

MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Suggested Academic Plan

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Materials Science and Engineering, B.S. at University Park Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
MATH 140 or 140G (GQ) ^{*†#†2}	4 MATH 141 or 141G (GQ) ^{*†#†2}	4
CHEM 110 (GN) ^{*#†2}	3 MATSE 112 or CHEM 112 (GN) ^{*#2}	3
CHEM 111 (GN) ^{*#†2}	1 CHEM 113 ^{*#2}	1
EMSC 100S (or CAS 100 by substitution) (GWS) ^{††1}	3 PHYS 211 (GN) ^{*#†2}	4
General Education Knowledge Domain (IL)	3 ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 (GWS) ^{††}	3
General Education Knowledge Domain (Integrative)	3	
	17	15

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
PHYS 212 (GN) [†]	4 MATH 251	4
CHEM 202	3 IE 424 or STAT 401 ³	3
MATH 220 ^{*#2}	2 MATSE 202 [*]	3
MATH 231	2 MATSE 203 or ENGL 202C (GWS) ^{††}	3
MATSE 201 [*]	3 MATSE 413	3
MATSE 219 or CMPSC 200	3	
	17	16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
MATSE 400 [*]	3 MATSE 402 [*]	3
MATSE 401 [*]	3 MATSE 419	3

MATSE 430 [*]	3 MATSE 492W (Writing Across the Curriculum) [*]	3
MATSE 436	3 MATSE 462	1
MATSE 460	1 MATSE Specialization Course 1 from Department List	3
General Education Knowledge Domain (US)	3 General Education Knowledge Domain (Integrative)	3
	General Education Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5
	16	17.5

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
MATSE 493W or 494W ⁴	3-0 or MATSE 493W or 494W ⁴ 2	0-3 or 1
MATSE Specialization Course 2 from Department List	3 MATSE Specialization Course 3 from Department List	3
Technical Elective 1	3 MATSE Specialization Course 4 from Department List	3
Technical Elective 2	3 Technical Elective 3	3
MATSE Senior Processing Laboratory (can be taken fall or spring)	0-1 Technical Elective 4	3
General Education Knowledge Domain	3 MATSE Senior Processing Laboratory (can be taken fall or spring)	1-0
General Education Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5 General Education Knowledge Domain	3
	13.5-17.5	16-18

Total Credits 128-134

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

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Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

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² In order to be eligible for entrance to the Materials Science and Engineering major, a student must have: 1) Attained at least a 2.00 cumulative grade-point average. 2) Completed CHEM 110 GN(3), CHEM 111 GN(1), CHEM 112 GN(3), CHEM 113 GN(1), MATH 140 GQ(4), MATH 141 GQ(4), MATH 220(2) and PHYS 211(4); earned a grade of C or better in each of these courses; and earned a combined grade point average of at least 2.50 in these courses. (Note: If courses are repeated, only the higher grade will be used in this calculation.)

³ It is recommended to take STAT 401 only if the student has prior experience with statistics. Otherwise, students should take IE 424.

⁴ Students are required to choose either MATSE 493W (3) or MATSE 494W (3) as their capstone requirement. MATSE 493W involves a group project and all 3 credits are taken in a single semester in the

final year of study. MATSE 494W, the individual research thesis, is typically split between fall and spring semesters.

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W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

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Materials Science and Engineering, B.S. at Commonwealth Campuses

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CHEM 111 (GN) ^{*#†2}	1	CHEM 113 ^{*#2}	1
CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, or CAS 100C (GWS) ^{‡†1}	3	PHYS 211 (GN) ^{*#†2}	4
General Education Knowledge Domain	3	ENGL 15, 30H, or ESL 15 (GWS) ^{‡†}	3
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MATSE Specialization Course 2 from Department List	3	MATSE Specialization Course 3 from Department List	3

Technical Elective 1	3	MATSE Specialization Course 4 from Department List	3
Technical Elective 2	3	Technical Elective 3	3
Materials Senior Processing Laboratory (can be taken fall or spring)	1	Technical Elective 4	3
IE 424	3	General Education Knowledge Domain	3
	13-16		18-15

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