Nanobio Track**

MSE 4343 NANOBIO TECHNOLOGY
MSE 4358 ORTHOPEDIC IMPLANTS - MATERIAL SELECTION AND CHARACTERIZATION
BE 4372 DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS
BE 4373 FORMULATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS
BE 4333 NANO BIOMATERIALS AND LIVING-SYSTEMS INTERACTION
BE 4300 SPECIAL TOPICS IN BIOENGINEERING (with MSE advisor approval)

3 hour Undergraduate Research Course: research course under listed faculty, with appropriate course number, and research topic selected in agreement with the faculty and MSE advisor. The letter grade will be given after evaluation of student’s performance by evaluation committee.

**Energy Materials Track**

MSE 4353 FUNDAMENTALS OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
MSE 4355 MATERIALS FOR ENERGY
EE 3302 FUNDAMENTALS OF POWER SYSTEMS
EE 4328 CURRENT TOPICS IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
MAE 4301 SPECIAL TOPICS IN MECHANICAL AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING  (with MSE advisor approval)

3 hour Undergraduate Research Course: research course under listed faculty, with appropriate course number, and research topic selected in agreement with the faculty and MSE advisor. The letter grade will be given after evaluation of student’s performance by evaluation committee.

FACULTY FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH COURSE
Wei Chen (Physics, nanomaterials for energy conversion)
Hyeok Choi (CE, Environmental Nanotechnology)
Yaowu Hao (MSE, nanostructured bio-sensors)
Yi Hong (BE, NanoBiomaterials)
Choong-Un Kim (MSE, micro/nano electronics)
Seong-Jin Koh (MSE, nanoelectronics and bio-sensors)
Ping Liu (Physics, nanomagnetics)
Cheng Luo (MAE, NEMS)
Robert Magnusson (EE, NanoPhotonics)
Stathis Meletis (MSE, thin films and nanostructured devices)
Hyejin Moon (MAE, Nanothermal)
Kytai Nguyen (BE, Nanobiomaterials)
Kyungsuk Yum (MSE, nanomaterials for bio applications)
Weidong Zhou (EE, NanoPhotonics)