

Educational Objectives for the ME Program

The mission of the Mechanical Engineering Program is: To promote learning and discovery in mechanical engineering and to prepare students for a career of technical excellence and professional growth and leadership in a complex and competitive technological environment.

The educational objectives of the mechanical engineering faculty and program are to provide students completing the program with the following:

- An understanding of the physical and the mathematical sciences necessary for advanced coursework in mechanical engineering science and mechanical design;
- An understanding of the mechanical engineering sciences e.g. mechanics of solids and fluids/thermal sciences at a level which ensures successful professional practice.
- An understanding of the societal context and ethical responsibilities of the mechanical engineering profession, including a capacity and an awareness of the need for life-long learning whether through self-study or formal graduate study.
- An understanding of the role played by the mechanical engineering sciences in concert with the broader issues associated with creative design.
- An understanding of the dynamics and responsibilities of working on teams and an ability to communicate technical ideas within teams, to the greater profession, and to the non-technical society at large.
- An opportunity for all students of mechanical engineering to pursue, through curricular flexibility and with faculty advising, other academic interests available from the broad offerings of a multi-disciplinary university.

Educational Outcomes for the ME Program

In addition to successfully completing the requirements for the ME program, graduates from this program must also achieve the following educational outcomes:

- A. An ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering,
- B. An ability to design and conduct experiments, as well as to analyze and interpret data,
- C. An ability to design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs, including both thermal and mechanical systems,
- D. An ability to function on multi-disciplinary teams,
- E. An ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems,
- F. An understanding of professional and ethical responsibility,
- G. An ability to communicate effectively,
- H. The broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global and societal context,
- I. A recognition of the need for, and an ability to engage in life-long learning,
- J. A knowledge of contemporary issues,
- K. An ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice,
- L. A familiarity with statistics and linear algebra and the ability to apply advanced mathematics through multivariate calculus and differential equations.