



Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering

Faculty of Science & Technology
School of Engineering, Science & Health

5 Years Extended Curriculum | NQF Level 8
480 Credits | SAQA ID: 101732 | BEME0801

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Qualification Description

The shortage of skilled Engineers has a widespread effect on South Africa and the African continent at large, affecting the country's functioning in the globalised business environment and economy. Upon graduating with this degree, your skills will be in high demand, making you sought after by potential employers.

Unlike traditional engineering programmes, the Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering degree will expose you to the role of engineering in the real world as early as the first year of the programme. This programme ensures that you are equipped with first-hand experience of the value that engineering adds to improving the quality of lives in communities.

This programme is available in two options; namely the four-year mainstream programme and the five-year extended curriculum option. The purpose of the extended curriculum is to offer students the opportunity to complete the first two years of the mainstream programme over a period of three years.

The credit allocation for the first two years of the programme will therefore be spread over three years and allow the student to make a smooth transition into tertiary education.

This professional degree is endorsed by The Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA).

Who Is This Qualification Aimed At?

The Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering degree is for problem-solvers, innovators, and hands-on thinkers who want to design, build, and maintain the machines and systems that drive modern industry.

From mining and manufacturing to energy, transport, and high-tech innovation, you'll gain the skills to shape solutions, optimise processes, and lead projects across diverse industries.



CONTACT FULL-TIME

Admission Requirements

Minimum Admission Requirements		English	Math/HG	Physical Science	Notes
	NSC: Bachelor's Degree pass with	50%	60%	50%	Alternate Admission: Should the English requirement not be met at NSC Grade 12, entrance may be granted if the English requirement is met based on the final Grade 11 mark.
	NC(V): Bachelor's Degree pass with	50%	60%	50%	
	SC: Endorsement with	50%	60%	50%	
	SC(a): Bachelors pass with	50%	60%	50%	
	International	A USAf Exemption Certificate is required, with at least 60% or equivalent in Mathematics (A/AS-level only), 50% or equivalent in English (A/AS- or O-level), and either Physical Science or both Physics and Chemistry with a minimum of 50% at A/AS-level or 70% at O-level or equivalent.			
	A cognate Higher Certificate or cognate 240 credit Diploma OR an Advanced Certificate OR 360 credit Diploma OR Degree may satisfy the minimum admission requirements to degree studies.				

Scan the QR Code to learn more about Alternate Admission requirements for:
RPL | Mature Age Exemptions | USAf International Students | One module outstanding from a Higher Certificate



Curriculum Structure

Year 1							
Semester 1				Semester 2			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
BCPH5111	Basic Concepts in Physics	5	12	ADMC5112*	Advanced Mathematical Concepts	5	12
BMC05111	Basic Mathematical Concepts	5	12	BEOP5112*	Basics of Electrical and Optical Physics	5	12
COEM5111	Chemistry of Engineering Materials	5	12	CREN5112*	Chemical Reactions in Engineering	5	12
EDGR5111	Engineering Design Graphics	5	16	MEIF5112*	Mechanics: The Interaction of Forces	5	12
Year 2							
Semester 3				Semester 4			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
IPRE5111	Introduction to Programming for Engineers	5	8	ADIC6212	Advanced Differential and Integral Calculus	6	12
INCT5111	Innovation & Creative Thinking	5	8	SMLC6212	Strength of Materials under Simple Loading Conditions	6	12
BACA5111	Basic Accounting and Analysis	5	12	FNAC5112	Financial Accounting	5	12
ICAL6211	Differential and Integral Calculus	6	12	MACP5112	Multidisciplinary Applied Community Projects	5	16
EEFU6211	Electrical Engineering Fundamentals	6	16				

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Year 3							
Semester 5				Semester 6			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
ICSI6211	Introduction to Computer Simulations	6	8	EEPP6212*	Engineering Ethics and Professional Practice	6	12
BAEL6211	Basic Analogue Electronics	6	12	DIEL6212	Digital Electronics	6	8
FMEN6211	Financial Management for Engineers	6	12	TPOF6212	Thermodynamic Properties of Fluids	6	8
FPMD6211	Fundamental Principles in Machine Dynamics	6	12	EDMS6212	Economic Decision Making for Sustainability	6	12
ELTH6211	Electromagnetic Theory	6	8	MFFS6212	Mechanics of Fluid Flow Systems	6	8
Year 4							
Semester 7				Semester 8			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
NUME7311	Numerical Methods	7	12	STAM7312	Statistical Methods	7	8
MSAP7311	Material Science and Properties	7	12	MTEC7312	Manufacturing Techniques	7	12
AMFF7311	Advanced Mechanics of Fluid Flow Systems	7	12	MDES7312	Machine Dynamics for Engineering Systems	7	12
SMCL7311	Strength of Materials under Complex Loading Conditions	7	12	TMIA7312	Thermal Machinery for Industrial Application	7	12
BCSD7311	Basic Concepts in Structural and Machine Design	7	12	ACMS7312	Advanced Concepts of Machine Systems Design	7	12
MEDP7311	Mechanical Design Project	7	8	MEMI7312	Mechanical Measurement and Instrumentation	7	8
SDHI7311	Software Design and Hardware Interfacing	7	8	BLCE7312*	Business Law and Contracts for Engineers	7	12
Year 5							
Semester 9				Semester 10			
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits
DBEF8411	Dynamic Behaviour of Fluids	8	12	DEPM8412	Design Project for Mechanical Engineering	8	36
PGRE8411	Power Generation and Renewable Energy	8	16	REPM8412	Research Project for Mechanical Engineering	8	36
ENEN8411	Entrepreneurship for Engineering	8	12	EGAM8412	Engineering Graduate Attribute Competence (Mechanical)	8	0
PRMB8411	Project Management	8	8				

Year 5				
Semester 9				Semester 10
Code	Module Name	NQF	Credits	
Electives: choose 3 modules to the total of 24 credits				
CSAU8411	Control Systems & Automation (Elective)	8	12	
MRMA8411	Maintenance and Reliability Management (Elective)	8	8	
POSY8411	Power Systems (Elective)	8	12	
MEVA8411	Mechanical Vibrations Analysis (Elective)	8	8	
MHTR8411	Mass and Heat Transfer (Elective)	8	8	
RACO8411	Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (Elective)	8	8	

*There are prerequisites for this programme that must be met in order to progress through the qualification.

Further Study Pathways

Currently there are no postgraduate study opportunities in Mechanical Engineering at Emeris. However, graduates from this programme will be able to pursue postgraduate studies at other South African and international universities that offer postgraduate programmes, subject to meeting the admission requirements.

Career Opportunities

A Mechanical Engineering degree equips graduates with the skills and knowledge to excel in a diverse range of career paths across industries.

Opportunities include roles such as:

- Maintenance Engineer (managing and maintaining machinery in manufacturing, mining, and industrial plants to enhance and sustain operations)
- Design Engineer (developing prototypes using advanced engineering tools and software for a variety of industries)
- Process/Production Engineer (optimising manufacturing or processing operations to balance cost and quality)
- Quality Control/Testing Engineer (performing tests, analyses, and documentation to ensure compliance and quality standards)
- Field Service Engineer (installing and maintaining industrial equipment on-site)
- Project Engineer (overseeing engineering projects, coordinating design, budget, and deliverables)
- R&D Engineer (conducting experiments and creating prototypes for innovative client solutions)

Timetables

This qualification is aimed at students who wish to complete full-time face-to-face studies for the duration of their qualification. This means that students are expected to be available Mon-Fri 8:00 - 17:00 throughout the day for class in the academic year depending on how the timetable is structured.

Students must also note that timetables remain subject to change throughout the academic year.

Graduation and Completion Requirements for This Qualification

In order to be awarded this qualification, you must have achieved a minimum final year mark of fifty percent (50%) for all 50/51 (depending on elective module credits) modules in the curriculum.

As a contact student, this qualification is structured to be completed over 5 years. The maximum time for completing a qualification full-time is double the minimum time associated with the qualification.

Apply Online

After your application is submitted, we will review your documentation and provide an outcome regarding your chosen study.



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