GENERAL ENGINEERING (GE)

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

Courses

GE 100 Introduction to ISE credit: 1 Hour.
Overview of the engineering profession, the Industrial & Enterprise Systems Engineering Department, and the curricula in General Engineering and Industrial Engineering.

GE 101 Engineering Graphics & Design credit: 3 Hours.
Computer-aided design (CAD) software modeling of parts and assemblies. Parametric and non-parametric solid, surface, and wireframe models. Part editing and two-dimensional documentation of models. Planar projection theory, including sketching of perspective, isometric, multiview, auxiliary, and section views. Spatial visualization exercises. Dimensioning guidelines, tolerancing techniques. Team design project. Credit is not given for both GE 101 and ME 170.

GE 199 Undergraduate Open Seminar credit: 1 to 5 Hours.
May be repeated.

GE 261 Business Side of Engineering credit: 1 Hour.
Important elements and metrics of business and contemporary engineering economics: wealth creation, cash flow diagrams, internal rate of return, net present value, breakeven analysis, companies, corporations, profits, prices, balance sheets, income statements, and the basics of business plan writing. Particular emphasis is given to preparation for the economic analysis component of engineering practice.

GE 297 Independent Study credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Individual investigations of any phase of General Engineering selected by the students and approved by the department. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

GE 298 Special Topics credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in general 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 9 hours.

GE 310 General Engineering Design credit: 3 Hours.
Fundamental concepts in the classical and computer-based analysis and design of structural and machine components and assemblies. External loads, internal forces, and displacements in statically determinate and indeterminate configurations: kinematics of linkages, gears, and cams; static forces in machines. Prerequisite: CS 101, TAM 212, and TAM 251. Credit or concurrent enrollment in MATH 415.

GE 311 Engineering Design Analysis credit: 3 Hours.
Stress-strain conditions; analytical and numerical (CAD) solution techniques; analysis of various engineering materials and configurations as applied to the development and application of design analysis criteria. Prerequisite: GE 310; concurrent registration in GE 312.

GE 312 Instrumentation and Test Lab credit: 1 Hour.
Preparation for experimental projects; mechanical and electrical instruments; mechanical testing of materials; experimental stress analysis and photoelastic methods. Prerequisite: GE 310; concurrent registration in GE 311.

GE 320 Control Systems credit: 4 Hours.
Fundamental control systems and control systems technology. Sensors, actuators, modeling of physical systems, design and implementation of feedback controllers; operational techniques used in describing, analyzing and designing linear continuous systems; Laplace transforms; response via transfer functions; stability; performance specifications; controller design via transfer functions; frequency response; simple nonlinearities. Credit is not given for both GE 320 and either AE 353 or ME 340. Prerequisite: CS 101, MATH 285, and TAM 212; credit or concurrent registration in ECE 211.

GE 361 Emotional Intelligence Skills credit: 3 Hours.
Understanding emotions in ourselves and others. Assessment and improvement of interpersonal skills and emotional intelligence competencies including self-regulation, motivation, empathetic listening, communication, influence collaboration and cooperation, conflict management, leadership, teamwork, and managing change. Includes one Saturday laboratory session.

GE 390 General Engineering Seminar credit: 0 Hours.
Lecture-discussion series by department faculty and visiting professional engineers addressing ethics, professional registration, the role of technical societies, and the relation of engineering to such disciplines as economics, sociology, and government. Approved for S/U grading only.

GE 397 Independent Study credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Individual investigations or studies of any phase of General Engineering selected by the students and approved by the department. May be repeated in same term. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

GE 398 Special Topics credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in general 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 9 hours.

GE 400 Engineering Law credit: 3 Hours.
Nature and development of the legal system; legal rights and duties important to engineers in their professions; contracts, uniform commercial code and sales of goods, torts, agency, worker’s compensation, labor law, property, environmental law, intellectual property. 3 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. Prerequisite: RHET 105.

GE 402 Comp-Aided Product Realization credit: 3 Hours.
Computer-aided design, analysis, and prototyping tools used in the produce development process. Principles of computer graphics and geometric modeling, including transformations, coordinate systems, parametric solid modeling, spline curves, and surface modeling. Finite element and kinematics analyses. Rapid prototyping, product dissection, CAD-CAM-CAE operability issues, and CAD collaboration tools. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: GE 101 and GE 311.

GE 410 Component Design credit: 3 Hours.
Design of basic engineering components: structural members, machine parts, and connections. Principles applied include: material failure (yield, fracture, fatigue); buckling and other instabilities; design reliability; analytical simulation. 3 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. Prerequisite: GE 311 and GE 320.

GE 411 Reliability Engineering credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Concepts in engineering design, testing, and management for highly reliable components and systems. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: IE 300.
GE 412  Nondestructive Evaluation  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Nondestructive Evaluation (NDE) principles and the role of NDE in design, manufacturing, and maintenance. Primary Nondestructive Testing and Evaluation (NDT&E), introduced from the fundamental laws of physics, including visual, ultrasonic, acoustic emission, acousto-ultrasonic, radiology, electro-magnetic, eddy-current, penetrant, thermal, and holographic. Industrial applications of probability of flaw detection, material properties characterization, impact and fatigue damage evaluation, adhesion, etc. Current literature. Prerequisite: CEE 300.

GE 413  Engnr Design Optimization  credit: 3 Hours.
Application of optimization techniques to engineering design problems. Emphasis on problem formulation, including applications in structural, mechanical, and other design domains. Important theoretical results and numerical optimization methods. Matlab programming assignments to develop software for solving nonlinear mathematical programming problems. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: GE 241 and MATH 415.

GE 420  Digital Control Systems  credit: 4 Hours.
Theory and techniques for control of dynamic processes by digital computer; linear discrete systems, digital filters, sampling signal reconstruction, digital design, state space methods, computers, state estimators, and laboratory techniques. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: GE 320.

GE 421  Multivariable Control Design  credit: 4 Hours.
Identification and building of mathematical and computational models to develop software for solving nonlinear mathematical programming problems. Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in general 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 same term. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

GE 422  Robot Dynamics and Control  credit: 4 Hours.
Fundamental concepts and analytical methods for analysis and design of robot systems. Laboratory experiments complement theoretical development. Same as ECE 489 and ME 446. Prerequisite: GE 320. Recommended: ECE 470.

GE 423  Mechatronics  credit: 3 Hours.
Mechatronics concepts and practice: computer interfacing of physical devices (sensors, actuators); data acquisition; real time programming and real time control; human-machine interfaces; design principles of mechatronics in manufacturing systems and in consumer systems. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: GE 320.

GE 424  State Space Design for Control  credit: 3 Hours.
Design methods; time domain modeling; trajectories and phase plane analysis; similarity transforms; controllability and observability; pole placement and observers; linear quadratic optimal control; Lyapunov stability and describing functions; simulation. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: GE 320 and MATH 415.

GE 450  Decision Analysis I  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Rules of thought that transform complex decision situations into simpler ones where the course of action is clear. Practical application of decision analysis in large organizations; methods to generate insights into real-life decision problems, avoid the common pitfalls in decision processes, and overcome the possible barriers to implementing a high-quality decision-making process for individual and organizational decision making; graphical representations of decision problems such as decision diagrams and utility diagrams. 3 or 4 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: IE 300.

GE 462  Leading Sustainable Change  credit: 3 Hours.
Theories and process of change; systems thinking concerning change consequences; building coalitions and communities to support change; implementing and managing projects effectively. Processes to plan, implement, manage, and sustain change with an organization through alignment of change strategies with organizational and individual concerns. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours.

GE 494  Senior Engineering Project I  credit: 3 Hours.
Senior engineering project - team component. Student teams of three or four, guided by faculty advisors, develop solutions to real-world engineering problems provided by industry-partnering companies, subject to realistic constraints and supported by economic analyses and recommendations for implementation. Prototype solutions fabricated where practical. Multiple reports and presentations throughout the term. Several trips to company typical. Common project grade for all team members. GE 494 and GE 495 taken concurrently fulfill the Advanced Composition Requirement. Approval of the department is required to register. 3 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. Prerequisite: GE 311, IE 300, IE 310, and TAM 335; or IE 430, IE 310, IE 311, and IE Technical Elective; credit or concurrent registration in a GE Design Elective and IE Engineering Science Elective. Must enroll concurrently in GE 495. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: UIUC: Advanced Composition

GE 495  Senior Engineering Project II  credit: 2 Hours.
Adjunct to GE 494. Senior engineering project – individual component. Individual grade for each team member. GE 494 and GE 495 taken concurrently fulfill the Advanced Composition Requirement. 2 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. Prerequisite: Concurrent registration in GE 494. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: UIUC: Advanced Composition

GE 497  Independent Study  credit: 0 to 4 Hours.
Advanced problems related to General Engineering. 0 to 4 undergraduate hours. 0 to 4 graduate hours. Approved for Letter and S/U grading. May be repeated in same term. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

GE 498  Special Topics  credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in general 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 9 undergraduate hours or 12 graduate hours.

GE 520  Analysis of Nonlinear Systems  credit: 4 Hours.
Same as ECE 528 and ME 546. See ECE 528.

GE 521  Multivariable Control Design  credit: 4 Hours.
Same as AE 555. See AE 555.

GE 523  Discrete Event Dynamic Systems  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Modeling, analysis, control, and performance evaluation of discrete event dynamic systems (DEDS), which are characterized by state changes only at discrete points in time in response to the occurrence of particular events. Discrete-state and discrete-event models decidability, computational issues, forbidden-state problems, forbidden-string problems, enforcing safety and liveness properties via supervision, generalized semi-Markov processes, sensitivity analysis via likelihood ratio and infinitesimal perturbation methods. Prerequisite: CS 173 or MATH 213; CS 225; MATH 415; MATH 461.

GE 524  Data-Based Systems Modeling  credit: 4 Hours.
Identification and building of mathematical and computational models directly from data. Systems and model types, such as state-space and distributed-parameter; parametric estimation methods, such as regression and least-squares recent subspace identification methods; data preprocessing techniques; model validation methods. Assignment applications to a wide range of dynamical systems, including biological, electro-mechanical, and economic. Prerequisite: GE 424 and IE 300.
GE 525  Control of Complex Systems  credit: 4 Hours.
Control methodologies for complex (i.e., interconnected) dynamic systems. A unified framework based on the vector Liapunov functions concept is used to examine various methodologies: decentralized overlapping control; optimal control of interconnected systems; multiplayer differential game theory; decentralized optimization and its link with the multi-criteria optimization. Illustrative examples in areas such as control of groups of unmanned vehicles, control of power systems, and coverage control. Prerequisite: GE 424.

GE 530  Multiattribute Decision Making  credit: 4 Hours.
Tools for subjective multiple attribute decision making when present or future states of nature are uncertain. Exploration of current research in developing computer aids to decision making. Issues in descriptive versus normative approaches in the context of the interface between operations research and artificial intelligence. Multiattribute utility analysis from theoretical foundations through assessment procedures, practice, and pitfalls of potential cognitive bases. Prerequisite: CEE 202 or IE 300.

GE 550  Decision Analysis II  credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Continuation of GE 450. Fundamental requirements of a decision-making system; comparison of different decision-making methods; "paradoxes" in decision making; foundations and history of probability as a degree of belief; Bayesian vs. classical statistics; entropy of a random variable; experimentation and optimal stopping; invariance formulations in utility and probability; one-switch preferences; graph-based methods to incorporate dependence in multiattribute utility functions. Prerequisite: GE 450.

GE 590  Seminar  credit: 0 Hours.
Presentations by graduate students, staff, and guest lecturers of current topics in research and development in General Engineering. Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated. Required of all graduate students each term.

GE 594  Project Design  credit: 1 to 8 Hours.
Engineering design projects emphasizing advanced engineering analysis, synthesis, optimization, and engineering economics. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours for credit toward the Master's degree.

GE 597  Independent Study  credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Advanced problems related to General Engineering. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

GE 598  Special Topics  credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in general 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 12 hours.

GE 599  Thesis Research  credit: 0 to 16 Hours.
Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated to a maximum of 16 hours for credit toward the Master's or Ph.D. degree.