Mechanical Engineering
Freshmen Orientation

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Today's Orientation

Welcome and Greetings

Icebreaker

Overview of Mechanical Engineering at Johns Hopkins

MechE Senior Design

Undergraduate Research

MechE Student Groups

Freshman Fall Courses

Advising Manual Quiz Challenge
Our people:
• 30 professors / lecturers
• 13 administrative, lab, and research staff
• 28 postdoctoral students
• 197 graduate students
• 211 undergraduate students

Our goal: To educate an exceptional group of engineers who, after graduation, will be successful and on track to become leaders among their peers in industry, government laboratories, graduate school programs, and other organizations.
Icebreaker!

1. We’re going to randomly sort you into breakout rooms with 3-4 other students.

2. First, everyone should introduce themselves to the other people in the breakout room:
   • What is your name?
   • Where are you currently located?

3. Next, identify the person in your group who is the youngest.

4. Then try to identify 3 *unique* things you all have in common.

5. When everyone is back in the main room, we’ll go around and the youngest person in each group will report out.

6 min
Two Bachelor of Science degrees
Mechanical Engineering
Engineering Mechanics

Both programs are ABET-accredited (abet.org)
Compare the Majors

- **Mechanical Engineering (B.S. M.E.)**
  - Well-specified curriculum
  - “Traditional” mechanical engineering program
  - More than 200 programs in the United States

- **Engineering Mechanics (B.S. E.M.)**
  - More flexible curriculum
  - More math and basic science
  - 10 programs in North America
B.S. Mechanical Engineering

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## B.S. Engineering Mechanics

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The Mechanical Engineering Department offers official tracks in ...

- **Aerospace**
- **Biomechanics**

...plus other electives in robotics, mechanics of materials, design, thermo-fluids and thermo-fluids systems.

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Minors and Double Majors

Some minors...
- Entrepreneurship and Management - Physics
- Robotics - Mathematics
- Computer Science - Economics
- More in Engineering / Arts and Sciences

Double majoring possible, but...
- Lots of extra work and time management
- Easier with many AP credits

• Fields of Study page – engineering.jhu.edu
• Majors/Minors page – advising.jhu.edu
Senior Design

• 8 credits, full year
• Industrial Sponsor provides project, a sponsoring engineer, and funding
• Design, build, and test prototypes and final products.
• Culmination of your engineering education!

INFO...
• Prof. Nathan Scott – nscott@jhu.edu
• http://me.jhu.edu/undergraduate-studies/senior-design/
Academic Advising

• You have a faculty advisor from Mechanical Engineering.
• You also have a Whiting School advisor.
• You will meet with your MechE faculty advisor sometime before August 29th.
Academic Advising

Visit your MechE advisor at least twice a semester...
  • after three weeks, to update your status
  • during Advising Week, to choose courses

See your MechE advisor anytime...
  • to plan or change your course schedule
  • to discuss requirements for your major
  • when you academic or performance concerns

Contact Mike Bernard...
  • to create or update your 4-year plan
  • for policy and administrative help.
• The responsibility for meeting with your MechE faculty advisor is **yours**.

• Schedule meetings with your advisor in advance – do not wait until the last moment; he or she might not be available.

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Research in Mechanical Engineering

- Micro/Nanoscale Science and Engineering
- Fluid Mechanics and Thermal Processes
- Mechanical Engineering in Biology and Medicine
- Mechanics and Materials
- Energy and the Environment
- Robotics
- Systems, Modeling, and Control
Undergraduate Research Opportunities

- Enrich your education with research.
- Can open more doors to career opportunities.
- Earn credits or money while doing research.
- Begin as early as freshman year.
- Primary qualification is enthusiasm.
- Talk to the faculty!
- Research helps you...
  - Get a hands-on, real-world feel for engineering
  - Build a working relationship with the leading scholars in the field

Get help from...
MechE Top 12 – Undergraduate page
https://me.jhu.edu/t12/top-12-undergraduate-students/
Student Groups

- Hopkins Baja
- Design Build Fly
- AstroJays
- ASME
- VME
- SEDS
- Wind Energy
- WoMEN

...and many more!
References and Contacts

PEOPLE

• Your MechE Faculty Advisor
• Prof. Steven Marra: marra@jhu.edu
• Mike Bernard: me-academic@jhu.edu

RESOURCES

• JHU Catalog: http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/
• “Engineering 101”
• Undergraduate Academic Advising Manual
• MechE Website: http://www.me.jhu.edu
• “Top 12” for Undergrads – http://me.jhu.edu/t12/top-12-undergraduate-students/
Freshman MechE Courses

- 530.107 / 108  MechE Undergraduate Seminar I / II
- 530.111  Intro to MechE Design and CAD (Fall)
- 500.114  Gateway Computing - MATLAB (Spring*)
- 530.115 / 116  MechE Freshman Lab I / II
- 530.123 / 124  Intro to Mechanics I / II

Note: 530.124 is required for all ME and EM majors (regardless of AP credits)

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*Other Gateway Computing options are available
Freshman MechE Courses and AP Credits

• If you scored a 4 or 5 on the AP Physics C (Mechanics) exam, then you do not have to take Intro to Mechanics I.

• If you scored a 5 on the AP Computer Science exam, then you must either....

  1. Take one of the Gateway Computing courses and forfeit the AP credits, or

  2. Take a more advanced programming course (e.g. Intermediate Programming, Data Structures), which you may count as a technical elective.

   You will still be expected to know MATLAB regardless.
MechE Fall Freshman Courses

Most of you should already be registered for these courses:

- AS.030.101 *Introductory Chemistry I* (unless you have AP Chem credits)
- EN.530.107 *MechE Undergraduate Seminar I*
- EN.530.111 *Intro to MechE Design and CAD*
- EN.530.115 *MechE Freshman Lab I*
- EN.530.123 *Introduction to Mechanics I* (unless you have AP Physics C [Mechanics] credits)
- AS.060.100 *Intro to Expository Writing*, AS.060.113 *Expository Writing*, or AS.220.105 *Intro to Fiction and Poetry*
- A math course (Calc I, II, or III)
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Advising Manuals

Checkout Sheets

Course Dependency Maps
And the winners are…

*James Kaluna and Ariana Diaz*

Congratulations, James and Ariana!

Thanks to everyone who entered.
Best of luck to you this freshman year!

Questions?