

# Biomedical Engineering

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Biomedical engineering (BME) is the application of engineering principles and technology to the solution of problems in the life sciences and medicine. Biomedical engineers create knowledge and develop technologies that improve healthcare delivery and patient outcomes with an emphasis on reducing healthcare costs. Graduates create and apply knowledge at the interface of life sciences and engineering for the benefit of society. The BME undergraduate program prepares graduates to be immediately productive and able to adapt to a rapidly changing environment. The curriculum includes engineering core courses, mathematics, calculus-based physics, biology, chemistry, humanities, social and behavioral sciences, biomedical engineering core courses and electives. The curriculum culminates in a capstone design experience where interdisciplinary teams apply knowledge to solve real-world engineering problems. A bachelor's degree in BME from UAB provides a foundation in medical devices, biomedical implants, biomaterials, and biomedical instrumentation to compete in an increasingly technical medical field, and also prepares students for graduate school, medical school, or professional school.

The Biomedical Engineering program is currently accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of ABET, <http://www.abet.org>.

Freshmen with an ACT score of 28 or higher (or SAT equivalent) and a high school GPA of 3.20 or higher may be admitted directly to the Biomedical Engineering program. Please refer to the School of Engineering overview for policies regarding admission; change of major; transfer credit; transient status; dual degree programs; reasonable progress; academic warning, probation, and suspension; reinstatement appeals; and graduation requirements.

BME students must maintain an institutional (UAB) GPA of at least 2.50. First-term BME freshmen students who have an institutional GPA below 2.50 will be placed on academic warning in BME. If their institutional GPA is not at least 2.50 after the next term enrolled, they will be placed on academic probation in BME. BME undergraduates (other than first-term freshmen) who do not have an institutional GPA of at least 2.50 will be placed on BME academic probation. If at the end of the next term in which they enroll, their institutional GPA is not at least 2.50, they will be reclassified as Undeclared Engineering. To be re-admitted to the BME program, a student must have an institutional GPA of at least 3.00 and make a formal application for readmission.

BME students must have an institutional GPA of at least 2.50 and have completed at least 64 hours of coursework applicable to their degree before they may register for 300-level and 400-level BME courses. BME students must also have an institutional GPA of 2.50 or higher and have earned a grade of C or better in all BME courses to graduate.

In addition to fulfilling course prerequisites, non-BME students (including students seeking a BME minor) who wish to enroll in 300-level and 400-level BME courses must have an institutional (UAB) GPA of at least 3.00 as well as permission of the BME Undergraduate Advisor. Non-BME majors may not enroll in BME 423, BME 498, or BME 499. In addition, a minimum overall GPA of 3.00 is required for all engineering coursework applied to a BME minor. Transfer students seeking a BME minor must

take at least nine (9) semester hours and earn a minimum GPA of 3.00 in UAB engineering courses attempted before enrolling in BME courses.

## Vision

To be an internationally recognized, research-oriented Department of Biomedical Engineering: a top choice for undergraduate and graduate education.

## Mission

To improve healthcare by making scientific discoveries, solving problems and advancing technology using quantitative methods; to prepare graduates to succeed in the evolving fields of biomedical engineering and biotechnology.

## Educational Objectives

Graduates of the Biomedical Engineering undergraduate program will have:

1. Gained admission to graduate or professional school, or gained employment in engineering and/or health related professions and
2. Pursued opportunities for professional growth, development, and service

## Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering

### Major in Biomedical Engineering

| Requirements                               | Hours                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Blazer Core Requirements                   | 43                                                                                        |
| CH 115 & 115R & CH 116                     | General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Recitation and General Chemistry I Laboratory |
| EGR 103                                    | Computer Aided Graphics and Design                                                        |
| EGR 200                                    | Introduction to Engineering <sup>1</sup>                                                  |
| EH 101                                     | English Composition I                                                                     |
| EH 102                                     | English Composition II                                                                    |
| MA 125 & 125L                              | Calculus I and Calculus I Lab                                                             |
| PH 221 & 221L & 221R                       | General Physics I and General Physics Laboratory I and General Physics I Recitation       |
| PH 222 & 222L & 222R                       | General Physics II and General Physics Laboratory II and General Physics II - Recitation  |
| Academic Foundations: Reasoning            |                                                                                           |
| Thinking Broadly: History & Meaning        |                                                                                           |
| Thinking Broadly: Creative Arts            |                                                                                           |
| Thinking Broadly: Humans & Their Societies |                                                                                           |
| City as a Classroom <sup>2</sup>           |                                                                                           |
| Other Required Courses                     | 70                                                                                        |
| BME 310                                    | Biomaterials                                                                              |
| BME 210                                    | Engineering in Biology                                                                    |
| BME 312                                    | Biocomputing                                                                              |
| BME 313                                    | Bioinstrumentation                                                                        |
| BME 333                                    | Biomechanics of Solids                                                                    |
| BME 350                                    | Biological Transport Phenomena                                                            |
| BME 370                                    | Integrated Physiology                                                                     |
| BME 401                                    | Undergraduate Biomedical Engineering Seminar                                              |

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| BME 423                                                                                               | Living Systems Analysis and Biostatistics                                                    |
| BME 498                                                                                               | Capstone Design I Product Development                                                        |
| BME 499                                                                                               | Capstone Design II                                                                           |
| BY 115 & 115L                                                                                         | Human Anatomy and Human Anatomy Laboratory                                                   |
| or BY 210                                                                                             | Genetics and Genetics Laboratory                                                             |
| & 210L                                                                                                |                                                                                              |
| BY 123 & 123L                                                                                         | Introductory Biology I and Introductory Biology I Laboratory                                 |
| CE 210                                                                                                | Statics                                                                                      |
| CH 117 & 117R & CH 118                                                                                | General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Recitation and General Chemistry II Laboratory |
| EE 312                                                                                                | Electrical Systems                                                                           |
| EGR 150                                                                                               | Computer Methods in Engineering                                                              |
| EGR 194                                                                                               | Engineering Explorations                                                                     |
| EGR 265                                                                                               | Math Tools for Engineering Problem Solving <sup>3</sup>                                      |
| MA 126                                                                                                | Calculus II                                                                                  |
| MA 260                                                                                                | Introduction to Linear Algebra                                                               |
| ME 215 & 215R                                                                                         | Dynamics and Dynamics Recitation                                                             |
| MSE 280                                                                                               | Engineering Materials                                                                        |
| <b>Biomedical Engineering Electives 9</b>                                                             |                                                                                              |
| BME 221                                                                                               | Clinical Innovation I                                                                        |
| BME 289                                                                                               | Undergraduate Research in Biomedical Engineering I <sup>4</sup>                              |
| BME 389                                                                                               | Undergraduate Research in Biomedical Engineering II <sup>4</sup>                             |
| BME 424                                                                                               | Current Topics in Stem Cell Engineering                                                      |
| BME 435                                                                                               | Tissue Engineering                                                                           |
| BME 443                                                                                               | Medical Image Processing                                                                     |
| BME 444                                                                                               | Machine Learning for Biomedical Engineering Applications                                     |
| BME 450                                                                                               | Computational Neuroscience                                                                   |
| BME 462                                                                                               | Cardiac Electrophysiology                                                                    |
| BME 471                                                                                               | Continuum Mechanics of Solids                                                                |
| BME 489                                                                                               | Undergraduate Research in Biomedical Engineering III <sup>4</sup>                            |
| BME 490                                                                                               | Special Topics in Biomedical Engineering                                                     |
| BME 491                                                                                               | Individual Study in Biomedical Engineering <sup>5</sup>                                      |
| BME 494                                                                                               | Honors Research I <sup>5, 6</sup>                                                            |
| <b>Engineering/Math/Science Electives <sup>7</sup> 6</b>                                              |                                                                                              |
| Select six credit hours from the following or from the list of Biomedical Engineering electives above |                                                                                              |
| BY 271 & 271L                                                                                         | Biology of Microorganisms and Biology of Microorganisms Laboratory                           |
| BY 311                                                                                                | Molecular Genetics                                                                           |
| BY 330                                                                                                | Cell Biology                                                                                 |
| BY 362                                                                                                | Neurobiology                                                                                 |
| CE 337                                                                                                | Hydraulics                                                                                   |
| CE 345                                                                                                | Transportation Engineering                                                                   |
| CE 360                                                                                                | Structural Analysis                                                                          |
| CE 395                                                                                                | Engineering Economics                                                                        |
| CE 420                                                                                                | Advanced Mechanics                                                                           |
| CE 433                                                                                                | Solid and Hazardous Wastes Management                                                        |
| CH 235 & 235R                                                                                         | Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry I Recitation                                       |
| CH 237 & 237R                                                                                         | Organic Chemistry II and Organic Chemistry II Recitation                                     |
| CH 355                                                                                                | Quantitative Analysis                                                                        |
| CH 460                                                                                                | Fundamentals of Biochemistry                                                                 |

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| MA 313         | Patterns, Functions and Algebraic Reasoning              |
| MA 360         | Scientific Programming                                   |
| MA 361         | Mathematical Modeling                                    |
| MA 453         | Fourier Analysis                                         |
| MA 485         | Probability                                              |
| ME 360         | Introduction to Mechatronic Systems Engineering          |
| ME 370         | Kinematics and Dynamics of Machinery                     |
| ME 371         | Machine Design                                           |
| ME 464         | Introduction to Finite Element Method                    |
| MSE 281 & 281L | Physical Materials I and Physical Materials I Laboratory |
| MSE 380        | Thermodynamics of Materials                              |
| MSE 401        | Materials Processing                                     |
| MSE 430 & 430L | Polymeric Materials and Polymeric Materials Laboratory   |
| NBL 355        | Synapses, Neurons and Brains                             |
| NBL 356        | Mechanisms of Sensation, Movement & Cognition            |
| PH 475         | Introduction to Biophysics I                             |
| PH 487         | Nanoscale Science and Applications                       |
| RHB 400        | Introduction to Rehabilitation Science                   |

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|--------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Hours</b> | <b>128</b> |
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<sup>1</sup> EGR 200 preferred; other FYE courses accepted

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<sup>3</sup> May substitute MA 227 and MA 252 for EGR 265 and one BME/Engineering/Math/Science Elective

<sup>4</sup> A maximum of 3 hours of combined credit from BME 289, BME 389, and/or BME 489 may be applied to the degree

<sup>5</sup> With approval of the BME Undergraduate Program Director; a maximum of 3 hours of BME 491 or BME 494 may be used for elective credit

<sup>6</sup> Student must be enrolled in BME Honors Program

<sup>7</sup> Other elective courses may be selected with the approval of the BME Undergraduate Program Director

## Concentration in Biomechanics

Students seeking the degree of BSBME may add a concentration in Biomechanics by appropriate selection of their Mathematics/Science/Engineering Electives (3 credit hours), Engineering Elective (3 credit hours), and BME Electives (6 credit hours).

| Requirements       | Hours                                                  |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| BME 471            | Continuum Mechanics of Solids                          |
| ME 464             | Introduction to Finite Element Method                  |
| RHB 490            | Quantitative Biomechanics of Injury and Rehabilitation |
| <b>Total Hours</b> | <b>9</b>                                               |

## Concentration in Biomaterials/Tissue Engineering

Students seeking the degree of BSBME may add a concentration in Biomaterials/Tissue Engineering by appropriate selections of their Mathematics/Science/Engineering Elective (3 credit hours), Engineering Elective (3 credit hours), and BME Electives (6 credit hours).

| Requirements                   | Hours                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Required Courses</b>        | <b>9</b>                    |
| Select three of the following: |                             |
| BME 420                        | Implant-Tissue Interactions |

|                              |                                    |           |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| BME 435                      | Tissue Engineering                 |           |
| MSE 281                      | Physical Materials I               |           |
| <b>Elective Courses</b>      |                                    | <b>3</b>  |
| Select one of the following: |                                    |           |
| BY 311                       | Molecular Genetics                 |           |
| BY 330                       | Cell Biology                       |           |
| BY 431                       | Principles of DNA Technology       |           |
| MSE 381                      | Physical Materials II              |           |
| MSE 382                      | Mechanical Behavior of Materials   |           |
| MSE 401                      | Materials Processing               |           |
| MSE 408                      | Nanobiomaterials                   |           |
| MSE 413                      | Composite Materials                |           |
| MSE 430                      | Polymeric Materials                |           |
| MSE 464                      | Metals and Alloys                  |           |
| MSE 470                      | Ceramic Materials                  |           |
| PH 487                       | Nanoscale Science and Applications |           |
| <b>Total Hours</b>           |                                    | <b>12</b> |

## Minor in Biomedical Engineering

### *Not available to Biomedical Engineering Students*

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| <b>Requirements</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Hours</b>                                 |
| <b>Grade Requirement</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                              |
| A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required for all engineering coursework. Transfer students must earn at least nine (9) semester hours at UAB and earn a minimum GPA of 3.00 in UAB engineering courses attempted. Students who are not majoring in biomedical engineering but wish to enroll in 300- or 400-level BME courses must fulfill course prerequisites, have an institutional (UAB) GPA of at least 3.00, and be approved by the BME Undergraduate Program Director. |                                              |
| <b>Required Biomedical Engineering Courses</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>4</b>                                     |
| BME 210                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Engineering in Biology                       |
| BME 401                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Undergraduate Biomedical Engineering Seminar |
| <b>Required Engineering Course</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>1</b>                                     |
| EGR 194                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Engineering Explorations                     |
| <b>Biomedical Engineering Electives</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>15</b>                                    |
| Select three of the following courses:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                              |
| BME 310                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Biomaterials                                 |
| BME 312                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Biocomputing                                 |
| BME 313                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Bioinstrumentation                           |
| BME 333                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Biomechanics of Solids                       |
| BME 350                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Biological Transport Phenomena               |
| BME 370                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Integrated Physiology                        |
| Select two of the following courses:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                              |
| BME 420                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Implant-Tissue Interactions                  |
| BME 423                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Living Systems Analysis and Biostatistics    |
| BME 435                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Tissue Engineering                           |
| BME 443                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Medical Image Processing                     |
| BME 450                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Computational Neuroscience                   |
| BME 462                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Cardiac Electrophysiology                    |
| BME 471                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Continuum Mechanics of Solids                |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>20</b>                                    |

## Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering (BSBME)

### Freshman

| First Term                                                  | Hours | Second Term              | Hours     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-----------|
| CH 115 & 115R & CH 116 <sup>^</sup><br>EGR 200 <sup>1</sup> |       | 4 BY 123 & 123L          | 4         |
|                                                             |       | 3 CH 117 & 117R & CH 118 | 4         |
| EH 101 <sup>%</sup><br>MA 125 & 125L <sup>*</sup>           |       | 3 EGR 103 <sup>#</sup>   | 3         |
|                                                             |       | 4 EGR 194                | 1         |
|                                                             |       | MA 126                   | 4         |
|                                                             |       | <b>14</b>                | <b>16</b> |

### Sophomore

| First Term                                                                                      | Hours | Second Term                                                                           | Hours                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| BY 210 & 210L<br>EGR 265 <sup>2</sup><br>MA 260<br>PH 221 & 221L & 221R <sup>^</sup><br>MSE 280 |       | 4 BME 210<br>4 CE 210<br>3 EE 312<br>4 EGR 150<br>3 PH 222 & 222L & 222R <sup>^</sup> | 3<br>3<br>3<br>3<br>4 |
|                                                                                                 |       | <b>18</b>                                                                             | <b>16</b>             |

### Junior

| First Term                               | Hours | Second Term                                                              | Hours            |
|------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| BME 310<br>BME 312<br>BME 313<br>BME 370 |       | 3 BME 333<br>3 BME 350<br>3 BME 423<br>3 Biomedical Engineering Elective | 3<br>3<br>3<br>3 |
| ME 215                                   |       | 3 EH 102 <sup>%</sup><br>Blazer Core: Creative Arts <sup>5</sup>         | 3<br>3           |
|                                          |       | <b>15</b>                                                                | <b>18</b>        |

### Senior

| First Term                                         | Hours | Second Term                                      | Hours     |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| BME 401 <sup>3</sup><br>BME 498                    |       | 1 BME 499<br>3 Biomedical Engineering Elective   | 3<br>3    |
| BME Elective                                       |       | 3 Blazer Core: History & Meaning <sup>5</sup>    | 3         |
| MA / SCI / EGR / BME Elective <sup>2,4</sup>       |       | 3 Blazer Core: City as a Classroom <sup>\$</sup> | 3         |
| MA / SCI / EGR / BME Elective <sup>4</sup>         |       | 3 Blazer Core: Reasoning <sup>5</sup>            | 3         |
| Blazer Core: Humans & Their Societies <sup>5</sup> |       | 3                                                |           |
|                                                    |       | <b>16</b>                                        | <b>15</b> |

**Total credit hours: 128**

<sup>1</sup> EGR 200 preferred; other FYE courses accepted

- <sup>2</sup> May substitute MA 227 and MA 252 for EGR 265 and one BME/Engineering/Math/Science Elective
- <sup>3</sup> Seminar may be taken during any semester
- <sup>4</sup> Students using this curriculum as a pre-health professional program (pre-med, pre-dental, or pre-optometry) may use CH 235 or CH 237 or CH 460 for this elective
- <sup>5</sup> Please refer to the Blazer Core as specified for engineering majors
- <sup>^</sup> Satisfies Blazer Core: Scientific Inquiry
- % Satisfies Blazer Core: Writing
- # Satisfies Blazer Core: Communicating in the Modern World
- \* Satisfies Blazer Core: Quantitative Literacy
- \$ CE 280 preferred; other CAC courses accepted

## Courses

### **BME 011. Undergraduate Internship in BME. 0 Hours.**

Engineering internship experience in preparation for the student's intended career. Students in a university recognized cooperative education experience should register for COP 011 or COP 012.

### **BME 210. Engineering in Biology. 3 Hours.**

Application of engineering to the study of biology on the cellular and molecular level. Engineering solutions in genomics, proteomics, and nanotechnology to investigate cellular and molecular process.

**Prerequisites:** BY 123 [Min Grade: C]

### **BME 221. Clinical Innovation I. 3 Hours.**

The goals of this class are to develop an understanding of the concept of clinical innovation and develop skills in written and oral communication of innovation in the context of a business proposal/presentation.

### **BME 289. Undergraduate Research in Biomedical Engineering I. 1 Hour.**

Undergraduate research experiences in biomedical engineering. Must have sophomore standing.

**Prerequisites:** EGR 194 [Min Grade: C] or EGR 200 [Min Grade: C] or EGR 111 [Min Grade: C] or HC 111 [Min Grade: C] and (MA 125 [Min Grade: C] or MA 225 [Min Grade: C])

### **BME 310. Biomaterials. 3 Hours.**

Introduction to wide range of materials used for biomedical applications. Physical, chemical and mechanical properties of biomaterials.

**Prerequisites:** MSE 280 [Min Grade: C] and BME 210 [Min Grade: C]

### **BME 311. Biomaterials for Non-Majors. 3 Hours.**

Wide range of materials used for biomedical applications. Physical, chemical and mechanical properties of biomaterials.

**Prerequisites:** MSE 280 [Min Grade: C]

### **BME 312. Biocomputing. 3 Hours.**

Introduction to computational techniques used in biomedical engineering.

**Prerequisites:** EGR 150 [Min Grade: C] and EGR 265 [Min Grade: C] or (MA 227 [Min Grade: C] and MA 252 [Min Grade: C]) and MA 260 [Min Grade: C](Can be taken Concurrently)

### **BME 313. Bioinstrumentation. 3 Hours.**

An introduction to instrumentation used to make biological and physiological measurements. Techniques include acquisition and analysis of bioelectric signals and instrument control.

**Prerequisites:** EE 312 [Min Grade: C] and (MA 227 [Min Grade: C] and MA 252 [Min Grade: C] or EGR 265 [Min Grade: C])

### **BME 333. Biomechanics of Solids. 3 Hours.**

Application of mechanics of solids principles to biomedical engineering problems; stress-strain of bone, viscoelasticity and constitutive equations of tissues, mechanics of the cell, introduction to molecular mechanics.

**Prerequisites:** CE 210 [Min Grade: C] or EGR 265 [Min Grade: C] or (MA 227 [Min Grade: C] and MA 252 [Min Grade: C]) and ME 215 [Min Grade: C](Can be taken Concurrently)

### **BME 350. Biological Transport Phenomena. 3 Hours.**

Basic mechanisms and mathematical analysis of transport processes with biological and biomedical applications. Analysis of flow, transport and reaction processes for biological fluids and biological molecules with applications towards development of artificial organs, drug delivery systems and tissue engineering products.

**Prerequisites:** CE 210 [Min Grade: C] and EGR 265 [Min Grade: C] or (MA 227 [Min Grade: C] and MA 252 [Min Grade: C]) and BME 210 [Min Grade: C] and BME 370 [Min Grade: C](Can be taken Concurrently) or BY 409 [Min Grade: C](Can be taken Concurrently) and ME 215 [Min Grade: C](Can be taken Concurrently)

### **BME 370. Integrated Physiology. 3 Hours.**

Integrated Physiology will introduce undergraduate students to mathematical models of major physiological systems. Basic anatomy will be reviewed in pre-recorded videos to be watched prior to coming to synchronous lectures. Lectures will include discussions, derivations of relevant equations, and development of models to demonstrate understanding of biological systems. In-class activities will be used as means to provide interactive content that will be assessed via Assignments and Exams. The course will culminate in a final project where teams of students select a pathological condition and model it in Matlab, including comparing to normal conditions and with currently-available clinical interventions. Open to junior and senior level Biomedical Engineering students.

**Prerequisites:** EGR 150 [Min Grade: C] and BME 210 [Min Grade: C]

### **BME 389. Undergraduate Research in Biomedical Engineering II. 1-2 Hour.**

Undergraduate research experiences in biomedical engineering.

### **BME 401. Undergraduate Biomedical Engineering Seminar. 1 Hour.**

Undergraduate seminar.

### **BME 420. Implant-Tissue Interactions. 3 Hours.**

An overview of implant biocompatibility including tissue histology, histopathology of implant response and the regulatory process for medical devices. Emphasis placed on ethical issues related to design, development, and implementation of biomedical implants. Ethics and Civic Responsibility are significant components of this course.

**Prerequisites:** BME 310 [Min Grade: C] or BME 311 [Min Grade: C]

### **BME 423. Living Systems Analysis and Biostatistics. 3 Hours.**

Basic concepts and techniques of measurement processing and analysis of data from living systems. Statistics, analysis of variance and regression analysis. Emphasis is placed on data analysis and presentation of group projects.

**Prerequisites:** BME 312 [Min Grade: C]

**BME 424. Current Topics in Stem Cell Engineering. 3 Hours.**

Topics include stem cells, regenerative medicine, and tissue engineering using stem cells and stem cell derived cells. The role of stem cells in tissue growth and development, the theory behind the design and in vitro construction of tissue and organ replacements, and the applications of biomedical engineering principles to the treatment of tissue-specific diseases. Hands on experience on culturing and analyzing stem cells, stem cell differentiation, analysis of functional and physiological properties of differentiated cells, and fabricating basic engineered-tissues.

**Prerequisites:** BY 123 [Min Grade: C] and (BY 210 [Min Grade: C] or BY 212 [Min Grade: C] or BY 115 [Min Grade: C])

**BME 435. Tissue Engineering. 3 Hours.**

Principles underlying strategies for regenerative medicine such as stem-cell based therapy, scaffold design, proteins or genes delivery, roles of extracellular matrix, cell-materials interactions, angiogenesis, tissue transplantation, mechanical stimulus and nanotechnology.

**Prerequisites:** BME 310 [Min Grade: C] or BME 311 [Min Grade: C]

**BME 443. Medical Image Processing. 3 Hours.**

Fundamental topics of medical image processing to practical applications using conventional computer software.

**Prerequisites:** BME 312 [Min Grade: C](Can be taken Concurrently) and PH 222 [Min Grade: C]

**BME 444. Machine Learning for Biomedical Engineering Applications. 3 Hours.**

Introduction to the practical aspects of machine learning in simple biomedical engineering problems. The principle of machine learning 'thinking process' for the next machine learning – AI courses and more in-depth machine learning studies. Fundamental differences between Machine Learning and Data Mining. Fundamental theories in machine learning to be able to develop new machine learning techniques and research machine learning in biomedical engineering.

**Prerequisites:** EGR 150 [Min Grade: C]

**BME 450. Computational Neuroscience. 3 Hours.**

This course examines the computational principles used by the nervous system. Topics include: biophysics of axon and synapse, sensory coding (with an emphasis on vision and audition), planning and decision-making, and synthesis of motor responses. There will be an emphasis on systems approach throughout. Homework includes simulations.

**Prerequisites:** BME 312 [Min Grade: C]

**BME 462. Cardiac Electrophysiology. 3 Hours.**

Experimental and computational method associated with cardiac electrophysiology, ionic current, action potentials, electrical propagation, the electrocardiogram, electromechanical coupling, cardiac arrhythmias, effects of electric fields in cardiac tissue, defibrillation and ablation.

**Prerequisites:** BME 312 [Min Grade: C]

**BME 465. Mechanobiology. 3 Hours.**

The overall course objective is to develop understanding of mechanobiological processes in cells as they relate to both development and disease pathways, focusing on cancer and vascular biology. Students will learn molecular biology techniques for characterizing mechanobiology and cell phenotype, and describe biomechanical analysis protocols including micropipette aspiration, atomic force microscopy, traction force microscopy, and optical/magnetic tweezers. The course will include comprehensive literature reviews relevant to the subject area. Students will present formal presentations on articles discussing mechanobiology topics and prepare a written commentary article on a published journal article discussing a relevant mechanobiological project.

**BME 471. Continuum Mechanics of Solids. 3 Hours.**

Matrix and tensor mathematics, fundamentals of stress, momentum principles, Cauchy and Piola-Kirchoff stress tensors, static equilibrium, invariance, measures of strain, Lagrangian and Eulerian formulations, Green and Almansi strain, deformation gradient tensor, infinitesimal strain, constitutive equations, finite strain elasticity, strain energy methods, 2-D Elasticity, Airy Method, viscoelasticity, mechanical behavior of polymers.

**Prerequisites:** EGR 265 [Min Grade: C] or (MA 227 [Min Grade: C] and MA 252 [Min Grade: C]) and (BME 333 [Min Grade: C] or CE 220 [Min Grade: C])

**BME 489. Undergraduate Research in Biomedical Engineering III. 1-2 Hour.**

Undergraduate research experiences in biomedical engineering. Must have senior standing.

**BME 490. Special Topics in Biomedical Engineering. 1-3 Hour.**

Special Topic in Biomedical Engineering.

**BME 491. Individual Study in Biomedical Engineering. 1-6 Hour.**

Individual Study in Biomedical Engineering.

**BME 494. Honors Research I. 1-3 Hour.**

Research experiences for undergraduates enrolled in the Biomedical Engineering Honors Program. The student will write a proposal and make an oral presentation to their thesis committee based on the proposal.

**Prerequisites:** EGR 301 [Min Grade: C] or STH 201 [Min Grade: C]

**BME 495. Honors Research II. 1-3 Hour.**

Research opportunities for undergraduate students in the Biomedical Engineering Honors Program. The student should write a thesis and make an oral presentation to their thesis committee defending the thesis.

**Prerequisites:** BME 494 [Min Grade: C]

**BME 496. Biomedical Engineering Honors Seminar. 1 Hour.**

Must be enrolled in an Honors Program.

**Prerequisites:** BY 123 [Min Grade: B] and BY 286 [Min Grade: B]

**BME 498. Capstone Design I Product Development. 3 Hours.**

Design and development of medical-products. Through experiential learning, students go through the early phases of engineering design innovation for medical products, starting with clinical immersion to determine a critical health-care need. Engineering students work in teams to develop design concepts, culminating in a written design proposal. Designs take into account client needs as well as legal, regulatory, and marketing requirements. Emphasis is placed on communication in both oral and written format to targeted audiences.

**Prerequisites:** (BME 310 [Min Grade: C] and BME 312 [Min Grade: C]) or (BME 310 [Min Grade: C] and BME 313 [Min Grade: C]) or (BME 310 [Min Grade: C] and BME 350 [Min Grade: C]) or (BME 312 [Min Grade: C] and BME 313 [Min Grade: C]) or (BME 312 [Min Grade: C] and BME 333 [Min Grade: C]) or (BME 312 [Min Grade: C] and BME 350 [Min Grade: C]) or (BME 313 [Min Grade: C] and BME 333 [Min Grade: C]) or (BME 313 [Min Grade: C] and BME 350 [Min Grade: C]) or (BME 333 [Min Grade: C] and BME 350 [Min Grade: C]) or BME 370 [Min Grade: C]

**BME 499. Capstone Design II. 3 Hours.**

Capstone design project; a continuation of BME 498. Through experiential learning, student teams complete the engineering design process for their client-based prototype incorporating engineering standards and realistic constraints. Student teams develop a functional prototype and a commercialization strategy based on a business model. Additional skills learned in this part of the design process include: project planning and scheduling, project execution and resource scheduling, communication of design, and interim and final design reviews. Emphasis is placed on communication of design and design justification in both an oral and written format to targeted audiences.

**Prerequisites:** BME 498 [Min Grade: C] and BME 310 [Min Grade: C] and BME 312 [Min Grade: C] and BME 313 [Min Grade: C] and BME 333 [Min Grade: C](Can be taken Concurrently) and BME 350 [Min Grade: C] (Can be taken Concurrently) and BME 423 [Min Grade: C](Can be taken Concurrently)