

Engineering (BS): Mechatronics Concentration

To see more about what you will learn in this program, visit the Learning Outcomes website (<https://apps.oirp.ncsu.edu/pgas/>)!

For more information about this department, including contact information, visit the department website (<https://engineering.unca.edu/>).

The Joint Engineering Mechatronics curriculum (JEM) combines the best that two nationally recognized universities have to offer. From NC State University comes the engineering component comprising course work from the Departments of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (MAE), Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), and mechatronics courses taught by NC State University faculty on the campus of the University of North Carolina Asheville. From UNC Asheville comes a Humanities and Social Science component with a rich liberal arts foundation and mechatronics courses taught by UNC Asheville staff. Hands-on laboratories are integral to the engineering course work. As an NC State site-based engineering program, students must attend classes on the campus of UNC Asheville. Transfer students should contact the program office in Asheville for information about the transfer of courses from other educational institutions.

Mechatronics engineering is a unique, interdisciplinary field of study drawing on coursework in mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and computer science. A vast array of products and systems incorporate aspects of each of these disciplines - in varying degrees - and the program goal is to produce graduates with significant proficiency in each to participate successfully in design efforts. Through mechatronics engineering, new avenues of thinking and design can greatly enhance the utility, performance, and efficiency of modern machinery.

Program Educational Objectives

Within a few years of graduation, successful alumni of the Joint NC State - UNC Asheville BS in E - Mechatronics Concentration degree should:

1. Attain productive professional careers in mechatronics engineering or related fields.
2. Be committed to upholding and advancing the integrity of the engineering profession.
3. Make decisions with accountability for the social and environmental impact of their engineering practices.
4. Interact effectively with a diversity of individuals while viewing their own work in the broader context of our global society.
5. Attain technical excellence by engaging in life-long learning.

The Joint BS in Engineering - Mechatronics Concentration degree is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <https://www.abet.org>.

Specific curriculum requirements are available on the Mechatronics webpage (<https://www.engr.ncsu.edu/mechatronics/joint/>).

Plan Requirements

First Year		Hours
Fall Semester		
MATH 191 ¹		4
LANG 120 ²		4
CHEM 132 ¹		3
CHEM 111 ¹		1
FYS 178		3
E 101	Introduction to Engineering & Problem Solving	1
JEM 123	Introduction to Computer Aided Design for Mechatronics Engineering	1
Hours		17
Spring Semester		
MATH 192 ¹		4
PHYS 221 ¹		4
HUM 124		4
ECE 109	Introduction to Computer Systems ²	3
JEM 180	Introduction to Mechatronics Laboratory	2
Hours		17
Second Year		
Fall Semester		
MATH 291		4
PHYS 222		4
ECE 200	Introduction to Signals, Circuits and Systems ²	4
ECE 209	Computer Systems Programming ²	3
MAE 206	Engineering Statics ²	3
Hours		18
Spring Semester		
ECON 104		3
ECE 211	Electric Circuits ²	4
ECE 212	Fundamentals of Logic Design ²	3
ECE 220	Analytical Foundations of Electrical and Computer Engineering ²	3
MAE 208	Engineering Dynamics ²	3
Hours		16
Third Year		
Fall Semester		
Course designated ARTS and DI ³		3
ECE 306	Introduction to Embedded Systems	3
JEM 420	Mechatronics Systems Modeling	3
MAE 201	Engineering Thermodynamics I ²	3
MAE 315	Dynamics of Machines	3
Hours		15
Spring Semester		
HUM 214		4
ECE 310	Design of Complex Digital Systems	3
JEM 360	Advanced Mechatronics Design Laboratory	2
MAE 214	Solid Mechanics ²	3
MAE 435	Principles of Automatic Control	3
Hours		15

Fourth Year

Fall Semester

HUM 324		4
MAE 308	Fluid Mechanics	3
MAE 310	Heat Transfer Fundamentals	3
JEM 484	Senior Design Project in Mechatronics Engineering I	3
Approved Advised Elective ⁴		3
Hours		16

Spring Semester

HUM 414 or LA 478		4
STAT 225		4
JEM 485	Senior Design Project in Mechatronics Engineering II	3
MAE 316	Strength of Mechanical Components	3
Hours		14

Total Hours 128

- ¹ A grade of C or higher is required.
- ² A grade of C- or higher is required.
- ³ May be separated into one ARTS course and one DI course.
- ⁴ Discuss options for Approved Advised Elective with Program Associate Director.
- > All students must also satisfy the UNCA second language requirement through coursework or proficiency testing.

Semester Sequence

This is a sample.

First Year

Fall Semester

	Hours
MATH 191	4
LANG 120	4
CHEM 132	3
CHEM 111	1
FYS 178	3
E 101	1
JEM 123	1
Hours	
	17

Spring Semester

MATH 192	4
PHYS 221	4
HUM 124	4
ECE 109	3
JEM 180	2
Hours	
	17

Second Year

Fall Semester

MATH 291	4
PHYS 222	4
ECE 200	4

ECE 209	3
MAE 206	3
Hours	
	18

Spring Semester

ECON 104	3
ECE 211	4
ECE 212	3
ECE 220	3
MAE 208	3
Hours	
	16

Third Year

Fall Semester

Course designated ARTS and DI	3
ECE 306	3
JEM 420	3
MAE 201	3
MAE 315	3
Hours	
	15

Spring Semester

HUM 214	4
ECE 310	3
JEM 360	2
MAE 214	3
MAE 435	3
Hours	
	15

Fourth Year

Fall Semester

HUM 324	4
MAE 308	3
MAE 310	3
JEM 484	3
Approved Advised Elective	3
Hours	
	16

Spring Semester

HUM 414 or LA 478	4
STAT 225	4
JEM 485	3
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Hours	
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Total Hours	
	128