ABA - AGRICULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENG

ABE Class Schedule (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/ABE/)

Courses

ABE 100  Intro Agric & Biological Engr  credit: 1 Hour. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/100/)
Introduction to the engineering profession with career opportunities in the agricultural and biological engineering discipline. Concepts necessary for becoming a successful engineer including time management, design concepts, ethics, and teambuilding. Familiarization with laboratories, computer facilities, internships, and other opportunities. Team design experience. Emphasis on technical communication and problem-solving skills as well as career planning.

ABE 141  ABE Principles: Biological  credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/141/)
Principles of biology relevant to agriculture, food, energy, and the environment, including microbiology, biochemistry, genetics, plant and animal systems, and ecosystems. Case studies of engineering applications where these biological principles have been taken into account or leveraged for the purpose of design.

ABE 152  Water in the Global Environment  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/152/)
This course develops a comprehensive understanding and appreciation of water and its impact in a global context. The course emphasizes cultural practices associated with water and its use, especially for regions in non-western cultures. Students will develop critical knowledge of: 1) water availability, water quality, and global challenges; 2) historical perspectives of water use; 3) past, present, and future environmental sustainability in relation to water, food, and energy; and 4) conduct analysis of cultural practices and their sustainability based on water in a global context. Students attend 3-4 field trips related to the course.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Cultural Studies - Non-West
Nat Sci Tech - Phys Sciences

ABE 199  Undergraduate Open Seminar  credit: 1 to 5 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/199/)
May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours.

ABE 223  ABE Principles: Machine Syst  credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/223/)
Machinery systems for off-road applications: internal combustion engines; fluid power; tractors, and traction; chemical application; grain harvesting. Prerequisite: One of MATH 220, MATH 221, MATH 234.

ABE 224  ABE Principles: Soil & Water  credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/224/)
Engineering principles and methods of design and management of natural resources and environmental systems; watershed and hydrologic cycle; infiltration and surveying; runoff and erosion; water quality; non-point source pollution. Prerequisite: One of MATH 220, MATH 221, MATH 234.

ABE 225  ABE Principles: Bioenvironment  credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/225/)
Principles of environmental control for biological structures: psychrometrics; mass and heat transfer through buildings; ventilation requirements. Prerequisite: One of MATH 220, MATH 221, MATH 234.

ABE 226  ABE Principles: Bioprocessing  credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/226/)
Principles of bioprocess engineering applied to food and agricultural products: material balances; fluid flow; heat and mass transfers; drying; evaporation; fermentation; distillation; process simulation. Prerequisite: One of MATH 220, MATH 221, MATH 234.

ABE 232  Context in International Interventions  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/232/)
This multi-disciplinary course will examine a new approach to infrastructure engineering for alternately developed societies that seeks to counteract the disconnects and differing objectives among project stakeholders that result in lack of infrastructure sustainability and resiliency. Using a case study from Western Africa, the course will consider the impact of globalization, the attitudes of industrialized societies, and the role of place-based knowledge in designing and implementing infrastructure interventions for rural societies. Same as AFST 233.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Cultural Studies - Non-West
Social Beh Sci - Soc Sci

ABE 340  Thermodynamics for Agricultural and Biological Engineering  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/340/)
Fundamental concepts of thermodynamics will be presented and applied to the discipline of Agricultural and Biological Engineering. Topics will include forms of energy and the first law of thermodynamics as well as energy balances on closed and open systems. Also included are the second law of thermodynamics, concepts of entropy, refrigeration and cooling. A laboratory/discussion section will explore application of thermodynamic principles applied to Agricultural and Biological Engineering systems: thermodynamics of flow processes, mass and energy balances for non-reacting systems, mechanical energy balances, thermodynamics of food drying, freezing and reaction kinetics of biological systems. Credit is not given for ABE 340 and either ME 200 or CHBE 321. Prerequisite: MATH 241.

ABE 341  Transport Processes in ABE  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/341/)
Principles of transport processes involving momentum, heat, and mass as applied to biological systems in agriculture, food, energy, and the environment. Credit is not given for both ABE 341 and CHBE 421. Prerequisite: ABE 223, ABE 224, ABE 225, ABE 226, and PHYS 213.
ABE 361 Functional Analysis and Design of Agricultural Machine Systems credit: 3 Hours. Design and development concepts of agricultural machines; analysis and synthesis of tillage, planting, harvesting, chemical application, material handling mechanisms, and precision farming tools. Prerequisite: TAM 212.

ABE 397 Independent Study credit: 1 to 4 Hours. Individual research, special problems, thesis, development or design work under the supervision of a member of the faculty. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ABE 398 Special Topics credit: 1 to 3 Hours. Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in agricultural and biological engineering intended to augment the existing curriculum. See Class Schedule or departmental course information for topics and prerequisites. May be repeated in the same or separate term if topics vary to a maximum of 12 hours.

ABE 425 Engrg Measurement Systems credit: 4 Hours. Principles of instrumentation systems, including sensing, signal conditioning, computerized data acquisition, test design, data analysis and synthesis. Additional fees may apply. See Class Schedule. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Credit is not given for both ABE 425 and ME 360. Prerequisite: ECE 205.

ABE 426 Principles of Mobile Robotics credit: 4 Hours. Prepares students in design, navigation, control, and autonomy of aerial and ground robots that operate in harsh, uncertain, and changing field environments. Covers three primary aspects of field robotics: perception (sensing), motion control, and data analytics, and bring everything together through labs involving ground robots and flying unmanned aircraft (drones). Same as ECE 426. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: MATH 221, MATH 225, and MATH 285, or ABE 415, or ABE 440, IE 300, or STAT 400 or equiv, CS 125 or equiv., or graduate standing.

ABE 430 Project Management credit: 2 Hours. Engineering team effectiveness; project definition; assessing related technologies; marketing and business planning related to engineering; budgeting and financial analyses of engineering projects; safety, ethics and environmental considerations; intellectual property; engineering proposal presentation. Same as ETMA 430. 2 undergraduate hours. 2 graduate hours.

ABE 436 Renewable Energy Systems credit: 3 or 4 Hours. Renewable energy sources and applications, including solar, geothermal, wind, and biomass. Renewable energy's role in reducing air pollution and global climate change. Capstone project to design a system for converting renewable energy into thermal or electrical energy. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Credit is not given for both ABE 436 and TSM 438. Prerequisite: PHYS 211.

ABE 440 Applied Statistical Methods I credit: 4 Hours. Same as ANSC 440, CPSC 440, FSHN 440, NRES 440, and NUTR 440. See CPSC 440.


ABE 446 Biological Nanoengineering credit: 3 or 4 Hours. Nanodevice design through organization of functional biological components; bio-molecular function and bioconjugation techniques in nanotechnology; modulation of biological systems using nanotechnology; issues related to applying biological nanotechnology in food energy, health, and the environment. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: MCB 150.

ABE 450 International Water Project I credit: 3 Hours. First of two courses that assists an international rural community in establishing a sustainable water system. Serve a developing community effectively by working closely with alumni mentors and professional advisors on conceptual design development. Have the opportunity to travel to Honduras during Winter Break. Open to students in all majors. Same as LAST 440. 3 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit.

ABE 451 International Water Project II credit: 3 Hours. Second of two courses that assists an international rural community in establishing a holistic water system. Complete final engineering designs, project funding documents and governance guidance by working closely with alumni mentors and professional advisors. Open to students in all majors. Same as LAST 441. 3 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. Prerequisite: ABE 450 or instructor approval.

ABE 452 Engineering for Disaster Resilience credit: 3 or 4 Hours. A project-based experience designed to engage students in development of resilient food, energy, and water supply chains designs for disaster-prone regions. Students will investigate background factors that provide context for specific disaster-prone regions and viable design solutions. Students will quantify expected engineering reliability to potential solutions. Students will work with local communities, aid organizations, and peer institutions when identifying resilient designs, eventually seeking pathways to implement solutions with partner communities. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated one time by undergraduate students if the term project differs from previous term, up to total credit of 6 hr for undergraduate students.

ABE 454 Environmental Soil Physics credit: 3 Hours. Provides the theoretical basis for understanding and quantifying the physical, hydrological, geotechnical, and thermal properties of soil in relation to environmental processes. Topics include general soil properties as a porous media, particle size, soil structure and aggregation, water retention and potential, flow in saturated soil, flow in an unsaturated soil, soil temperature and heat flow, soil mechanics, infiltration, and soil-plant-water relations. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: TAM 335 or NRES 201 or consent of instructor.

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ABE 455 Erosion and Sediment Control credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/455/)
Processes, estimation, and control of soil erosion by water, wind and resultant sedimentation. Upland, in-channel, urban, agricultural, disturbed (both military training and mining), and forested environments. Capstone experience in site planning and design. 2 undergraduate hours. 2 graduate hours. Prerequisite: CEE 350 or NRES 401; CEE 380 or NRES 201.

ABE 456 Land & Water Resources Engrg credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/456/)
Hydrology, hydraulics, design, construction and cost estimating of structures for the conservation and quality control of soil and water resources; relationship of topography, soils, crops, climate, and cultural practices in conservation and quality control of soil and water for agriculture. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in TAM 335.

ABE 457 NPS Pollution Processes credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/457/)
Principles, concepts, and analysis of processes for nonpoint source pollution involving sediment, inorganic and organic chemicals, and microbial pathogens; hydrologic and pollutant interactions, pollutant fate and transport processes from storm water runoff and percolation; impact of pollutant transport on receiving water and ecosystems. 2 undergraduate hours. 2 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ABE 224 or CEE 350.

ABE 458 NPS Pollution Modeling credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/458/)
Concepts, principles, and application of modeling for assessment and management of agricultural nonpoint source pollution. Modeling of agroecosystems and land use impacts on hydrologic and water quality response of upland catchments. Model selection, calibration, validation, and application for comparative analysis. Case studies in current watershed management issues, with a focus on agricultural waste and nutrient management, using existing field and watershed nonpoint source pollution models. 2 undergraduate hours. 2 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ABE 457.

ABE 459 Drainage and Water Management credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/459/)
Design, construction, performance, and maintenance of agricultural drainage systems to meet both production and water quality objectives. Modeling drainage systems. Principles of conservation drainage. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in TAM 335.

ABE 463 Electrohydraulic Systems credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/463/)
Engineering principles of electrohydraulic control systems related to off-road vehicles. Basics of fluid power systems, concepts of electrohydraulic systems and controls, analysis and design of electrohydraulic control systems, and applications of electrohydraulic control. Additional fees may apply. See Class Schedule. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ECE 110 or both ECE 205 and ECE 206; ME 310 or TAM 335.

ABE 466 Engineering Off-Road Vehicles credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/466/)
Design and application of off-road vehicles for farm and construction use; thermodynamics of engines; measurement of power and efficiencies; power transmission and traction; chassis mechanics; operator environment. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One of ABE 361, CHBE 421, TAM 335; or credit or concurrent registration in ME 370. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:

Advanced Composition

ABE 474 Indoor Environmental Control credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/474/)
Analysis of indoor environments and relationship with humans, animals and plants. Interactions between facilities operation and both human comfort and animal plant production. Psychrometrics, occupant health and comfort, structural heat transfer, heating and cooling loads, and energy and mass balances as related to indoor environment, air properties, and ventilation. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: TAM 335, and ME 300 or CHBE 321, or consent of instructor.

ABE 476 Indoor Air Quality Engineering credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/476/)
Principles and applications of indoor air quality. Particle mechanics, gas kinetics, air quality sampling principles and techniques, air cleaning technologies such as filters, cyclones, electrostatic precipitation for indoor environments; ventilation effectiveness for pollutant control. Research or design project. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: PHYS 213, MATH 285, and TAM 335.

ABE 482 Package Engineering credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/482/)
Same as FSHN 469. See FSHN 469.

ABE 483 Engineering Properties of Food Materials credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/483/)
Physical properties of foods and biological materials; properties relating to equipment design and the sensing and control of food processes; thermal, electromagnetic radiation, rheological, and other mechanical properties. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Senior status in engineering or consent of instructor.

ABE 488 Bioprocessing Biomass for Fuel credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/488/)
Engineering and scientific principles governing bioprocessing of biomass for production of ethanol and other fermentation products. Process unit operations; conventional and alternative feed stock materials; recovery of value-added coproducts and other variables involved in producing fuel ethanol; process simulation; economic analysis. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: ME 200 or CHBE 321. Restricted to students with junior or senior class standing.
ABE 497 Independent Study  credit: 1 to 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/497/)
Individual research, special problems, thesis, development or design work under the supervision of a member of the faculty. 1 to 4 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ABE 498 Special Topics  credit: 1 to 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/498/)
Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in agricultural and biological engineering intended to augment the existing curriculum. See Class Schedule or departmental course information for topics and prerequisites. 1 to 4 undergraduate hours. 1 to 4 graduate hours. May be repeated in the same or separate terms if topics vary to a maximum of 16 hours.

ABE 501 Graduate Research I  credit: 1 Hour. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/501/)
Basic research orientation, research methods, presentation skills, laboratory practices, case studies, and professional and ethical conduct.

ABE 502 Graduate Research II  credit: 1 Hour. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/502/)
Research methodology, teaching methods, lecture preparation and delivery, critical review of scientific articles, peer review and publishing, mentoring and peer relationships, time management, and intellectual property.

ABE 526 Autonomous Systems and Robots  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/526/)
The objective of this course is to cover theory and techniques essential for building cyber-physical systems capable of autonomous decision making in the real-world. This course will lay a foundation for theory and techniques in autonomous planning, machine learning, and adaptive sequential decision making. Topics covered include Planning under uncertainty, Bayesian Nonparametric machine learning, Deep learning and Neural Networks, Markov Decision Processes, and Reinforcement Learning. A key emphasis of the course is placed on transition of fundamental aspects of autonomous decision making to application on robotics systems. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: MATH 225; MATH 416, or equivalent; STAT 400, MATH 461 or equivalent. An introductory course in machine learning (e.g. CS 446), control (e.g. SE 422), robotics (e.g. ABE 424, ECE 470), OR Artificial Intelligence (CS 440) is required. An introductory software programming course is recommended. Restricted to graduate students in Engineering.

ABE 532 Advanced Contextual Design  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/532/)
Contextual Engineering addresses the loss of infrastructure usability, sustainability, and resiliency in non-industrialized societal settings that often results from disconnects and differing objectives among stakeholders. Using case studies and technical infrastructure designs, the impacts of globalization, Western attitudes, power dynamics, and place-based knowledge are explored and applied to infrastructure design and implementation processes, particularly when serving rural societies. Application of these concepts will then be conducted for specific design efforts associated with the student's own engineering discipline. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit.

ABE 594 Graduate Seminar  credit: 0 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/594/)
Presentations of thesis research by graduate students; other presentations on teaching or current research issues related to agricultural and biological engineering. Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated up to a maximum of 6 times.

ABE 597 Independent Study  credit: 1 to 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/597/)
Individual investigations or studies of any phases of agricultural engineering selected by the student and approved by the advisor and the faculty member who will supervise the study. May be repeated to a maximum of 16 hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ABE 598 Special Topics  credit: 1 to 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/598/)
Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in agricultural and biological engineering intended to augment the existing curriculum. See Class Schedule or departmental course information for topics and prerequisites. May be repeated in the same or separate terms if topics vary to a maximum of 8 hours.

ABE 599 Thesis Research  credit: 0 to 16 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/ABE/599/)
Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated.