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Bachelor of Engineering (Materials Science & Engineering) with Minor in Innovation & Design

Cohort AY2025/2026

Course Requirements	Units
Common Curriculum	
GEA1000 Quantitative Reasoning with Data [1]	4
CS1010E Programming Methodology (or other variants)	4
CDE2501 Liveable Cities [2]	4
ES2631 Critique and Communication of Thinking and Design [2]	4
GE: Cultures and Connections [2]	4
GE: Communities and Engagement [2]	4
DTK1234 Design Thinking	4
EE2211 Introduction to Machine Learning or EE2213 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	4
EG1311 Design and Make or EG1311BE Design and Make	4
PF1101A Project Management and Finance	4
Sub-total for Common Curriculum	**40**
Engineering Core	
MA1511 Engineering Calculus	2
MA1512 Differential Equations for Engineering	2
MA1513 Linear Algebra with Differential Equations	2
CE2407A Uncertainty Analysis for Engineers	2
EG2401A Engineering Professionalism	2
EG3611A Industrial Attachment or CFG2101 NUS Vacation Internship Programme [3] and EG3612 Vacation Industrial Attachment	10
Sub-total for Engineering Core	**20**
Engineering Programme Requirements	
MLE1001B Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice I	4
MLE2001A Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice II	4
MLE2102 Thermodynamics and Renewable Energy Technologies	4
MLE2103A Materials Kinetics & Processing	2
MLE2105 Electronic Materials of Materials	4
MLE2108 Mechanical and Structural Properties of Materials	4
MLE3101A Materials Characterization	3
MLE3101 Materials Characterization Laboratory	3
MLE3103 Materials Design: Aerospace to Biomedical Applications	4
MLE3104 Polymeric and Composite Materials	4
MLE3111A Materials Properties and Processing Laboratory	2
MLE3112 Machine Learning Approaches in Materials Laboratory	2
MLE3203 Engineering Materials	4
Technical electives	8
MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation or MLE4102A Design Project (over 2 consecutive semesters) [4]	8
Sub-total for Engineering Programme Requirements	**60**
Unrestricted Electives	
CDE3301 Ideas to Proof-of-Concept (over 2 consecutive semesters) [5]	12
Electives for Minor [5]	8
Other unrestricted electives [4]	20
Sub-total for Unrestricted Electives	**40**
Total	**160**

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Notes:

[1] Students may read other approved courses for Data Literacy in lieu of GEA1000.

[2] Students may read equivalent courses in NUS College (NUSC), University Town College Programme (UTCP), and Ridge View Residential Programme (RVRC). CDE2501 fulfils GE: Singapore Studies while ES2631 fulfils GE: Critique and Expression.

[3] May be replaced by CDE2605 Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme or CDE2605R Undergraduate Research Experience (UREx).

[4] Students may take CDE4301 Innovation & Design Capstone or CDE4301A Ideas to Start-up in lieu of MLE4101B/MLE4102A and 4 units of unrestricted electives.

[5] Students should clear at least one elective course from List I prior to CDE3301.

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Recommended semester schedule – JC-intake students or equivalent

(for students who opt for vacation internships)

Semester 1	Units	Semester 2	Units
MLE2001A Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice II	4	MLE1001B Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice I	4
GEA1000 Quantitative Reasoning with Data	4	CS1010E Programming Methodology	4
DTK1234 Design Thinking	4	EG1311 Design and Make or EG1311BE Design and Make	4
MA1513 Linear Algebra with Differential Equations	2	MA1511 Engineering Calculus	2
CE2407A Uncertainty Analysis for Engineers	2	MA1512 Differential Equations for Engineering	2
PF1101A Project Management and Finance	4	MLE2108 Mechanical and Structural Properties of Materials	4
Sub-total	**20**	**Sub-total**	**20**

Summer vacation between Semesters 2 and 3	Units
CFG2101 NUS Vacation Internship Programme	4
Sub-total	**4**

Semester 3	Units	Semester 4	Units
MLE2102 Thermodynamics and Renewable Energy Technologies	4	MLE2105 Electronic Properties of Materials	4
MLE3101A Materials Characterization	3	CDE2501 Liveable Cities	4
EE2211 Introduction to Machine Learning or EE2213 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	4	ES2631 Critique and Communication of Thinking and Design	4
EG2401A Engineering Professionalism	2	GE	4
Elective 1 for Minor	4	CDE3301 Ideas to Proof-of-Concept	6
Elective 2 for Minor	4		
Sub-total	**21**	**Sub-total**	**22**

Summer vacation between Semesters 4 and 5	Units
EG3612 Vacation Internship Attachment	6
Sub-total	**6**

Semester 5	Units	Semester 6 – can be used for SEP	Units
CDE3301 Ideas to Proof-of-Concept	6	Technical Elective 1	4
MLE2103A Materials Kinetics and Processing	2	Technical Elective 2	4
MLE3101 Materials Characterization Laboratory	3	UE	4
MLE3104 Polymeric and Composite Materials	4	UE	4
MLE3203 Engineering Materials	4	UE	4
GE	4		
Sub-total	**23**	**Sub-total**	**20**

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Semester 7	Units	Semester 8	Units
MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation or MLE4102A Design Project	4	MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation or MLE4102A Design Project	4
MLE3103 Materials Design: Aerospace to Biomedical Applications	4	MLE3112 Machine Learning Approaches in Materials Laboratory	2
MLE3111A Materials Properties and Processing Laboratory	2	UE	4
UE	4		
Sub-total	**14**	**Sub-total**	**10**

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Recommended semester schedule – JC-intake students or equivalent

(for students who opt for industrial attachment)

Semester 1	Units	Semester 2	Units
MLE2001A Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice II	4	MLE1001B Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice I	4
GEA1000 Quantitative Reasoning with Data	4	CS1010E Programming Methodology	4
DTK1234 Design Thinking	4	EG1311 Design and Make or EG1311BE Design and Make	4
MA1513 Linear Algebra with Differential Equations	2	MA1511 Engineering Calculus	2
CE2407A Uncertainty Analysis for Engineers	2	MA1512 Differential Equations for Engineering	2
PF1101A Project Management and Finance	4	MLE2108 Mechanical and Structural Properties of Materials	4
Sub-total	**20**	**Sub-total**	**20**

Semester 3	Units	Semester 4	Units
MLE2102 Thermodynamics and Renewable Energy Technologies	4	MLE2105 Electronic Properties of Materials	4
MLE3101A Materials Characterization	3	CDE2501 Liveable Cities	4
EE2211 Introduction to Machine Learning or EE2213 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	4	ES2631 Critique and Communication of Thinking and Design	4
EG2401A Engineering Professionalism	2	GE	4
Elective 1 for Minor	4	CDE3301 Ideas to Proof-of-Concept	6
Elective 2 for Minor	4		
Sub-total	**21**	**Sub-total**	**22**

Semester 5	Units	Semester 6	Units
CDE3301 Ideas to Proof-of-Concept	6	EG3611A Industrial Attachment	10
MLE2103A Materials Kinetics and Processing	2		
MLE3101 Materials Characterization Laboratory	3		
MLE3104 Polymeric and Composite Materials	4		
MLE3203 Engineering Materials	4		
GE	4		
Sub-total	**23**	**Sub-total**	**10**

Semester 7	Units	Semester 8	Units
MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation or MLE4102A Design Project	4	MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation or MLE4102A Design Project	4
MLE3103 Materials Design: Aerospace to Biomedical Applications	4	MLE3112 Machine Learning Approaches in Materials Laboratory	2
MLE3111A Materials Properties and Processing Laboratory	2	Technical Elective 2	4
Technical Elective 1	4	UE	4
UE	4	UE	4
UE	4	UE	4
Sub-total	**22**	**Sub-total**	**22**

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Recommended semester schedule – JC-intake students or equivalent

(for students in Engineering Scholars Programme)

Semester 1	Units	Semester 2	Units
MLE2001A Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice II	4	MLE1001B Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice I	4
GEA1000 Quantitative Reasoning with Data	4	MLE2108 Mechanical and Structural Properties of Materials	4
DTK1234 Design Thinking	4	MA1512 Differential Equations for Engineering	2
MA1513 Linear Algebra with Differential Equations	2	RVRC/UTCP course 2 (replaces GE)	4
CE2407A Uncertainty Analysis for Engineers	2	Elective 1 for Minor	4
PF1101A Project Management and Finance	4	CDE3301 Ideas to Proof-of-Concept	6
RVRC/UTCP course 1 (replaces GE)	4		
Sub-total	**24**	**Sub-total**	**24**

Summer vacation between Semesters 2 and 3	Units
CFG2101 NUS Vacation Internship Programme	4
Sub-total	**4**

Semester 3	Units	Semester 4 – can be used for SEP	Units
MLE2102 Thermodynamics and Renewable Energy Technologies	4	MLE2105 Electronic Properties of Materials	4
MLE2103A Materials Kinetics and Processing	2	RVRC/UTCP course 4 (replaces ES2631)	4
MLE3101 Materials Characterization Laboratory	3	Elective 2 for Minor	4
MLE3101A Materials Characterization	3	UE	4
EG2401A Engineering Professionalism	2	UE	4
RVRC/UTCP course 3 (replaces CDE2501)	4	UE	4
CDE3301 Ideas to Proof-of-Concept	6		
Sub-total	**24**	**Sub-total**	**24**

Summer vacation between Semesters 4 and 5	Units
EG3612 Vacation Internship Attachment	6
Sub-total	**6**

Semester 5	Units	Semester 6	Units
MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation or MLE4102A Design Project	4	MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation or MLE4102A Design Project	4
MLE3103 Materials Design: Aerospace to Biomedical Applications	4	MLE3112 Machine Learning Approaches in Materials Laboratory	2
MLE3104 Polymeric and Composite Materials	4	Technical Elective 1	4
MLE3111A Materials Properties and Processing Laboratory	2	Technical Elective 2	4
MLE3203 Engineering Materials	4	UE	4
EE2211 Introduction to Machine Learning or EE2213 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	4	UE	2
Sub-total	**22**	**Sub-total**	**20**

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Students are highly encouraged to complete the following courses before Semester 1 through advanced placement credits:

- CS1010E Programming Methodology (4 units)
- EG1311 Design and Make (4 units)
- MA1505 Mathematics I (4 units) – replaces MA1511 Engineering Calculus (2 units) and counted as UE (2 units)

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Recommended semester schedule – poly-intake students

Semester 1	Units	Semester 2	Units
MLE2001A Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice II	4	MLE1001B Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice I	4
GEA1000 Quantitative Reasoning with Data	4	CS1010E Programming Methodology	4
PF1101A Project Management and Finance	4	MA1511 Engineering Calculus	2
MA1301 Introductory Mathematics * (UE)	4	MA1512 Differential Equations for Engineering	2
PC1201 Fundamentals of Physics ^ (UE) – if required	4	MLE2108 Mechanical and Structural Properties of Materials	4
		Elective 1 for Minor ^	4
		CDE3301 Ideas to Proof-of-Concept	6
Sub-total	**20**	**Sub-total**	**26**

Semester 3	Units	Semester 4	Units
CDE3301 Ideas to Proof-of-Concept	6	MLE2105 Electronic Properties of Materials	4
MLE2102 Thermodynamics and Renewable Energy Technologies	4	CDE2501 Liveable Cities	4
MLE2103A Materials Kinetics and Processing	2	ES2631 Critique and Communication of Thinking and Design	4
MLE3101A Materials Characterization	3	GE	4
MLE3101 Materials Characterization Laboratory	3	Elective 2 for Minor	4
MA1513 Linear Algebra with Differential Equations	2		
CE2407A Uncertainty Analysis for Engineers	2		
EG2401A Engineering Professionalism	2		
Sub-total	**24**	**Sub-total**	**20**

Semester 5	Units	Semester 6	Units
MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation or MLE4102A Design Project	4	MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation or MLE4102A Design Project	4
MLE3103 Materials Design: Aerospace to Biomedical Applications	4	MLE3112 Machine Learning Approaches in Materials Laboratory	2
MLE3104 Polymeric and Composite Materials	4	Technical Elective 1	4
MLE3111A Materials Properties and Processing Laboratory	2	Technical Elective 2	4
MLE3203 Engineering Materials	4	GE	4
EE2211 Introduction to Machine Learning or EE2213 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence *	4		
Sub-total	**22**	**Sub-total**	**18**

* Students who are exempted from MA1301 can take MA1513 and CE2407A in Semester 1 and EE2211/EE2213 in Semester 3.

^ Students who are exempted from PC1201 can take Elective 1 for Minor in Semester 1.

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Poly-intake students with accredited diplomas will receive the following exemptions:

- DTK1234 Design Thinking (4 units)
- EG1311 Design and Make (4 units)
- EG3611P Industrial Attachment (10 units)
- Unrestricted electives (20 units)

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