

**Attention: Take note of the changes with effect from AY25/26 Sem 1
(For cohort AY2022/2023 to AY2024/2025) [Click here for more details](#)**

Bachelor of Engineering (Materials Science & Engineering)

Overview

At the undergraduate level, the Department of Materials Science & Engineering offers a four-year engineering curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Materials Science and Engineering (MSE). This is a professional engineering programme, which prepares students for work as a Materials Engineer in different industries and for further study for postgraduate degrees.

This programme consists of many components – University Level Requirements, Unrestrictive Electives, Engineering Core Courses Requirements, and MSE Programme Requirements, in order to provide a broad education. The Common and Major Requirements are well-balanced in science, general engineering, and materials science and engineering. MSE graduates will have a solid science foundation, basic engineering background and sound knowledge in materials science and engineering.

Degree Requirements

The following are the requirements for the degree of B.Eng. (Materials Science and Engineering):

All Students

- Students should **not read more than 60 units of level 1000 courses** towards their degree requirements.
- Satisfy all other requirements as prescribed by the College of Design and Engineering or the University.
- A student must also satisfy other additional requirements that may be prescribed by the College of Design and Engineering or the University.

Table 1: Summary of MSE Course Requirements and Credits for A-Level Intake

| Course Requirements | Units |
|---|-----------|
| COMMON CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS [1] | 60 |
| Singapore Studies | 4 |
| Cultures and Connections | 4 |
| Communities and Engagement | 4 |
| Critique and Expression | 4 |
| Digital Literacy | 4 |
| Data Literacy | 4 |
| Design Thinking | 4 |
| Maker Space | 4 |
| Systems Thinking | 4 |
| Artificial Intelligence | 4 |
| Sustainable Futures | 4 |
| Creating Narratives | 4 |
| Project Management | 4 |
| Integrated Project | 8 |
| MAJOR REQUIREMENTS | 60 |
| Engineering Core | 20 |
| MA1511 Engineering Calculus | 2 |
| MA1512 Differential Equations for Engineering | 2 |

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|---|------------|
| MA1513 Linear Algebra with Differential Equations | 2 |
| CE2407A Uncertainty Analysis for Engineers | 2 |
| EG2401A Engineering Professionalism | 2 |
| EG3611A Industrial Attachment [4] | 10 |
| Major Programme | 40 |
| MLE1001B Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice I [5] | 4 |
| MLE2001A Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice II [5] | 4 |
| MLE2102 Thermodynamics and Renewable Energy Technologies | 4 |
| MLE2103A Materials Kinetics & Processing | 2 |
| MLE2105 Electronic Properties of Materials | 4 |
| MLE3101A Materials Characterization | 3 |
| MLE3101 Materials Characterization Laboratory | 3 |
| MLE3103 Materials Design: Aerospace to Biomedical Applications | 4 |
| MLE3111A Materials Properties and Processing Laboratory | 2 |
| MLE3112 Machine Learning Approaches in Materials Laboratory | 2 |
| Two Technical Elective at any level (3000--5000) [2] | 8 |
| UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVES | 40 |
| Build Your Own Degree [3] | |
| TOTAL | 160 |

[1] See Table 3

[2] See Table 4

[3] See <https://www.eng.nus.edu.sg/mse/undergraduate/build-your-own-degree/>.

[4] EG3611A can be replaced by:

EG3612 Vacation Industrial attachment (6 Units) + either

CFG2101 NUS Vacation Internship Programme (4 Units) or

EG2605/CDE2605 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Programme (4 Units) or

CDE2605R Undergraduate Research Experience (4 Units)

[5] - Students from other Engineering majors who transfer into MSE are allowed to map the Gateway courses taken in their previous Engineering majors to the Gateway courses in MSE (MLE1001B and MLE2001A).

- One level 1000 Gateway course can be mapped to the level 1000 MSE Gateway course (MLE1001B) and one level 2000 Gateway course can be mapped to the level 2000 MSE Gateway course (MLE2001A).

Exception for Environmental Engineering which has two level 2000 Gateway courses. ESE2101 can be mapped to level 1000 MSE Gateway course (MLE1001B), ESE2102 can be mapped to the level 2000 MSE Gateway course (MLE2001A).

- Students who are not taking MLE2001A due to mapping from other level 2000 Gateway course are required to take MLE2301 Introduction to Materials, which will count as a technical elective.

Table 2: Summary of MSE Course Requirements and Credits for Poly Intake

| Course Requirements | Units |
|---|------------|
| COMMON CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS [1] | 52 |
| Singapore Studies | 4 |
| Cultures and Connections | 4 |
| Communities and Engagement | 4 |
| Critique and Expression | 4 |
| Digital Literacy | 4 |
| Data Literacy | 4 |
| Systems Thinking | 4 |
| Artificial Intelligence | 4 |
| Sustainable Futures | 4 |
| Creating Narratives | 4 |
| Project Management | 4 |
| Integrated Project | 8 |
| MAJOR REQUIREMENTS | 50 |
| Engineering Core | 10 |
| 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 |
| Major Programme | 40 |
| MLE1001B Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice I [4] | 4 |
| MLE2001A Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice II [4] | 4 |
| MLE2102 Thermodynamics and Renewable Energy Technologies | 4 |
| MLE2103A Materials Kinetics & Processing | 2 |
| MLE2105 Electronic Properties of Materials | 4 |
| MLE3101A Materials Characterization | 3 |
| MLE3101 Materials Characterization Laboratory | 3 |
| MLE3103 Materials Design: Aerospace to Biomedical Applications | 4 |
| MLE3111A Materials Properties and Processing Laboratory | 2 |
| MLE3112 Machine Learning Approaches in Materials Laboratory | 2 |
| Two Technical Elective at any level (3000--5000) [2] | 8 |
| UNRESTRICTED ELECTIVES | 20 |
| Build Your Own Degree | |
| TOTAL | 122 |

[1] See Table 3

[2] See Table 4

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 - One level 1000 Gateway course can be mapped to the level 1000 MSE Gateway course (MLE1001B) and one level 2000 Gateway course can be mapped to the level 2000 MSE Gateway course (MLE2001A).
 Exception for Environmental Engineering which has two level 2000 Gateway courses. ESE2101 can be mapped to level 1000 MSE Gateway course (MLE1001B), ESE2102 can be mapped to the level 2000 MSE Gateway course (MLE2001A).

- Students who are not taking MLE2001A due to mapping from other level 2000 Gateway course are required to take MLE2301 Introduction to Materials, which will count as a technical elective.

Table 3: Catalogue of Courses in Common Curriculum

| Common Curriculum Pillar | Basket of Courses [1] |
|----------------------------|--|
| Singapore Studies | Students may read any course from the curated list of courses as approved by the NUS General Education Committee for this pillar (GESS). |
| Cultures and Connections | Students may read any course from the curated list of courses as approved by the NUS General Education Committee for this pillar (GEC). |
| Communities and Engagement | Students may read any course from the curated list of courses as approved by the NUS General Education Committee for this pillar (GEN). |
| Critique and Expression | ES2631 Critique and Communication of Thinking and Design [3] |
| Digital Literacy | CS1010E Programming Methodology |
| Data Literacy | GEA1000 Quantitative Reasoning with Data [5] |
| Design Thinking | DTK1234 Design Thinking |
| Maker Space | EG1311 Design and Make/ EG1311BE Design and Make |
| Systems Thinking | IE2141 Systems Thinking and Dynamics [6] |
| Artificial Intelligence | EE2211 Introduction to Machine Learning/ EE2213 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence |
| Sustainable Futures | EG2501/CDE2501 Liveable Cities [4] [6] |
| Creating Narratives | CDE2000 Creating Narratives [6] |
| Project Management | PF1101 Project Management/ PF1101A Project Management and Finance |
| Integrated Project | Complete 8 Units from the following list of courses MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation MLE4102A Design Project Integrated Honours Project EG4301 DCP B.Eng. Dissertation [2] |

[1] The listing of courses is expected to grow and evolve over time, to suit curricular needs

[2] EG4301 is a 12 Units course that forms part of the Innovation and Design Second Major. Students taking this will fulfil the Integrated Project pillar (8 Units) and an additional 4 Units of Unrestricted Electives.

[3] ES2631 Critique and Communication of Thinking and Design has replaced ES2531 Critical Thinking and Writing

[4] CDE2501 replaces EG2501 with effect from AY2023/2024 semester 1

[5] Students may take any course from the basket of courses approved by the NUS General Education Committee for the Data Literacy pillar. Instead of just GEA1000

[6] Wef AY25/26 Sem 1, there are changes to the graduation requirements for cohort AY22/23 to AY24/25. [Click here for more details](#)

Table 4: List of Technical Elective Courses

| List of Technical Elective Courses |
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| MLE2301 Introduction to Materials Science & Engineering (not applicable to those who take MLE1001B, MLE2001A) |
| MLE3102 Degradation and Failure of Materials |
| MLE3104 Polymeric and Composite Materials |
| MLE3105 Dielectric and Magnetic Materials |
| MLE3202 Materials for Biointerfaces |
| MLE3203 Engineering Materials |
| MLE4201 Advanced Materials Characterisation |
| MLE4202 Selected advanced Topics on Polymers |
| MLE4203 Polymeric Biomedical Materials |
| MLE4204 Synthesis and Growth of Nanostructures |
| MLE4205 Theory & Modelling of Material Properties |
| MLE4206 Current topics on Nanomaterials |
| MLE4207 Microfabrication Process and Technology |
| MLE4208 Photovoltaic Materials |
| MLE4210 Materials for Energy Storage and Conversion |
| MLE4211 Nanoelectronics and information technology |
| MLE4212 Advanced Structural Materials |
| MLE4213 Innovation & Product Development for Material Engineers |
| MLE4217 Application of Big Data in Materials Science |
| MLE4218 AI for Biomaterials Discovery |
| MLE4219 Materials for Optics: from Quantum Light to Nanodevices |
| MLE4220 Two-Dimensional Materials |
| MLE4221 Emerging materials for renewable fuels and clean water |
| MLE4222 Electron transport in novel quantum materials |
| MLE4225 Electro-active Materials for Sustainability |
| MLE4227 Sustainable Water Harvesting Technologies |
| MLE4228 Robotics Materials |
| MLE4230 Current Topics in Materials AI |
| MLE4231 Optoelectronics with Organics and Nanocrystals |
| MLE5215 Atomistic Modelling of Molecules and Materials (open to those with level 4 standing and minimum GPA of 3.5) |
| MLE5223 Rational Materials Design for Sustainability |

Specialization in NANOSTRUCTURED MATERIALS & NANOTECHNOLOGY (minimum 20 Units)

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| FYP in related area | |
| Select electives courses from list below | |
| MLE4201 | Advanced Materials Characterisation |
| MLE4204 | Synthesis and Growth of Nanostructures |
| MLE4205 | Theory & Modelling of Material Properties |
| MLE4206 | Current topics on Nanomaterials |
| MLE4207 | Microfabrication Process and Technology |
| MLE4208 | Photovoltaics Materials |
| MLE4210 | Materials for Energy Storage and Conversion |
| MLE4211 | Nanoelectronics and information technology |
| MLE4220 | Two-Dimensional Materials |
| PC4253 | Thin Film Technology |
| CN4223R | Microelectronic Thin Films |

Specialization in ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN MSE (minimum 20 Units)

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|--|---|
| EE2211 Introduction to Machine Learning | |
| Select electives courses from list below | |
| MLE4101B | B.Eng. Dissertation in related area (only 4 Units will count towards the specialization) |
| MLE4217 | Application of Big Data in Materials Science |
| MLE4218 | AI for Biomaterials Discovery |
| MLE4230 | Current Topics in Materials AI |
| MLE5215 | Atomistic Modelling of Molecules and Materials (open to those with level 4 standing and minimum GPA of 3.5) |
| MLE5223 | Rational Materials Design for Sustainability |

Specialization in BIOMEDICAL MATERIALS (minimum 20 Units)

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| Select electives courses from list below | |
| MLE3202 | Materials for Biointerfaces |
| MLE4203 | Polymeric Biomedical Materials |
| MLE4201 | Advanced Materials Characterisation |
| BN3301 | Introduction to Biomaterials |
| BN4404 | Bioelectromechanical Systems – Biomems |
| BN5201 | Advanced Biomaterials |
| BN2001 | Independent Study [Footnote 1] |
| EG2605/ | |
| CDE2605 | Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (UROP) [Footnote1] |
| BN4101 | B.Eng. Dissertation in related area (8 Units) or MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation in related area (8 Units) or MLE4101 B.Eng. Dissertation in related area (only 8 Units will count towards the specialization) |
| [Footnote1] | |
| The projects involved in this course must be approved by the Head (or Deputy Head or Specialisation Coordinator) of the student's home Department to be in the area of biomedical materials in order to count towards the specialisation. | |
| * Prerequisites of MLE courses can be waived for Non-MSE students. They are recommended to take MLE2301 Introduction to Materials Science & Engineering | |

Specialization in MATERIALS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY (minimum 20 Units)

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| MLE2102 Thermodynamics and Renewable Energy Technologies | |
| Select electives courses from list below | |
| MLE3102 | Degradation and Failure of Materials |
| MLE4208 | Photovoltaic Materials |
| MLE4210 | Materials for Energy Storage and Conversion |
| MLE4221 | Emerging materials for renewable fuels and clean water |
| MLE4225 | Electro-active Materials for Sustainability |
| MLE4227 | Sustainable Water Harvesting Technologies |
| MLE4101B | B.Eng Dissertation in related area or an equivalent two semester research project in a related area as approved by the Head of Department, Materials Science & Engineering (only 4 Units from the project will count towards the specialization) |

Specialization in ROBOTICS (minimum 20 Units)

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| <p>You spend the first two years building a solid foundation in engineering. Specialisation starts from Stage 3, when you read related technical electives as shown below. In Stage 4, you select a Final Year Project (FYP) that is related to robotics.</p> <p>Must complete</p> <p>(1) 12 Units from basket of courses AND complete a Final Year Project (8 Units) in the area of Robotics</p> <p>OR</p> <p>(2) 20 Units from basket of courses</p> <p>Basket of courses:</p> <p>BN4203 Robotics in Rehabilitation</p> <p>BN4601 Intelligent Medical Robotics</p> <p>EE4308 Autonomous Robot Systems</p> <p>EE4309 Robot Perception</p> <p>EE4311 Fuzzy Logic and Neuro Fuzzy Systems</p> <p>EE4312 Artificial Neural Networks</p> <p>EE4314 Eyes from above: Guidance, Navigation and Control</p> <p>EE4705 Human-Robot Interaction</p> <p>EE3305/ME3243 Robotic System Design</p> <p>ME4242 Soft Robotics</p> <p>ME4245 Robot Mechanics and Control</p> <p>ME5406* Deep Learning for Robotics</p> <p>MLE4228 Robotic Materials</p> <p>RB4301 Robot Learning</p> <p>* Only Stage 4 students with GPA ≥ 3.5 are allowed to read level 5000 courses.</p> <p>To guide students in choosing the elective courses in a focused manner, the elective courses are arranged in three tracks. Students are encouraged to choose their three elective courses within the same track. However, students are allowed to “mix-and-match” the electives outside these tracks.</p> | | |
| Track 1: Smart Mechanism Design | Track 2: Robot Intelligence | Track 3: Collaborative Systems |
| Robot Mechanics and Control | Autonomous Robot Systems | Robot Perception |
| Intelligent Medical Robotics | Fuzzy/Neural Systems for Intelligent Robotics | Human-Robot Interaction |
| Soft Robotics | Robot Perception | Soft Robotics |
| Materials for Robotic Sensing and Actuation | Robot Mechanics and Control | Robotics in Rehabilitation |
| Artificial Neural Networks | Deep Learning for Robotics | Deep Learning for Robotics |
| | Materials for Robotic Sensing and Actuation | Robotic System Design |
| | Fuzzy Logic and Neuro Fuzzy | Materials for Robotic Sensing and Actuation |

* Prerequisites of MLE courses can be waived for Non-MSE students. They are recommended to take MLE2301 Introduction to Materials Science & Engineering

Specialization in MICROELECTRONICS AND QUANTUM MATERIALS (minimum 20 Units)

MLE2105 Electronic Properties of Materials

EE2027 Electronic Circuits

Select electives courses from list below

EE3431C Microelectronics Materials and Devices

EE4409 Modern Microelectronic Devices & Sensors

EE4435 Modern Transistors and Memory Devices

EE4437 Photonics – Principles and Application

EE4438 Solar Cells and Modules

MLE3105 Dielectric and Magnetic Materials

MLE4201 Advanced Materials Characterisation

MLE4207 Microfabrication Process and Technology OR EE4436 Fabrication Process Technology

MLE4219 Materials for Optics: from Quantum Light to Nanodevices

MLE4220 Two-Dimensional Materials

MLE4222 Electron transport in novel quantum materials

MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation in related area / EE4002D in related area / EE4002R in related area or an equivalent two semester research project in a related area as approved by the Head of Department for either Materials Science & Engineering or Electrical & Computer Engineering;

(only 4 Units from the project will count towards the specialisation)

* Prerequisites of MLE courses can be waived for Non-MSE students. They are recommended to take MLE2301 Introduction to Materials Science & Engineering

Table 5: Recommended Semester Schedule for A-Level Intake

If physics bridging course (PC1201) or chemistry bridging course (CM1417) is required in semester 1, push GEA1000 to semester 3.

If both bridging courses are required in semester 1, push GEA1000, CE2407A and MA1513 to semester 3.

EE2211 will be pushed to semester 5 as CE2407A and MA1513 need to be cleared before reading EE2211.

| Course | Units | Course | Units |
|--|-----------|--|------------|
| Semester 1 | | Semester 2 | |
| MLE1001B Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice I | 4 | MLE2001A Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice II | 4 |
| CE2407A Uncertainty Analysis for Engineers | 2 | CS1010E Programming Methodology | 4 |
| DTK1234 Design Thinking | 4 | EG1311 Design and Make | 4 |
| GEA1000 Quantitative Reasoning with Data | 4 | MA1511 Engineering Calculus | 2 |
| MA1513 Linear Algebra with Differential Equations | 2 | MA1512 Differential Equations for Engineering | 2 |
| PF1101 Project Management/ PF1101A Project Management and Finance | 4 | GESS/GEC/GEN | 4 |
| Sub-total | 20 | Sub-total | 20 |
| Semester 3 | | Semester 4 | |
| MLE2102 Thermodynamics and Renewable Energy Technologies | 4 | MLE2105 Electronic Properties of Materials | 4 |
| EE2211 Introduction to Machine Learning/ | 4 | ES2631 Critique and Communication of Thinking and Design | 4 |
| EG2501/CDE2501 Liveable Cities # | 4 | IE2141 Systems Thinking and Dynamics # | 4 |
| EG2401A Engineering Professionalism | 2 | GESS/GEC/GEN | 4 |
| UE | 4 | UE | 4 |
| UE | 4 | | |
| Sub-total | 22 | Sub-total | 20 |
| Semester 5 | | Semester 6 | |
| MLE2103A Materials Kinetics & Processing | 2 | EG3611A Industrial Attachment * | 10 |
| MLE3101A Materials Characterization | 3 | MLE Technical Elective | 4 |
| MLE3101 Materials Characterization Laboratory | 3 | UE | 4 |
| GESS/GEC/GEN | 4 | | |
| UE | 4 | | |
| UE | 4 | | |
| Sub-total | 20 | Sub-total | 18 |
| Semester 7 | | Semester 8 | |
| MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation or MLE4102A Design Project (over two semesters) | 4 | MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation or MLE4102A Design Project (over two semesters) | 4 |
| MLE3103 Materials Design: Aerospace to Biomedical Applications | 4 | MLE3112 Machine Learning Approaches in Materials Laboratory | 2 |
| MLE3111A Materials Properties and Processing Laboratory | 2 | MLE Technical Elective | 4 |
| CDE2000 Creating Narratives # | 4 | UE | 4 |
| UE | 4 | UE | 4 |
| | | UE | 4 |
| Sub-total | 18 | Sub-total | 22 |
| Total Units | | | 160 |

* EG3611A

- Students are highly encouraged to complete MLE3101A Materials Characterization and MLE3101 Materials Characterization Laboratory (in semester 5 or map from SEP) before doing EG3611A Industrial Attachment in semester 6.
- Can be replaced by:

EG3612 Vacation Industrial attachment (6 Units) + either
 CFG2101 NUS Vacation Internship Programme (4 Units) or
 EG2605/CDE2605 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Programme (4 Units) or
 CDE2605R Undergraduate Research Experience (4 Units)
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Table 6: Recommended Semester Schedule for Poly Intake

Assumes 38 Units of advanced placement credits are granted and physics bridging course (PC1201) is required.

If maths bridging course (MA1301) is required in semester 1, push CE2407A and MA1513 to semester 3.

EE2211 will be pushed to semester 5 as CE2407A and MA1513 need to be cleared before reading EE2211.

| Course | Units | Course | Units |
|--|-----------|--|------------|
| Semester 1 | | Semester 2 | |
| MLE1001B Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice I | 4 | MLE2001A Materials Science & Engineering Principles & Practice II | 4 |
| CE2407A Uncertainty Analysis for Engineers | 2 | CS1010E Programming Methodology | 4 |
| PC1201 Fundamentals of physics | 4 | UE | 4 |
| GEA1000 Quantitative Reasoning with Data | 4 | MA1511 Engineering Calculus | 2 |
| MA1513 Linear Algebra with Differential Equations | 2 | MA1512 Differential Equations for Engineering | 2 |
| PF1101 Project Management/ PF1101A Project Management and Finance | 4 | GESS/GEC/GEN | 4 |
| Sub-total | 20 | Sub-total | 20 |
| Semester 3 | | Semester 4 | |
| MLE2102 Thermodynamics and Renewable Energy Technologies | 4 | MLE2105 Electronic Properties of Materials | 4 |
| EE2211 Introduction to Machine Learning | 4 | ES2631 Critique and Communication of Thinking and Design | 4 |
| EG2501/CDE2501 Liveable Cities # | 4 | IE2141 Systems Thinking and Dynamics # | 4 |
| EG2401A Engineering Professionalism | 2 | GESS/GEC/GEN | 4 |
| MLE3101A Materials Characterization | 3 | MLE Technical Elective | 4 |
| MLE3101 Materials Characterization Laboratory | 3 | | |
| MLE2103A Materials Kinetics & Processing | 2 | | |
| Sub-total | 22 | Sub-total | 20 |
| Semester 5 | | Semester 6 | |
| MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation or MLE4102A Design Project (over two semesters) | 4 | MLE4101B B.Eng. Dissertation or MLE4102A Design Project (over two semesters) | 4 |
| MLE3103 Materials Design: Aerospace to Biomedical Applications | 4 | MLE3112 Machine Learning Approaches in Materials Laboratory | 2 |
| MLE3111A Materials Properties and Processing Laboratory | 2 | MLE Technical Elective | 4 |
| CDE2000 Creating Narratives # | 4 | UE | 4 |
| GESS/GEC/GEN | 4 | UE | 4 |
| | | UE | 4 |
| Sub-total | 18 | Sub-total | 22 |
| Total Units | | | 122 |

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Changes with effect from AY25/26 Sem 1 (For cohort AY2022/2023 to AY2024/2025)

With effect from AY25/26 Sem 1, CDE has introduced **additional graduation requirements** for students from **cohort AY2022/2023 to AY2024/2025**.

Students need to read **MSE technical courses** to meet graduation requirements.

The minimum number of additional technical courses you are required to read is based on your year of matriculation and your normal programme duration (NPD). The NPD for Bachelor of Materials Science and Engineering degrees is four years for most students. For local polytechnic diploma holders who were awarded advanced placement credits, the NPD is three years. In general, the new requirement represents one additional technical course per year of study remaining. The table below shows the minimum number of additional technical courses required for each group of students.

| Year of Matriculation | Normal programme duration: Four years | Normal programme duration: Three years |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| AY2022/2023 | One additional technical course | None (due to graduate) |
| AY2023/2024 | Two additional technical courses | One additional technical course |
| AY2024/2025 | Three additional technical courses | Two additional technical courses |

Students may use the following space in the Common Curriculum to read the additional technical courses:

- Take a technical course in lieu of Systems Thinking pillar
- Take a technical course in lieu of Creating Narratives pillar
- CDE2501 to be read towards the Singapore Studies pillar if students have not read any GESS.
- To take a technical course in lieu of the Sustainable Futures pillar

If you do not have sufficient space in these three pillars you will need to use your Unrestricted Electives to read the additional technical courses.

For the following groups of students, you will not be affected by the new curriculum changes:

- Cohorts AY2021/22 & earlier
- Cohort AY2022/2023 who have completed your degree requirements by the end of AY2024/2025

For more information, please refer to Curriculum Structure - College of Design and Engineering

List of MSE Technical Courses

MLE2108 Structure and Mechanical Properties of Materials

Course Information:

This course provides a broad overview of the fundamental principles governing the structure and mechanical behaviour of materials. The first half explores crystallography, including symmetry, unit cells, Bravais lattices, and diffraction techniques (x-ray and neutron diffraction with a focus on powder diffraction). The second half delves into the mechanical properties, focusing on stress and strain tensors, different stress states, and defects in solids. Students will also examine dislocation movements and the forces that influence material strength. This course equips students with essential knowledge for understanding the structure-property relationships in engineering materials.

Units: 4

Grading Basis: Graded

MLE3104 Polymeric and Composite Materials

Course Information:

Classification of polymers, polymer structure, molecular weight distribution; Basic synthetic and characterisation methods; Amorphous state and glass transition, crystalline state; General properties of polymers: physical, chemical, mechanical and electrical; Engineering and specialty polymers: processing and applications; Polymer-based composite materials: fabrication, structure and properties.

Prerequisite:

If undertaking an Undergraduate Degree then (must have completed 1 of CM1121/CM1501/MLE1001/MLE1002/MLE1101/MLE1111/MLE2102/MLE2301 at a grade of at least D)

Units: 4

Grading Basis: Graded

MLE3203 Engineering Materials

Course Information:

This module focuses on engineering materials – metals and ceramics. Crystalline structure of important industrial metals and ceramics. Mineral processing and materials fabrication. Phase formation and development and microstructure optimization for engineering applications.

Prerequisite:

If undertaking an Undergraduate Degree then (must have completed 1 of MLE1001/MLE1002/MLE1111/MLE2102 at a grade of at least D)

Preclusion:

If undertaking an Undergraduate Degree then (must not have completed 1 of MLE2106/MLE2107 at a grade of at least D)

Units: 4

Grading Basis: Graded