

ENERGY ENGINEERING, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Description

The undergraduate program in energy engineering is designed to reflect the growing impact and demand for energy in society and to equip students with the knowledge necessary to achieve the following career and professional goals: become valuable contributors in addressing society's energy needs and demands; successful leaders in advancing the technology and management of energy; innovators and entrepreneurs in the energy sector; and educators, practicing engineers, and national leaders on energy and associated environmental, health and safety, and policy and economics issues. The program integrates skill sets in the physical sciences (chemistry, engineering, mathematics, and physics) and social sciences (economics, policy, and management) to ensure successful career opportunities and growth within energy-related industries, government agencies, and academia.

The courses are structured to enable students to understand engineering fundamentals and apply the knowledge to solve problems in the production, processing, storage, distribution, and utilization of energy using multiple techniques as synthesis, analysis, design and case studies. Inquiry-based teaching methods and lab experiences are emphasized. The faculty research and scholarly activities are integrated into the curriculum. The program is designed to train students to be lifelong learners, problem solvers, and energy industry leaders. The educational opportunities are sufficiently flexible, broad, and diverse to enable students to tailor their educational experience to particular interests, background, and expected role in society. Flexibility in the curriculum allows other students in energy related programs such as agricultural and biological, chemical, civil, electrical, environmental, mechanical, mining, nuclear, and petroleum engineering, materials science and engineering, industrial health and safety, and energy business and finance to have dual or concurrent degrees, minors, or options (e.g., energy and fuels engineering option in chemical engineering).

What is Energy Engineering?

Energy engineers are equipped with required engineering knowledge and skills needed to solve problems in the production, processing, storage, distribution, and utilization of energy. Energy processes include natural resources, such as the extraction of oil and gas, as well as from renewable or sustainable sources of energy, including biofuels, hydro, wind, and solar power.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You aspire to be a lifelong learner, problem-solver, and leader in the energy industry.
- You excel at math, science, and engineering and seek a broad overview of energy fields.
- You're interested in a well-rounded education on all facets of the energy market, including renewable energy.