



Mechanical Engineering A.S. Degree

FULL TIME

This program roadmap represents one possible pathway to complete the program. **Please see a counselor** to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Catalog: 2025-26

GE Pattern: Cal-GETC

Total Units: 75

First Year

Semester 1

14 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	MATH 400 Calculus I	5	through the placement process	2
Req	CHEM 400 General Chemistry I	5	(see below)	5A, 5C
RC	ENGR 300 Introduction to Engineering	1		
GE	ENGL C1000 Academic Reading and Writing or	3		1A
	ENGL C1000H ^H Academic Reading and Writing - Honors	3		

CHEM 400 prerequisite: CHEM 310 or another college chemistry course or a year of high school chemistry AND a passing score on the Chemistry Assessment Test at American River College

Semester 2

16 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	MATH 401 Calculus II	5	MATH 400	
Req	PHYS 410 Mechanics of Solids and Fluids	5	MATH 400	
Req	ENGR 312 Engineering Graphics	3		
GE	any Area 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course (from 2 academic disciplines)	3		4

Second Year

Semester 3

15 Units

3 YEARS

TRANSFER PATH

Potential Transfer Majors:

- Mechanical Engineering B.S.

This map prepares students for the A.S. degree. Additional major requirements and general education courses are needed for transfer. See a counselor to create an educational plan that prepares you to transfer.

Potential Career/Options After Completing a Bachelor's Degree:

- automotive engineer
- heating and cooling systems (HVAC) engineer
- robotics engineer
- manufacturing engineer

Advising Notes:

- Students working on this major are placed directly into MATH 400. See a counselor to determine if you would benefit from additional preparation or support courses.
- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly known as ENGWR 300/480).
- This degree can be completed using either the local AA/AS general education (GE) pattern or the Cal-GETC transfer GE

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	MATH 402 Calculus III	5	MATH 401	
Req	PHYS 421 Electricity and Magnetism	4	MATH 401 and PHYS 410	
Req	ENGR 420 Statics	3	MATH 401 and PHYS 410	
GE	any Area 1B (Critical Thinking and Composition) course	3		1B

Semester 4

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	MATH 420 Differential Equations	4	MATH 401	
Req	ENGR 401 Introduction to Electrical Circuits and Devices	4	PHYS 421	
Req	ENGR 412 Properties of Materials	4	CHEM 400 and PHYS 410	
GE	any Area 1C (Oral Communication) course	3		1C

Third Year

Semester 5

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 3A (Arts) course	3		3A
GE	any Area 3B (Humanities) course	3		3B
GE	any Area 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course (from 2 academic disciplines)	3		4
GE	any Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course	3		5B
GE	any Area 6 (Ethnic Studies) course	3		6

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES

Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program
RC	Recommended Course	A course that is not part of this program but is included in its roadmap
GE	General Education	A course that fulfills a specific general education requirement for a degree, which can be replaced with another course that meets the same requirement

pattern. See a counselor to determine which pattern is best for you based on your academic goals.

Other Notes to Students Preparing to Transfer:

- Additional coursework may be required. Work with a counselor and [ASSIST.ORG](https://www.assist.org) to determine the courses needed for your goals.
- The CSU system requires every student receiving a bachelor's degree to be knowledgeable about the Constitution of the United States, American history, and state and local government. This requirement is generally known as the American Institutions requirement. Students can complete this requirement at ARC before transferring. See a counselor for a list of approved courses.

Honors Courses (H):

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better who complete 15 or more units of Honors coursework earn an Honors Transfer Certificate and can take advantage of honors-to-honors transfer agreements with highly selective colleges and universities, both public and private.

