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**General Information about Checksheet:** Superscripted annotation [F,S,SI,II] 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.

**Pathways to General Education (Pathways)**
Consist the pathway courses table: [https://www.pathways.prov.vt.edu/about/table.html](https://www.pathways.prov.vt.edu/about/table.html). Pathways courses need to be completed prior to graduation.

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<td>Pathway 7*: Critical Analysis of Identity &amp; Equity in the US (3 hrs)</td>
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**Electives:** BSE majors must take 12 hours of BSE electives, 3 hours of chemistry electives, 9 hours of engineering topics electives, and 6 hours of technical electives. Students choose from the courses listed under each respective requirement, noting that some courses are not available to all students because some courses have prerequisites and some are restricted to majors in the offering department. Courses with substantial duplication (as determined by the BSE Undergraduate Curriculum Committee) of courses previously taken will not qualify for credit. Independent study (BSE 4974) and undergraduate research (BSE 4994) courses cannot be used as electives.

**Change of Major Requirements:** Please see [http://www.enge.vt.edu/undergraduate-changing-majors.html](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 BSE Department fully supports this policy. Specific expectations for satisfactory progress for BSE 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);
- Maintain overall and in-major GPAs of at least 2.0 (in-major GPA based on all BSE-prefix courses taken); and,
- Be registered for at least one BSE-prefix course per semester, excluding BSE 2094, 2294, 2484, and 4994.

**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.

- There are no hidden prerequisites in this program of study.
- Prerequisites may change from what is indicated. Be sure to consult the University Catalog or check with your advisor for the most current requirements.
- A student must obtain a C- or better in all BSE courses.

**Graduation Requirements:** Students must pass all required courses, with a minimum grade of C- in all BSE-prefix courses. Both the overall and in-major GPA must be at least 2.0, where in-major GPA is based on all BSE-prefix courses taken. Only free electives and courses only offered on a Pass/Fail basis may be taken Pass/Fail.
Courses with substantial duplication of courses taken previously will not qualify for credit. Independent study (DEPT NAME 4974) and undergraduate research (DEPT NAME 4994) courses cannot be used as electives.

Choose from the courses listed under each respective requirement, noting that some courses are not available to all students because some courses have prerequisites and some are restricted to majors in the offering department.

**Biological Systems Engineering (BSE) Electives (12 credit hours required):**

- BSE 2304 Landscape Measurement and Modeling
- BSE 3324 Small Watershed Hydrology
- BSE 3334 Nonpoint Source Pollution Assessment and Control
- BSE 3524 Unit Operations in Biological Systems Engineering
- BSE 3534 Bioprocess Engineering
- BSE 4224 Field Methods in Hydrology
- BSE 4304 Introduction to Watershed Modeling
- BSE 4344 Geographic Information Systems for Engineers
- BSE 4524 Biological Process Plant Design
- BSE 4534 Biological Process Engineering Lab
- BSE 4544/CH E 4544 Protein Separation Engineering
- BSE 4564 Metabolic Engineering
- BSE 4604 Food Process Engineering

**Chemistry (CHEM) Electives (3 credit hours required):**

- BCHM 2024 Concepts of Biochemistry
- CHEM 2114 Analytical Chemistry
- CHEM 2124 Analytical Chemistry Laboratory Techniques and Practice
- CHEM 2514 Survey of Organic Chemistry
- CHEM 2535-2536 Organic Chemistry
- CHEM 2565-2566 Principles of Organic Chemistry
- CHEM 3615 Physical Chemistry
- CHEM 4615 Physical Chemistry for the Life Sciences
- CSES 4314/ENS C 4314 Water Quality Chemistry
- CSES 4734/CH E M 4734/ENS C 4734 Environmental Soil Chemistry
- GEOS 4634 Environmental Geochemistry

**Engineering Topics Electives (9 credit hours required – students must request to be force-added to major-restricted courses):**

All courses listed as Biological Systems Engineering electives, from top list, above

- BMES 2104 Introduction to Biomedical Engineering
- BMES 3124 Introduction to Biomechanics
- BMES 3134 Introduction to Biomedical Imaging
- CEE 3104 Introduction to Environmental Engineering*
- CEE 4104 Water and Wastewater Treatment Design
- CEE 4114 Fundamentals of Public Health Engineering*
- CEE 4134 Environmental Sustainability - A Systems Approach*
- CEE 4144 Air Resources Engineering*
- CEE 4174 Solid and Hazardous Waste Management*
- CEE 4254 Municipal Engineering*
- CEE 4264 Sustainable Land Development*
- CEE 4314 Groundwater Resources*
- CEE 4324 Open Channel Flow*
- CEE 4334 Hydrologic Structures*
- CEE 4344 Water Resources Planning*
- ECE 3054 Electrical Theory
- ECE 4194 Engineering Principles of Remote Sensing
- ECE 4364 Alternate Energy Systems
- ENGR 3124 Introduction to Green Engineering
- ENGR 4134 Environmental Life Cycle Assessment
- ESM 2204 Mechanics of Deformable Bodies
- ESM 3054/MSE 3054 Mechanical Behavior of Materials
- ESM 3064/MSE 3064 Mechanical Behavior of Materials Laboratory
- ESM 4044 Mechanics of Composite Materials
- ESM 4105-4106 Engineering Analysis of Physiologic Systems
- ESM 4114 Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos
- ESM 4204 Musculoskeletal Biomechanics
- ISE 2204 Manufacturing Processes
- ISE 2214 Manufacturing Processes Laboratory
- ISE 2404 Deterministic Operations Research I
- ISE 4015 Management Systems Theory, Applications, and Design
- ISE 4654 Principles of Industrial Hygiene
- MSE 2034 Elements of Materials Engineering
- MSE 2044 Fundamentals of Materials Engineering
- MSE 2054 Fundamentals of Materials Science
- MSE 3304 Physical Metallurgy
- MSE 4574 Biomaterials
- MSE 4584 Biomimetic Materials
- MSE 4604 Composite Materials

*CEE courses are major-restricted at course request, but will be made available for non-CEE majors three days after the opening of drop/add.
Technical Electives (6 credit hours required – students must request to be force-added to major-restricted courses):

- All courses listed as Chemistry or Engineering Topics Electives, except 4754, 4964, 4974, 4984, 4994 in any department.
- All BIOL 1xxx laboratories and all 2000, 3000, and 4000 level courses, except 3504.
- CHEM 1046 General Chemistry Laboratory and all CHEM 2000, 3000, and 4000 level courses except 4014.
- All MATH 3000 and 4000 level courses except 4044, 4625, 4626, 4644, 4664, 4754, 4964, 4974, 4984, 4994

AAEC 3314 Environmental Law
ALS 3404 Ecological Agriculture: Theory and Practice
ALS 4614/WATR 4614 Watershed Assessment, Management, and Policy
BCHM 3114 Biochemistry for Biotechnology and the Life Sciences
BCHM 4115-4116 General Biochemistry
BIOL 4164/CSES 4164/ENSC 4164 Environmental Microbiology
BMES 4064/VMVS 4064 Introduction to Medical Physiology
BSE 4394 Water Supply and Sanitation in Developing Countries
CS 1044 Introduction to Programming in C
CS 1054 Introduction to Programming in Java
CS 1064 Introduction to Programming in Python
CSES 3114/ENSC 3114/GEOS 3614 Soils
CSES 3124/ENSC 3124/GEOS 3624 Soils Laboratory
CSES 3304/GEOS 3304/GEOS 3304 Geomorphology
CSES 3444/HORT 3444 World Crops and Cropping Systems
CSES 3614/ENSC 3614 Soil Physical and Hydrological Properties
CSES 3634/ENSC 3634 Plant Materials for Environmental Restoration
CSES 4444/ENSC 4444 Managed Ecosystems, Ecosystem Services, and Sustainability
CSES 4644 Land-based Systems for Waste Treatment
CSES 4764/ENSC 4764 Bioremediation
CSES 4774/ENSC 4774 Reclamation of Drastically Disturbed Lands
CSES 4854/ENSC 4854 Wetland Soils and Mitigation
ECE 2164/AOE 2164 Exploration of the Space Environment
ENGR 1814 Energy, Resource Development, and the Environment
ENGR 2164/COS 2164 Introduction to Science for Engineers
ENSC 3604 Fundamentals of Environmental Science
ENSC 4414 Monitoring and Analysis of the Environment
ESM 4194/ME 4194 Sustainable Energy Solutions for a Global Society
FIW/FREC 4324 Genetics of Natural and Managed Populations
FIW 4614 Fish Ecology
FIW 4624 Marine Ecology
FREC 3604 Climate Science
FREC 4374 Forested Wetlands
FREC 4464 Water Resource Policy & Economics
FREC 4784 Wetland Hydrology & Biogeochemistry
FST 3024 Principles of Sensory Evaluation
FST 3114 Wines & Vitines
FST 3124 Brewing Science and Technology
FST 3514 Food Analysis
FST 3604/BIOL 3604 Food Microbiology
FST 4104 Applied Malting and Brewing Science
FST 4504 Food Chemistry
GEOG 1514 Introduction to Meteorology
GEOG 3104 Environmental Problems, Population, and Development
GEOG 4354/GEOG 4354 Introduction to Remote Sensing
GEOS 2104 Elements of Geology
GEOS 3014 Environmental Geosciences
GEOS 3034 Oceanography
GEOS 4804 Groundwater Hydrology
ISE 4004 Theory of Organization
ISE 4304 Global Issues in Industrial Management
LAR 3044 Land Analysis and Site Planning
MINE 2504 Introduction to Mining Engineering
SBIO 2124 Structure and Properties of Sustainable Biomaterials
SBIO 3434 Chemistry and Conversion of Sustainable Biomaterials
SBIO 3444 Sustainable Biomaterials and Bioenergy
SYSB 2025, 2026 Introduction to Systems Biology
SYSB 3115 Network Dynamics & Cell Physiology
UAP 3354 Introduction to Environmental Policy and Planning
UAP 4344 Law of Critical Environmental Areas
UAP 4374 Land Use and Environment: Planning and Policy
UAP 4384 Pollution Control Planning and Policy