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Chemical Engineering

Chemical Engineering is a profession where a diverse group of individuals contribute to the invention, development, and deployment of an incredible range of processes and products in a variety of industries including chemical, petrochemical, environmental, pharmaceutical, environmental, and materials. Chemical engineering is the branch of engineering that deals with the chemical and physical processes used to develop and manufacture many different products of greater value from lesser valued chemicals and feedstocks. Without question, chemical engineers are making major contributions to the technological infrastructure of modern society.

The mission of the Swalm School of Chemical Engineering is to produce graduates who have the ability to apply the principles of the physical sciences, together with the principles of economics and human relations, to fields that pertain directly to processes and process equipment that treat material to effect a change in state, energy content, or composition.

Graduates will receive a broad education that will enable them to become leaders in industry, the profession, and the community. Those graduates who excel academically will be prepared for entry to graduate or professional school.

To achieve our mission, Program Educational Objectives have been established to help us assess the degree to which we have achieved these objectives.

Chemical Engineering

Program Educational Objectives

Mississippi State University Chemical Engineering graduates will:

1. Successfully enter the chemical engineering profession as design, process and research engineers (and related designations) with prominent companies in the chemical process industries, energy, environmental, government agencies, consulting or other related industries.
2. Apply communication and engineering technical skills to the field of chemical engineering to enhance economic development and address technical issues facing industry, academia and the government.
3. Pursue post-baccalaureate degrees in chemical engineering and related fields, business and professional programs including medicine and law.
4. Demonstrate proficiency in chemical engineering practice and leadership development by advancing in their chosen fields to technical leadership, supervisory and management positions.
5. Enter their chosen fields maintaining the highest degree of ethical conduct and safety responsibility.

Concentrations

Students choosing to major in Chemical Engineering will select one of three concentration areas within the Chemical Engineering Program:

1. Chemical Engineering Practice Concentration;
2. Chemical Engineering Research/Development Concentration; or
3. Biomolecular Engineering Concentration.

Chemical Engineering Practice Concentration. This concentration area prepares the graduate to enter industry upon graduation well-prepared to function as a chemical engineer, in a variety of industries as well as in a variety of job functions. Students pursuing this option are also well prepared for graduate studies in chemical engineering or professional school. A combination of 12 hours of technical electives, chemical engineering elective, and chemistry elective allows a student to emphasize an area of interest, including materials, environmental, energy (including alternative energy), or traditional chemical engineering.

Chemical Engineering Research/Development Concentration. This concentration area prepares the chemical engineering graduate for further educational endeavors at the graduate level and for opportunities in research and development by providing them with additional training in mathematics and chemical engineering topics. Focused selection of technical, chemistry, and basic engineering electives provides the opportunity to develop the depth required for post-graduate research activities in chemical engineering.

Biomolecular Engineering Concentration. This concentration area prepares the graduate for a career in the biotechnology industry. The concentration area also provides students the opportunity to fulfill prerequisites for medical, dental, or veterinary school upon completion of their chemical engineering degree. Focused selection of technical, chemistry, and basic engineering electives provides the opportunity to develop the depth required in biology, biochemistry, and microbiology for students interested in this concentration. While students regularly enter medical school via the Chemical Engineering Practice concentration, the biomolecular engineering concentration offers students not only a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, but also highlights those topics encountered in biotechnology, medical school or in veterinary school.

The B. S. program in Chemical Engineering is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <https://www.abet.org>, under the commission's General Criteria and Program Criteria for Chemical, Biochemical, Biomolecular, and similarly named engineering programs.

Petroleum Engineering

This curriculum is designed to educate students on the foundational principles required for success in the petroleum industry. Graduates will be prepared to enter the workforce and manage the human and energy resources in the petroleum industry. Students will develop hands-on, communication, and critical thinking skills to be successful. The program offers unique training with a particular emphasis on petroleum reservoir engineering, enhanced petroleum recovery methods, and thorough economic analysis. The degree is housed within the Swalm School of Chemical Engineering, and offers a student-focused curriculum with one-on-one advising and professional development opportunities.

The petroleum industry is one of the world's largest industries and is relied upon in numerous ways for sustaining a modern and ever-advancing energy-driven, technologically-based society.

Petroleum Engineering

Program Educational Objectives

Mississippi State University Petroleum Engineering graduates will:

1. Obtain gainful employment and hold positions of increasing responsibility in the field of Petroleum Engineering as a Reservoir, Production, Data Analytics, Drilling, or Field Engineer.
2. Apply effective communications, leadership, and teaming skills in the field of petroleum engineering in industry, academia or government.
3. Demonstrate continuing improvements in technical skills through professional development and training, professional licensure, or appropriate certification.

The B. S. program in Petroleum Engineering is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <https://www.abet.org>, under the commission's General Criteria and Program Criteria for Petroleum and similarly named engineering programs.

Chemical Engineering

General Education and Degree Requirements

English Composition

EN 1103	English Composition I	3
or EN 1104	Expanded English Composition I	
EN 1113	English Composition II	3
or EN 1173	Accelerated Composition II	

Creative Discovery

Select from General Education courses	3
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Humanities

Select from General Education courses	6
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Social/Behavioral Sciences

Select from General Education courses	6
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Quantitative Reasoning

MA 1713	Calculus I	3
MA 1723	Calculus II	3

Natural Sciences

CH 1213	Chemistry I	4
& CH 1211	and Investigations in Chemistry I	
CH 1223	Chemistry II	4
& CH 1221	and Investigations in Chemistry II	
PH 2213	Physics I	3

Additional Requirements

MA 2733	Calculus III	
MA 2743	Calculus IV	
MA 3253	Differential Equations I	
CH 4511	Organic Chemistry Laboratory I	
CH 4513	Organic Chemistry I	
CH 4523	Organic Chemistry II	

PH 2223	Physics II (or accepted substitutions)
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Major Core

CHE 1101	Introduction to Chemical & Petroleum Engineering
CHE 2114	Mass and Energy Balances
CHE 2213	Chemical Engineering Analysis
CHE 3113	Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics I ¹
CHE 3123	Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics II
CHE 3203	Fluid Flow Operations ¹
CHE 3213	Heat Transfer Operations ¹
CHE 3222	Chemical Engineering Laboratory I
CHE 3223	Separation Processes
CHE 3232	Chemical Engineering Laboratory II
CHE 3413	Engineering Materials
CHE 4113	Chemical Reactor Design
CHE 4134	Process Design
CHE 4223	Process Instrumentation and Control
CHE 4233	Chemical Plant Design
CHE 4633	Chemical Process Safety
IE 3913	Engineering Economy I

Oral Communication Requirement

Fulfilled in CHE 3222, CHE 3232, CHE 4134 and CHE 4233

Writing Requirement

GE 3513	Technical Writing	3
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Computer Literacy

Fulfilled in CHE 2213 and CHE 4134

Choose one of the following sets of courses to complete the degree:**19****Chemical Engineering Practice Concentration (CHEP)**

EM 2413	Engineering Mechanics I
or ECE 3183	Electrical Engineering Systems
CHE 3331	Professional Development Seminar
CH 4413	Thermodynamics and Kinetics
Chemical Engineering Elective ²	
Chemistry Elective ³	
Technical Electives ³	

(It is strongly recommended that CHE 4313 Transport Phenomena be used as a technical elective)

Chemical Engineering Research/Development Concentration (CERD)

CHE 4313	Transport Phenomena
CHE 3331	Professional Development Seminar
MA 3113	Introduction to Linear Algebra
MA 3353	Differential Equations II
MA/ST 4543	Introduction to Mathematical Statistics I (MA/ST 4543 is a cross-listed course, but the student should choose MA 4543 if a minor in mathematics is desired.)
or IE 4613	Engineering Statistics I
CH 4413	Thermodynamics and Kinetics
Chemistry Elective ³	

Biomolecular Engineering Concentration (BIOM)

BIO 1134	Biology I
BIO 1144	Biology II
BIO 3304	General Microbiology
BCH 4603	General Biochemistry I
CH 4521	Organic Chemistry Laboratory II

Choose one of the following:

PH 2233	Physics III (pre-medical students)	
Advanced biology course (pre-veterinary students)		
Biotechnology course from an engineering dept. (Biomolecular engineering practice)		
Total Hours		128

- ¹ With consent of student's advisor, the following course substitutions are acceptable:
- EM 3313 Fluid Mechanics for CHE 3203
 - ME 3513 Thermodynamics I for CHE 3113
 - ME 3313 Heat Transfer for CHE 3213
- ² CHE 4000 Directed Individual Study will generally be disallowed for the required chemical engineering elective but may be used as a technical elective.
- ³ The Chemistry and Technical Electives are to be chosen from an approved list available online and from the student's advisor.

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MA 1723	Calculus II	3

Natural Sciences

CH 1213 & CH 1211	Chemistry I and Investigations in Chemistry I	4
CH 1223 & CH 1221	Chemistry II and Investigations in Chemistry II	4
PH 2213	Physics I	3

Additional Requirements

MA 2733	Calculus III	3
MA 2743	Calculus IV	3
MA 3253	Differential Equations I	3

Geology & Geography Electives (Choose two - at least one must be a Geology Elective; a second can be Geography selected from the list below) 6

GG 4063	Earth and Atmospheric Energy Resources	
GG 4233	Applied Geophysics	
GG 4304	Principles of Sedimentary Deposits I	
GG 4414	Structural Geology	
GG 4443	Principles of Sedimentary Deposits II	
GG 4633	Introduction to Geochemistry	
GR 4303	Principles of GIS	
GR 4313	Advanced GIS	
GR 4323	Cartographic Sciences	

Major Core

PTE 1101	Introduction to Petroleum Engineering	1
CHE 2114	Mass and Energy Balances	4
CHE 2213	Chemical Engineering Analysis	3
CHE 3113	Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics I	3
CHE 3203	Fluid Flow Operations	3
CHE 3213	Heat Transfer Operations	3
CHE 3413	Engineering Materials	3
EM 2413	Engineering Mechanics I	3
EM 3213	Mechanics of Materials	3
IE 3913	Engineering Economy I	3
IE 4613	Engineering Statistics I	3
PTE 3902	Petroleum Engineering Lab 1	2
PTE 3903	Petroleum Reservoir Fluid Properties	3
PTE 3912	Petroleum Engineering Lab 2	2
PTE 3953	Petroleum Reservoir Rock Properties and Fluid Flow	3
PTE 3963	Drilling	3
PTE 3973	Petroleum Production Operations	3
PTE 4903	Petroleum Reservoir Engineering 1	3
PTE 4913	Petroleum Reservoir Engineering 2	3
PTE 4923	Completion Design	3
PTE 4953	Formation Evaluation	3
PTE 4963	Oil Recovery Methods	3
PTE 4983	Petroleum Engineering Capstone Design	3
PTE 4993	Petroleum Economic Analysis	3
Writing Requirement		
GE 3513	Technical Writing	3
Oral Communication Requirement		
Fulfilled in PTE 3902, PTE 3912, and PTE 4993		
Computer Literacy		
Fulfilled in CHE 2213 and PTE 4993		
Technical Electives		3
Total Hours		128

Petroleum Engineering Minor

The minor in Petroleum Engineering consists of 7 courses for a total of 21 credit hours. Engineering undergraduate students enrolled at Mississippi State University may be admitted into the minor program during any semester (fall, spring, or summer). All hours earned in the Petroleum Engineering minor program must be taken at MSU. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required in all courses in the minor program. The Undergraduate Coordinator for the Swalm School of Chemical Engineering will oversee all admission decisions.

Required Courses

PTE 3903	Petroleum Reservoir Fluid Properties	3
PTE 3953	Petroleum Reservoir Rock Properties and Fluid Flow	3
PTE 3963	Drilling	3
PTE 3973	Petroleum Production Operations	3
PTE 4903	Petroleum Reservoir Engineering 1	3
PTE 4923	Completion Design	3
Choose one of the following electives:		3
PTE 4913	Petroleum Reservoir Engineering 2	
PTE 4953	Formation Evaluation	
PTE 4963	Oil Recovery Methods	
Total Hours		21