

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
DEPARTMENT OF AEROSPACE AND OCEAN ENGINEERING  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AEROSPACE AND OCEAN ENGINEERING, MAJOR: OCEAN ENGINEERING**  
FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2021  
128 CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

FRESHMAN FALL SEMESTER 2017		Credits	FRESHMAN SPRING SEMESTER 2018		Credits
CHEM 1035 General Chemistry		3	ENGL 1106 First-Year Writing <i>Pre: ENGL 1105</i>		3
CHEM 1045 General Chemistry Lab <i>Co: CHEM 1035</i>		1	MATH 1226 Calculus of a Single Variable <i>Pre: MATH 1225 (C-)</i>		4
ENGL 1105 First-Year Writing		3	PHYS 2305 Foundations of Physics <i>Pre: MATH 1225 or MATH 1226</i>		4
MATH 1225 Calculus of a Single Variable (C-) <i>Pre: Math Ready</i>		4	ENGE 1216 Foundations of Engineering (C-) <i>Pre: ENGE 1215 (C-)</i>		2
ENGE 1215 Foundations of Engineering (C-)		2	CLE (Area 2, 3, or 7)		3
CLE (Area 2, 3, or 7)		3			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>
SOPHOMORE FALL SEMESTER 2018		Credits	SOPHOMORE SPRING SEMESTER 2019		Credits
ESM 2114 <sup>(1)</sup> Statics and Structures <i>Co: MATH 2204 or MATH 2204H or MATH 2406H</i>		3	ESM 2304 <sup>(1)</sup> Dynamics <i>Pre: 2104 or 2114, (MATH 2204 or MATH 2204H) Co: MATH 2214</i>		3
MATH 2114 <sup>(1)</sup> Introduction to Linear Algebra <i>Pre: MATH 1225 (min grade of B) or MATH 1226</i>		3	MATH 2214 <sup>(1)</sup> Introduction to Differential Equations <i>Pre: (1114 or 2114 or 2114H), 1226</i>		3
MATH 2204 <sup>(1)</sup> Introduction to Multivariable Calculus <i>Pre: MATH 1226</i>		3	AOE 2024 <sup>(1)</sup> Thin-Walled Structures <i>Pre: ESM 2114, MATH 2204(H); Co: MATH 2214</i>		3 <sup>(F, S)</sup>
AOE 2054 <sup>(1)</sup> Electronics for Aerospace and Ocean Engineers		3 <sup>(F)</sup>	PHYS 2306 Foundations of Physics <i>Pre: MATH 1226, PHYS 2305</i>		4
AOE 2074 <sup>(1)</sup> (ESM 2074) Computational Methods <i>Pre (C-): ENGE 1216 or ENGE 1414</i>		2 <sup>(F, S, SU)</sup>	CLE (Area 3) ECON 2005 Principles of Economics		3
AOE 2204 <sup>(2)</sup> Introduction to Ocean Engineering <i>Pre: PHYS 2305; Co: MATH 2204</i>		3 <sup>(F, SU)</sup>	CLE (Area 6)		1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17</b>
JUNIOR FALL SEMESTER 2019		Credits	JUNIOR SPRING SEMESTER 2020		Credits
MATH 4564 <sup>(1)</sup> Operational Methods for Engineers <i>Pre: (2214 or 2214H) or 2406H or CMDA 2006</i>		3	GEOS 3034 <sup>(2)</sup> Oceanography <i>Pre: (MATH 1206 or MATH 1226) or (MATH 2015 or MATH 1026)</i>		3
AOE 3014 <sup>(1)</sup> Fluid Dynamics for Aerospace and Ocean Engineers <i>Pre: (2104 or 2204), ESM 2304, MATH 2214</i>		3 <sup>(F)</sup>	AOE 3234 <sup>(2)</sup> Ocean Vehicle Dynamics <i>Pre: 3014, 3034, 3214</i>		3 <sup>(S)</sup>
AOE 3034 <sup>(1)</sup> System Dynamics and Control <i>Pre: ESM 2304, (MATH 2214 or MATH 2214H)</i>		3 <sup>(F)</sup>	AOE 3264 <sup>(2)</sup> Thermodynamics and Marine Propulsion <i>Pre: 2204, 3014</i>		3 <sup>(S)</sup>
AOE 3214 <sup>(2)</sup> Ocean Wave Mechanics <i>Co: 3014, MATH 4564</i>		3 <sup>(F)</sup>	AOE 3054 <sup>(1)</sup> Experimental Methods <i>Pre: 2024, 2054, 3014, 3034</i>		3 <sup>(S)</sup>
AOE 3224 <sup>(2)</sup> Ocean Structures <i>Pre: 2024</i>		3 <sup>(F)</sup>	Track Technical Elective		3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15</b>
SENIOR FALL SEMESTER 2020		Credits	SENIOR SPRING SEMESTER 2021		Credits
AOE 4205 <sup>(2)</sup> Experiments for Ocean Vehicle Design <i>Pre: 3054; Co: 4265</i>		1 <sup>(F)</sup>	AOE 4206 <sup>(2)</sup> Experiments for Ocean Vehicle Design <i>Pre: 4205; Co: 4266</i>		1 <sup>(S)</sup>
AOE 4265 <sup>(2)</sup> Ocean Vehicle Design <i>Pre: 2204, 3214, 3224, 3234, 3264; Co: 4205</i>		3 <sup>(F)</sup>	AOE 4266 <sup>(2)</sup> Ocean Vehicle Design <i>Pre: 4265; Co: 4206</i>		3 <sup>(S)</sup>
STAT 4705 <sup>(2)</sup> Probability and Statistics for Engineers <i>Pre: MATH 2224 or MATH 2204 or MATH 2204H</i>		3	Track Technical Elective		3
Track Technical Elective		3	Technical Elective		3
Technical Elective		3	Technical Elective		3
CLE (Area 2, 3, or 7)		3	CLE (Area 2, 3, or 7)		3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>



**General Information about Checksheet:** Superscripted annotation [F,S,SI,SII] in Credits column indicates terms when a course is expected to be offered. Course offerings are subject to change and the availability of sufficient resources. Students should confirm course offerings in advance with their department. Curriculum for Liberal Education (CLE) courses are shaded in Green. AOE common degree core courses common to AE and OE majors are shaded in Blue and contain a superscripted annotation (1) after the course number. AOE courses specific to OE Major are shaded in Yellow and contain a superscripted annotation (2) after the course number. OE primary majors with an AE secondary major may substitute 4265-4266 for (4065-4066 or 4165-4166) and 4205-4206 for 4105-4106 in their secondary AE major.

**Curriculum for Liberal Education (CLE)**

Consult the CLE Alphabetical Listing at: <http://www.cle.prov.vt.edu/guides/alpha.html>, CLE courses need to be completed prior to graduation

CLE Area 1: Writing and Discourse (6 hrs)	ENGL 1105	(3)	ENGL 1106	(3)
CLE Area 2: Ideas, Cultural Traditions, Values Electives (6 hrs)		(3)		(3)
CLE Area 3: Society & Human Behavior electives (6 hrs)	ECON 2005	(3)		(3)
CLE Area 4: Scientific Reasoning and Discovery (8 hrs)	PHYS 2305	(4)	PHYS 2306	(4)
CLE Area 5: Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning (8 hrs)	MATH 1225	(4)	MATH 1226	(4)
CLE Area 6: Creativity & Aesthetic Experience elective (1 hr)				(1)
CLE Area 7: Global Issues Elective (3 hrs)				(3)

If a CLE course is double-counted to satisfy two different CLE areas, then a free elective(s) must be taken to maintain a minimum of 128 credits.

**Technical Electives:** The AOE department requires 18 credits of technical electives. *Students are required to take a minimum of 9 credits from one of the approved Tracks.* The remaining credits must be AOE courses not otherwise required for OE major. Up to 3 of the 18 credits may be non-AOE technical courses selected either from Tracks or from the attached list of approved non-AOE technical courses.

**Change of Major Requirements:** Please see <http://www.enge.vt.edu/undergraduate-changing-majors.html>

**Foreign Language Requirements:** Students must have had 2 years of a foreign language in high school or one year at the college level (6 credit hours) of the same language. College-level credits used to meet this requirement do not count towards the degree.

**Satisfactory Progress Towards Degree:** University Policy 91 outlines university-wide minimum criteria to determine if students are making satisfactory progress towards the completion of their degrees. The AOE Department fully supports this policy. Specific expectations for satisfactory progress for AE majors are as follows:

- Each student must meet the minimum University-wide criteria as described in Policy 91 and summarized in the Undergraduate Catalog (<http://www.undergradcatalog.registrar.vt.edu/1617/academic-policies.html#22><http://www.undergradcatalog.registrar.vt.edu/1617/academic-policies.html#22>)
- A student must have at least 2.0 overall and in-major GPAs. (The in-major GPA consists of all courses taken under the AOE designation).

**Statement of Hidden Prerequisites:** Pre-requisites for each course are listed after the course title. The (letter grade) notation, such as (C-) indicates the minimum grade students must earn in the pre-requisite course. Prerequisites may change from what is indicated. Be sure to consult the University Catalog or check with your advisor for the most current requirements. There are no hidden pre-requisites in this program of study.

**Graduation Requirements:** Students must pass all required courses and both the in-major and overall GPA must be at least 2.0 or graduation. In-major GPA is computed from all courses and only courses with an "AOE" prefix. No courses on this checksheet may be taken on a Pass/Fail basis.



**AOE DEPARTMENT ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS**  
**For students graduating in calendar year 2021**

*AOE students have several types of electives required in their program of study.  
Listed below are departmental, College and University requirements governing those electives.*

**CURRICULUM FOR LIBERAL EDUCATION (CLE):** Satisfaction of CLE requirements is required of all students in the university. Engineering students satisfy this requirement in Areas 1, 4, and 5 through curricular math, science and English courses. Areas 2, 3, 6, and 7 are satisfied through elective courses; 6 credits are required in Areas 2 and 3, 1 credit in Area 6 and 3 credits in Area 7. The one course required for Area 7 may, if carefully selected, simultaneously satisfy an Area 2 or 3 requirements. Several courses appear on both the Area 2 and Area 6 lists but can be used to satisfy only one of these requirements. Area 7 is the only area in which a course may "double count." **All CLE requirements must be met with courses taken on an A/F basis unless a course is only offered on the P/F basis.** A link to the *University Curriculum for Liberal Education Guide* is maintained at <http://www.provost.vt.edu/>. Each year, courses may be added to or removed from each Area. A course may be used to satisfy an area if it appears on the list of approved courses for that area for the academic year of the student's initial enrollment at Virginia Tech.

**ECON 2005 (Principles of Economics)** is required for graduation and may be taken as one of the two Area 3 requirements in the CLE. If a student chooses to satisfy the Area 3 requirements with courses not including ECON 2005, ISE 2014 (Engineering Economy) may also be used to satisfy this requirement but this requires additional credits.

**MATH ELECTIVE:** All AE students must take MATH 4574 (Vector and Complex Analysis for Engineers), MATH/AOE 4404 (Applied Numerical Methods) or STAT 4705 (Probability and Statistics for Engineers) on an A/F basis. (STAT 4705 is required for OE majors.)

**TECHNICAL ELECTIVES:** The AOE Department requires 18 credits of technical electives, all of which must be taken on an A/F basis. This includes at least 9 credits from one of the approved Tracks. The remaining credits must be AOE courses not otherwise required for AE major. Up to 6 of the 18 credits may be non-AOE technical courses selected either from the Tracks or from the list below. Students pursuing both AE and OE majors may fill all technical elective requirements with required courses from their second major. Courses other than those below may be acceptable as technical electives; however, substitutions must be approved by the AOE Academic Advisor *before the course is taken*. Students are responsible for the satisfaction of prerequisites required for their chosen technical electives.

CEE: 4384, 4674  
CHEM: 4615  
CS: 1044, 1054, 1064, 1114, 1124  
ECE: 1574, 3054, 4164, 4364, 4405, 4406, 4624, 4634, 4644  
ENGE: 2514  
ENGR: 3124  
ESM: 3054 (MSE 3054), 4024, 4044, 4114, 4154, 4194 (ME 4194), 4614  
GEOG: 4354 (GEOS 4354)  
GEOS: 3024, 3034, 4354 (GEOG 4354)  
ISE: 4404  
MSE: 2034, 3054 (ESM 3054), 4055, 4056  
MATH: 3214, 4144, 4225, 4226, 4234, 4245, 4246, 4425, 4426, 4445, 4446, 4574 (if not used as math elective)  
ME: 3134, 4194 (ESM 4194), 4204, 4224, 4504, 4524, 4534, 4624, 4634, 4644, 4724  
MGT: 3304  
NSEG: 3145, 3146  
PHIL: 4324 (MGT 4324)  
PHYS: 3405, 3406, 3655, 3656, 4455, 4456, 4504, 4554, 4614  
STAT: 4105, 4106, 4705 (AE only, if not used as the math elective), 4706

## AEROSPACE AND OCEAN ENGINEERING TECHNICAL TRACKS

**For students graduating in calendar year 2021**

The AOE department requires 18 credits of technical electives. Students are required to take a minimum of 9 credits from one of the approved Tracks. Up to 6 of the 18 credits may be non-AOE technical courses selected either from Tracks or from the list of approved non-AOE technical courses.

### FOUNDATIONAL TRACK

The courses in the Foundational Track span the core areas in both Aerospace and Ocean Engineering. Achieving greater depth in analysis and understanding of these materials is very useful in building a strong general background in Aerospace and Ocean Engineering, and the Foundational Track allows students to acquire greater depth across the range of core areas in both aerospace and ocean engineering. This Track is available to all Aerospace and Ocean Engineering majors.

**Required: Choose a minimum of 9 credit hours from the following courses.**

Course	Title	CH
AOE 3044	Boundary Layer and Heat Transfer	3
AOE 4004	State-Space Control	3
AOE 4084 (ESM 4084)	Engineering Design Optimization	3
AOE 4324	Energy Methods for Structures	3

**Prerequisites may apply – see your advisor**

### STRUCTURES AND MATERIALS TRACK

Structures and Materials is a core topic area in both Aerospace and Ocean Engineering. Analysis and understanding of structural analysis and materials selection for aerospace and ocean vehicles is critical to the design of those vehicles. The Structures and Materials Track will allow students with a particular interest in those topics to focus their technical electives in that area. This Track is available to all Aerospace and Ocean Engineering majors.

**Required:**

Course	Title	CH
AOE 4324	Energy Methods for Structures	3

**Choose a minimum of 6 credit hours from the following courses**

Course	Title	CH
AOE 4054 (ESM 4444)	Stability of Structures	3
AOE 4024 (ESM 4734)	An Introduction to the Finite Element Method	3
AOE 4274	Intermediate Ship Structural Analysis	3
ESM 3054 (MSE 3054)	Mechanical Behavior of Materials	3
ESM 4024	Advanced Mechanical Behavior of Materials	3
ESM 4044	Mechanics of Composite Materials	3
ME 4624	Finite Element Practice in Mechanical Design	3
MSE 2034	Elements of Materials Engineering	3
MSE 3094 (AOE 3094)	Materials & Manufacturing for Aero & Ocean Engineers	3

**Prerequisites may apply – see your advisor**



### AERO/HYDRODYNAMICS TRACK

Aero/Hydrodynamics is a core topic area in both Aerospace and Ocean Engineering. Analysis and understanding of Fluid Flows about vehicles is critical to the design of those vehicles. The Aero/Hydrodynamics Track will allow students with a particular interest in those topics to focus their technical electives in that area. This Track is available to all Aerospace and Ocean Engineering majors.

<b>Required:</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>CH</b>
AOE 3044	Boundary Layer and Heat Transfer	3

**Choose a minimum of 6 credit hours from the following courses.**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>CH</b>
AOE 4064	Fluid Flows in Nature	3
AOE 4114	Applied Computational Aerodynamics	3
AOE 4124	Configuration Aerodynamics	3
AOE 4174 (ME 4174)	Spacecraft Propulsion	3
AOE 4434	Introduction to Computational Fluid Dynamics	3
AOE 4474	Propellers and Turbines	3
ME 3134	Fundamentals of Thermodynamics	3

**Prerequisites may apply – see your advisor**

### DYNAMICS, CONTROL AND ESTIMATION TRACK

Dynamics, Control and Estimation is a core topic area in both Aerospace and Ocean Engineering. The ability to model and predict the motion of a vehicle, and to modulate that motion through proper control design, is critical to the design of those vehicle systems. The Dynamics, Control and Estimation Track will allow students with a particular interest in those topics to focus their technical electives in that area. This Track is available to all Aerospace and Ocean Engineering majors.

<b>Required:</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>CH</b>
AOE 4004	State-Space Control	3

**Choose a minimum of 6 credit hours from the following courses.**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>CH</b>
AOE 3134	Air Vehicle Dynamics	3
AOE 3144	Space Vehicle Dynamics	3
AOE 3234	Ocean Vehicle Dynamics	3
AOE 4344	Dynamics of High-Speed Marine Craft	3
AOE 4454	Spacecraft Position/Navigation/Timing and Orbit Determination	3
AOE 4804	Special Topics in Dynamics, Control, and Estimation	3
ECE 4405	Control Systems	3
ECE 4406	Control Systems	3
ECE 4624	Digital Signal Processing and Filter Design	3
ESM 4114	Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos	3
ME 4534	Land Vehicle Dynamics	3

**Prerequisites may apply – see your advisor.**

### VEHICLE AND SYSTEM DESIGN TRACK

Vehicle and System Design is a core discipline in both Aerospace and Ocean Engineering. Its focus is on imparting specific skills required to understand the nature, scope, and challenges of designing innovative vehicles and systems by synthesizing foundational knowledge from other courses. The Vehicle and System Design Track will allow students with a particular interest in design and operation of aircraft, spacecraft, and ocean vehicles to focus their technical electives. This Track is available to all Aerospace and Ocean Engineering majors.

**Required:**

Course	Title	CH
AOE 4084 (ESM 4084)	Engineering Design Optimization	3

Choose a minimum of 6 credit hours from the following courses.

Course	Title	CH
<u><i>AE Major</i></u>		
AOE 3354	Avionics Systems	3
AOE 3804	Special Topics in Aircraft Systems (HAW)	3
AOE 4124	Configuration Aerodynamics	3
CEE 5614	Analysis of Air Transportation Systems	3
ME 4644	Introduction to Rapid Prototyping	3
AOE 4814	Special Topics in Propulsion	3
MGT 3304	Management Theory and Leadership	3
<u><i>OE Major</i></u>		
AOE 4244	Naval and Marine Engineering Systems Design	3
AOE 4264	Principles of Naval Engineering	3
ME 4644	Intro to Rapid Prototyping	3
MGT 3304	Management Theory and Leadership	3

Prerequisites may apply – see your advisor

### NAVAL ENGINEERING TRACK

Naval Engineering is an application track in both Aerospace and Ocean Engineering. Understanding naval missions, capability requirements and the broad scope of engineering applications to naval missions, and developing particular technical application knowledge in elective courses, will provide students with a unique and valuable skillset. These skills will enable the student to perform research and work in this field. This Track is available to all Aerospace and Ocean Engineering majors.

**Required:**

Course	Title	CH
AOE 4264	Principles of Naval Engineering	3

Choose a minimum of 6 credit hours from the following courses.

Course	Title	CH
AOE 4244	Naval and Marine Engineering Systems Design	3
AOE 4274	Intermediate Ship Structural Analysis	3
AOE 4344	Dynamics of High-Speed Marine Craft	3
AOE 4474	Propellers and Turbines	3
ECE 4164	Global Navigation Satellite Systems	3



ECE 4364	Alternate Energy Systems	3
ME 3134	Fundamentals of Thermodynamics	3
<b>Prerequisites may apply – see your advisor.</b>		

#### SPACE ENGINEERING TRACK

Space Engineering is a core topic area in both Aerospace and Ocean Engineering. Analysis and understanding of the space environment, space payloads, and/or space mission design and operations is critical to the design, analysis, and functioning of those space vehicles and payloads. The Space Engineering Track will allow students with a particular interest in those topics to focus their technical electives in that area. This Track is available to all Aerospace and Ocean Engineering majors.

**Choose a minimum of 9 credit hours from the following courses.**

Course	Title	CH
AOE 2664 (ECE 2164)	Exploration of the Space Environment	3
AOE 4174 (ME 4174)	Spacecraft Propulsion	3
AOE 4454	Spacecraft Position/Navigation/Timing and Orbit Determination	3
AOE 4654 (ECE 4154)	Introduction to Space Weather	3
ECE 3104	Introduction to Space Systems and Technologies	3
ECE 3154	Space Systems—Design and Validation	3
ECE 4164	Introduction to Global Positioning System (GPS) Theory and Design	3
ECE 4194	Engineering Principles of Remote Sensing	3
PHYS 3655	Introduction to Astrophysics	3
PHYS 3656	Introduction to Astrophysics	3

**Prerequisites may apply – see your advisor**

#### PROPULSION TRACK

The study of Propulsion, a core technology in Aerospace and Ocean Engineering, focuses on learning and applying fundamental knowledge to understand the nature, scope, opportunities and challenges of designing, specifying and integrating propulsion technologies. The Propulsion Track will allow students with a particular interest in the design, and analysis of aircraft, spacecraft or ocean propulsion to focus their technical electives in that area. This Track is available to all Aerospace and Ocean Engineering majors.

#### Tech Elective Courses

**Choose a minimum of 9 credit hours from the following courses.**

Course	Title	CH
AOE 4174 (ME 4174)	Spacecraft Propulsion	3
AOE 4234 (ME 4234)	Aerospace Propulsion Systems	3
AOE 4474	Propellers and Turbines	3
AOE 4604	Booster Design, Fabrication, and Operation	3
AOE 4814	Special Topics in Propulsion	3
ME 3134	Fundamentals of Thermodynamics	3
ME 4204	Internal Combustion Engines	3

**Prerequisites may apply – see your advisor**

**ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT TRACK**

Energy and the Environment, a major application area in both Aerospace and Ocean Engineering, focuses on imparting specific skills required to understand the nature, scope, and challenges of environmental impact and the science behind energy and propulsion systems that minimize that impact. The Energy and the Environment Track will allow students with a particular interest in environment impact, energy systems and renewable energy to focus their technical electives in that area. This Track is available to all Aerospace and Ocean Engineering majors.

**Tech Elective Courses**

**Choose a minimum of 9 credit hours from the following courses.**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>CH</b>
AOE 4064	Fluid Flows in Nature	3
AOE 4474	Propellers and Turbines	3
AOE 4624	Foundations of Aero/Hydroacoustics	3
AOE 4634	Wind Turbine Technology and Aerodynamics	3
AOE 4824	Special Topics in Energy and the Environment	3
ECE 4364	Alternate Energy Systems	3
ENGR 3124	Introduction to Green Engineering	3
ESM 4194 (ME 4194)	Sustainable Energy Solutions for a Global Society	3
ME 3134	Fundamentals of Thermodynamics	3

**Prerequisites may apply – see your advisor**