Physics is perhaps the most fundamental of the sciences. It involves the study of the nature of basic things such as motion, forces, energy, matter, heat, sound, light, and the atom. Engineering is the profession in which basic knowledge from the mathematical and natural sciences is applied to develop new ways to utilize the materials and forces of nature for the benefit of society.

Engineering physics is an interdisciplinary degree program combining the study of physics and engineering into one curriculum. Students acquire a deep knowledge of physical and mathematical principles and learn to apply this knowledge to meet the needs of society. The interdisciplinary nature of this program produces graduates who can work in many diversified fields and who can easily adapt their skills to the needs of employers.

The engineering physics program is an engineering program that is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, http://www.abet.org, which is the agency that accredits all engineering programs in the United States. Our seniors take the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Exam, which is the first step to becoming a Registered Professional Engineer (PE). About 85% of our seniors pass this exam, which is well above the national average.

**Engineering physics students will...**

- Obtain a deep understanding of the fundamental principles of science and mathematics underlying engineering and be able to apply them to meet the needs of society.
- Have the ability to design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs within realistic constraints such as economic, environmental, social, political, ethical, health and safety, manufacturability, and sustainability.
- Have the ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern tools necessary for physics and engineering careers.
- Have the broad education necessary to understand the impact of physics and engineering solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context.
- Be well prepared to pass the FE Exam.

**Career Planning**

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. 100% of programs offer our students an internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching or research internship. The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

**Internship and Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates**

- Century Link Technology Solutions
- National Information Solutions Cooperative
- TG Missouri
- Schaefer’s Electrical Enclosures
- Southeast Missouri State University
- Southeast Hospital
- BIS Industrial Services
- Honeywell F M & T
- Lighting Science Group Corporation
- Wright Patterson Air Force Base
- Boeing
- Lockheed Martin
- NASA
- National Geospatial Intelligence Agency
- Raytheon
- Rockwell Collins
- GeoEye, Inc.

**Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates**

- University of Arkansas – MicroEP Program
- Washington University – Physics
- University of Missouri – Aerospace Engineering
- University of Missouri – Physics
- Boise State University – Biomedical Engineering
- University of Kansas – Biomedical Engineering
- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville – Comp. Engr.
- University of North Texas – Physics
- Purdue University – Aerospace Engineering
- University of Illinois – Electrical Engineering
- University of Michigan – Biomedical Engineering

**Admission Requirements**

A high school student interested in majoring in engineering physics should complete four years of mathematics that include trigonometry and an introduction to calculus. Four years of science, which include both chemistry and physics, is highly recommended. A strong background in English is essential.

**Transfer and Dual Credit Students**

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.
This is a guide based on the 2018-2019 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

**CURRICULUM CHECKLIST**

"Critical Courses" are italicized and bolded. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.

**Engineering Physics: Computer Applications Option – 62 Hours**

A grade of 'C' or better is required in each course that is a prerequisite course.

- **CS155** Computer Science I (4)
- **CS285** Computer Science II (4)
- **CS315** C and the Unix Environment (3)
- **EP100** Physics and Engineering Concepts (1)
- **EP240** Circuit Analysis (4)
- **EP261** Engineering Mechanics - Statics (3)
- **EP262** Engineering Mechanics - Dynamics (3)
- **EP305** Digital System Design (3)
- **EP310** Microcontroller and Embedded Systems (3)
- **EP340** Electronic Circuits (4)
- **EP372** Signals and Systems (3)
- **EP380** Engineering Design and Research (1)
- **EP461** Computer Applications (3)
- **EP480** Capstone Design (1)
- **PH230/030** General Physics I (5)
- **PH231/031** General Physics II (5)
- **PH360** Modern Physics (3)
- **PH371** Electromagnetics (3)
- **UI330** Experimental Methods (3)
- **UI450** Capstone Experience (3)

**Support Courses:**

A grade of 'C' or better is required in each course that is a prerequisite course. This sequence of mathematics courses constitutes a minor, but it must be declared.

- **CH185/085/005** General Chemistry (5)
- **CS177** Programming for Scientists and Engineers (3)
- **MA140** Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (5)
- **MA145** Analytic Geometry and Calculus II (4)
- **MA244** Analytic Geometry and Calculus III (4)
- **MA345** Linear Algebra (3)
- **MA350** Differential Equations (3)
- **MN120** Fundamentals of the Engineering Design Process (3)

**University Studies Requirements –** some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours
- Constitution requirement – 3 hours
- US History requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours*
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)

*SC105 highly recommended by department

**SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN**

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- **Milestone:** maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA

**SECOND YEAR**

- **EP261** 3 EP240 4
- **MA244** 4 EP262 3
- **PH231/031** 5 EP305 3
- **University Studies** 3 **MA350** 3

- **University Studies** 3

- **Total:** 15 Total 16

- **Milestone:** maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA

(Summer courses are encouraged to avoid 18-hour semesters.)

**THIRD YEAR**

- **CS155** 4 **CS265** 4
- **EP310** 3 **EP340** 4
- **PH360** 3 **EP380** 1
- **UI330** 3 **MA345** 3
- **University Studies** 3

- **University Studies** 3

- **Total:** 18 Total 18

- **Milestone:** maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA

**FOURTH YEAR**

- **CS315** 3 **UI450** 3
- **EP372** 3 **University Studies** 3
- **EP461** 3 **University Studies** 3
- **EP480** 1 **University Studies** 3
- **PH371** 3 **University Studies** 3
- **University Studies** 3

- **Total:** 16 Total 15

- **Milestone:** maintain 2.0 cumulative GPA

A "Milestone" signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level. Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.