

ECOLOGICAL ENGINEERING MINOR

Description

The ecological engineering minor is designed to provide students with comprehensive exposure to a broad range of ecological engineering topics, and to provide an understanding of the fundamental concepts of ecological engineering. Ecological engineering encompasses topics including restoring and managing ecosystem services, stream and river restoration, wetland restoration and design, stormwater green infrastructure, minimizing nonpoint source pollution, and agricultural waste management.

College Requirements

College Admission

Requirements for admission into the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) are consistent with general University admission requirements (one unit equals one high school year): 4 units of English, 4 units of mathematics, 3 units of natural sciences, 3 units of social sciences, and 2 units of world language. Students must also meet performance requirements: a 3.0 cumulative high school grade point average OR an ACT composite of 20 or higher, writing portion not required OR a score of 1040 or higher on the SAT Critical Reading and Math sections OR rank in the top one-half of graduating class; transfer students must have a 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative grade point average and 2.0 on the most recent term of attendance.

Admission Deficiencies/Removal of Deficiencies

Students who are admitted to CASNR with core course deficiencies must remove these deficiencies within the first 30 credit hours at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, or within the first calendar year at Nebraska, whichever takes longer. College-level coursework taken to remove deficiencies may be used to meet degree requirements in CASNR.

Deficiencies in the required entrance subjects can be removed by the completion of specified courses in the University or by correspondence.

The Office of Admissions, Alexander Building (south entrance), City Campus, provides information to new students on how deficiencies can be removed.

College Degree Requirements

Curriculum Requirements

The curriculum requirements of the College consist of three areas: ACE (Achievement-Centered Education), College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Core, and Degree Program requirements and electives. All three areas of the College Curriculum Requirements are incorporated within the description of the Major/Degree Program sections of the catalog. The individual major/degree program listings of classes ensure that a student will meet the minimum curriculum requirements of the College.

World Languages/Language Requirement

Two units of a world language are required. This requirement is usually met with two years of high school language.

Experiential Learning

All undergraduates in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources must take an Experiential Learning (EL) designated course. This may include 0-credit courses designed to document co-curricular activities recognized as Experiential Learning.

Minimum Hours Required for Graduation

The College grants the bachelors degree in programs associated with agricultural sciences, natural resources, and related programs. Students working toward a degree must earn at least 120 semester hours of credit. A minimum cumulative grade point average of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) must be maintained throughout the course of studies and is required for graduation. Some degree programs have a higher cumulative grade point average required for graduation. Please check the degree program on its graduation cumulative grade point average.

Grade Rules

Removal of C-, D, and F Grades

Only the most recent letter grade received in a given course will be used in computing a student's cumulative grade point average if the student has completed the course more than once and previously received a grade or grades below C in that course.

The previous grade (or grades) will not be used in the computation of the cumulative grade point average, but it will remain a part of the academic record and will appear on any transcript.

A student can remove from their cumulative average a course grade of C-, D+, D, D-, or F if the student repeats the same course at the University of Nebraska and receives a grade other than P (pass), I (incomplete), N (no pass), W (withdrew), or NR (no report). If a course is no longer being offered, it is not eligible for the revised grade point average computation process.

For complete procedures and regulations, see the Office of the University Registrar website at <http://www.unl.edu/regrec/course-repeats> (<http://www.unl.edu/regrec/course-repeats/>).

Pass/No Pass

Students in CASNR may take any course offered on a Pass/No Pass basis within the 24-hour limitation established by the Faculty Senate. However, a department may specify that the Pass/No Pass status of its courses be limited to non-majors or may choose to offer some courses for letter grades only.

GPA Requirements

A minimum cumulative grade point average of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) must be maintained throughout the course of studies and is required for graduation. Some degree programs have a higher cumulative grade point average required for graduation. Please check the degree program on its graduation cumulative grade point average.

Transfer Credit Rules

To be considered for admission a transfer student, Nebraska resident or nonresident, must have an accumulated average of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) and a minimum C average in the last semester of attendance at another college. Transfer students who have completed less than 12 credit hours of college study must submit either ACT or SAT scores.

Ordinarily, credits earned at an accredited college are accepted by the University. The College, however, will evaluate all hours submitted on an application for transfer and reserves the right to accept or reject any of them. Sixty (60) is the maximum number of hours the University

will accept on transfer from a two-year college. Ninety (90) is the maximum number of hours the University will accept from a four-year college. Transfer credit in the degree program must be approved by the degree program advisor on a Request for Substitution Form to meet specific course requirements, group requirements, or course level requirements in the major. At least 9 hours in the major field, including the capstone course, must be completed at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln regardless of the number of hours transferred.

The College will accept no more than 10 semester hours of C-, D+, D, and D- grades from other schools. The C-, D+, D, and D- grades can only be applied to free electives. This policy does not apply to the transfer of grades from UNO or UNK to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

Joint Academic Transfer Programs

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources has agreements with many institutions to support joint academic programs. The transfer programs include dual degree programs and cooperative degree programs. Dual degree programs offer students the opportunity to receive a degree from a participating institution and also to complete the requirements for a bachelor of science degree in CASNR. Cooperative programs result in a single degree from either the University of Nebraska–Lincoln or the cooperating institution.

Dual Degree Programs

A to B Programs

The A to B Program, a joint academic program offered by the CASNR and participating community colleges, allows students to complete the first two years of a degree program at the participating community college and continue their education and study in a degree program leading toward a bachelor of science degree.

The A to B Program provides a basic knowledge plus specialized coursework. Students transfer into CASNR with junior standing.

Depending on the community college, students enrolled in the A to B Program may complete the requirements for an associate of science at the community college, transfer to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and work toward a bachelor of science degree.

Participating community colleges include:

- Central Community College
- Metropolitan Community College
- Mid-Plains Community College
- Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture
- Nebraska Indian Community College
- Northeast Community College
- Southeast Community College
- Western Nebraska Community College

3+2 Programs

Two specialized degree programs in **animal science** and **veterinary science** are offered jointly with an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine. These two programs permit CASNR animal science or veterinary science students to receive a bachelor of science degree from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln with a degree in animal science or veterinary science after successfully completing two years of the professional curriculum in veterinary medicine at an accredited veterinary school. Students who successfully complete the 3+2 Program, must provide transcripts and complete the Application for Degree form via MyRED. Students without MyRED access may apply for graduation in

person at Husker Hub in the Canfield Administration Building, or by mail. Students should discuss these degree programs with their academic advisor.

Cooperative Degree Programs

Academic credit from the University and a cooperating institution are applied towards a four-year degree from either the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (University degree-granting program) or the cooperating institution (non-University degree-granting program). All have approved programs of study.

UNL Degree-Granting Programs

A University of Nebraska–Lincoln degree-granting program is designed to provide students the opportunity to complete a two-year program of study at one of the four-year institutions listed below, transfer to CASNR, and complete the requirements for a bachelor of science degree.

Chadron State College. Chadron State College offers a 2+2 program leading to a grassland ecology and management degree program and a transfer program leading to a bachelor of science in agricultural education in the teaching option.

Wayne State College. Wayne State College offers a 3+1 program leading to a bachelor of science in plant biology in the ecology and management option and a 3+1 program leading to a bachelor of science in Applied Science.

University of Nebraska at Kearney. Transfer programs are available for students pursuing degree programs leading to a bachelor of science degree.

University of Nebraska at Omaha. Transfer programs are available for students pursuing degree programs leading to a bachelor of science degree.

Non University of Nebraska–Lincoln Degree-Granting Programs

CASNR cooperates with other institutions to provide coursework that is applied towards a degree at the cooperating institution. Pre-professional programs offered by CASNR allow students to complete the first two or three years of a degree program at the University prior to transferring and completing a degree at the cooperating institution.

Chadron State College–Range Science. The 3+1 Program in range science allows Chadron State College students to pursue a range science degree through Chadron State College. Students complete three years of coursework at Chadron State College and one year of specialized range science coursework (32 credit hours) at CASNR.

Residency

Students must complete at least 30 of the total hours for their degree using University of Nebraska–Lincoln credits. At least 18 of the 30 credit hours must be in courses offered through CASNR¹ (>299) including the appropriate ACE 10 degree requirement or an approved ACE 10 substitution offered through another Nebraska college and excluding independent study regardless of the number of hours transferred. Credit earned during education abroad may be used toward the residency requirement if students register through the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and participate in prior-approved education abroad programs. The University of Nebraska–Lincoln open enrollment and summer independent study courses count toward residence.

¹ Includes courses taught by CASNR faculty through interdisciplinary prefixes (e.g., LIFE, MBIO, ENVR, SCIL, EAEP, ENSC) and CASNR crosslisted courses taught by non-CASNR faculty.

Online and Distance Education

There are many opportunities to earn college credit online through the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Some of these credits may be applicable not only as elective credits but also toward the fulfillment of the College’s education requirements. Credits earned online may count toward residency. However, certain offerings may not be counted toward scholarship requirements or academic recognition criteria.

For further information, contact:

Office of Online and Distance Education
 University of Nebraska–Lincoln
 305 Brace Labs
 Lincoln, NE 68588-0109
 402-472-4681
<http://online.unl.edu/>

Independent Study Rules

Students wishing to take part in independent studies must obtain permission; complete and sign a contract form; and furnish copies of the contract to the instructor, advisor, departmental office, and the Dean’s Office. The contract should be completed before registration. Forms are available in 103 Agricultural Hall or online at the CASNR website.

Independent study projects include research, literature review or extension of coursework under the supervision and evaluation of a departmental faculty member.

Students may only count 12 hours of independent study toward their degrees and no more than 6 hours can be counted during their last 36 hours earned, excluding senior thesis, internships, and courses taught under an independent study number.

Other College Degree Requirements

Capstone Course Requirement

A capstone course is required for each CASNR degree program. A capstone course is defined as a course in which students are required to integrate diverse bodies of knowledge to solve a problem or formulate a policy of societal importance.

ACE Requirements

All students must fulfill the Achievement Centered Education (ACE) requirements. Information about the ACE program may be viewed at ace.unl.edu (<https://ace.unl.edu/>).

The minimum requirements of CASNR reflect the common core of courses that apply to students pursuing degrees in the college. Students should work with an advisor to satisfy ACE outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 10 with the college requirements.

Catalog Rule

Students must fulfill the requirements stated in the catalog for the academic year in which they are first admitted to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln or when they were first admitted to a Joint Academic Transfer Program. Students transferring from a community college, but without admission to a Joint Academic Transfer Program, may be eligible to fulfill the requirements as stated in the catalog for an academic year in which they were enrolled at the community college

prior to attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This decision should be made in consultation with academic advisors, provided the student a) was enrolled in a community college during the catalog year they are utilizing, b) maintained continuous enrollment at the previous institution for 1 academic year or more, and c) continued enrollment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln within 1 calendar year from their last term at the previous institution. In consultation with advisors, a student may choose to follow a subsequent catalog for any academic year in which they are admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year. The catalog which a student follows for degree requirements may not be more than 10 years old at the time of graduation.

Requirements for Minor Offered by Department

A minor in ecological engineering consists of 12 hours of required courses, and at least 6 hours of elective courses, for a total of 18 hours of coursework. This minor is open to all University of Nebraska-Lincoln students. Students pursuing this minor outside of Biological Systems Engineering, Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, or Environmental Science may need to take additional courses.

Required Courses

NRES 220	Principles of Ecology	3
BSEN 350	Natural Resources Engineering	3
or CIVE 351	Introduction to Water Resources Engineering	
or AGST 354	Soil Conservation and Watershed Management	
or NRES 453	Hydrology	
BSEN 355	Introduction to Ecological Engineering	3
BSEN 453	Irrigation and Drainage Systems Engineering	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		12

Electives

Please select 6 hours from the following:		6
BSEN 441	Animal Waste Management	
BSEN 455 / CIVE 455	Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Engineering	
BSEN 468 / NRES 468	Wetlands	
BSEN 479 / NRES 479	Hydroclimatology	
NRES 459	Limnology	
NRES 481K	Stream and River Ecology	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		6

Total Credit Hours **18**

Grade Rules

C- and D Grades

A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the minor.

Pass/No Pass

No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the minor.

BSEN 100 Introduction to Biological Engineering and Agricultural Engineering**Crosslisted with:** AGEN 100**Description:** Description of careers in biomedical, environmental, water resources, food and bioproducts, and agricultural engineering. The human, economic and environmental impacts of engineering in society. Communication, design, teamwork, and the role of ethics and professionalism in engineering work.**Credit Hours:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per degree:** 1**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**BSEN 112 Computer-Aided Problem-Solving****Crosslisted with:** AGEN 112**Prerequisites:** MATH 106 or parallel.**Description:** Problem solving techniques and procedures through the use of Excel, MATLAB, and graphical methods. Emphasis on problem/solution communications with topics and problems from agricultural engineering and biological systems engineering.**Credit Hours:** 2**Max credits per semester:** 2**Max credits per degree:** 2**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** SPRING**BSEN 130 Computer-Aided Design****Description:** Use of computer-aided design software to communicate engineering ideas. Specifications, dimensioning, tolerancing, 2- and 3-D model development, topographic mapping, and process layout with environmental, bioprocess, and biomedical emphases.**Credit Hours:** 2**Max credits per semester:** 2**Max credits per degree:** 2**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** FALL/SPR**Prerequisite for:** MECH 342**BSEN 206 Engineering Economics****Crosslisted with:** CONE 206**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing. Credit toward the degree may be earned in only one of BSEN 206/CONE 206 or CHME 452**Description:** Introduction to methods of economic comparisons of engineering alternatives: time value of money, depreciation, taxes, concepts of accounting, activity-based costing, ethical principles, civics and stewardship, and their importance to society.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Prerequisite for:** CONE 319; MECH 446; MECH 446H**ACE:** ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship**BSEN 225 Engineering Properties of Biological Materials****Crosslisted with:** AGEN 225**Prerequisites:** MATH 106**Description:** Physical properties important to the design of harvesting, storage, and processing systems for agricultural crops; principles and techniques for measurement of properties including frictional effects, particle size, strength, moisture content, specific heat, and thermal conductivity.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Prerequisite for:** AGEN 324, BSEN 324**BSEN 244 Thermodynamics of Living Systems****Prerequisites:** CHEM 110A and 110L or CHEM 114; MATH 107; PHYS 211**Description:** Introduction to the laws of thermodynamics and their application to biological and environmental systems. Zeroth, first, second, and third laws; open and closed systems; enthalpy and specific heat; and Gibb's free energy and chemical potential for biological and environmental systems. Applications to biochemical potentials, water potential, absorption, osmosis, radiation, membranes, surface tension, and fugacity. Thermodynamic cycles as they apply to living systems.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** SPRING**Prerequisite for:** AGEN 344, BSEN 344**BSEN 260 Instrumentation I for Agricultural and Biological Systems Engineering****Crosslisted with:** AGEN 260**Prerequisites:** MATH 221 or parallel**Description:** Developing concepts in instrumentation relevant to agricultural and biological systems. Fundamental concepts of charge, current, voltage, impedance, power, and circuit analysis within the context of biological engineering. Introduction to sensors and their applications. Data collection using modern acquisition hardware and software. Electrical safety and effects of electricity on the human body.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded**Offered:** SPRING**Prerequisite for:** AGEN 325, BSEN 325**BSEN 303 Principles of Process Engineering****Crosslisted with:** AGEN 303**Prerequisites:** MATH 221**Notes:** MECH 310 or CIVE 310 or CHME 332 is recommended as prereq or parallel.**Description:** Introduction to performance parameters and characteristics of pumps, fans, presses, and solids handling, size reduction, separation and agitation equipment. Application of the various technologies studied with analysis of example systems.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

BSEN 311 Biomedical Signal and System Analysis

Prerequisites: MATH 221; CSCE 155N or equivalent

Description: Mathematical modeling of biophysical systems. Continuous and discrete signals. Signal representation, system classification, impulse response, convolution, Fourier analysis, transfer functions, difference-equation approximations of differential equations. Basic filtering concepts.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

BSEN 317 Introduction to Biomedical Engineering

Prerequisites: PHYS 211; MATH 221 or parallel; and LIFE 120 or BIOS 101

Description: Research areas and applications related to biomedical engineering including bioelectricity, biosensors, biomechanics, cardiovascular mechanics, tissue engineering, biotechnology, and medical imaging. Identifying engineering methods used to develop biomedical technologies and communicating technical knowledge to a wide variety of audiences.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL

BSEN 321 Principles of Environmental Engineering

Crosslisted with: CIVE 321

Prerequisites: CHEM 109A (grade of C or better) & CHEM 109L or CHEM 110A (grade of C or better) & CHEM 110L or CHEM 113A (grade of C or better) & CHEM 113L, and MATH 107 (grade of C or better)

Description: Introduction to principles of environmental engineering including water quality, atmospheric quality, pollution prevention, and solid and hazardous wastes engineering. Design of water, air, and waste management systems.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Prerequisite for: BSEN 321L, CIVE 321L; CIVE 401; CIVE 420; CIVE 821; ENVE 322; ENVE 401; ENVE 410; ENVE 430

BSEN 321H Honors: Principles of Environmental Engineering

Crosslisted with: CIVE 321H

Prerequisites: Good standing in the Univ. Hons Program or by invitation; CHEM109A(C or better) & CHEM 109L or 110A(C or better) & CHEM110L or CHEM113A(C or better) & CHEM 113L & MATH 107(C or better). Credit toward the degree cannot be earned in both CIVE/BSEN 321 & 321H.

Description: Introduction to principles of environmental engineering including water quality, atmospheric quality, pollution prevention, and solid and hazardous wastes engineering. Design of water, air, and waste management systems.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Prerequisite for: BSEN 321L, CIVE 321L; CIVE 401; CIVE 420; CIVE 821; ENVE 322; ENVE 410; ENVE 430

BSEN 321L Environmental Engineering Laboratory

Crosslisted with: CIVE 321L

Prerequisites: CIVE 321 or parallel

Description: Environmental engineering experiments, demonstrations, field trips, and projects. Experiments include the measurement and determination of environmental quality parameters such as solids, dissolved oxygen, biochemical and chemical oxygen demand, and alkalinity.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$50

BSEN 324 Mechanics of Materials for Agricultural and Biological Systems Engineering

Crosslisted with: AGEN 324

Prerequisites: AGEN/BSEN 225, MECH 223

Description: Development of the concepts of stress and strain relevant to agricultural and biological systems. Stress analysis of axial, torsional, and bending stresses, combined loading analysis, deflection evaluation, static and dynamic failure theory. Practical applications in agricultural and biological systems will be discussed.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Prerequisite for: AGEN 443

BSEN 325 Power Systems Design

Crosslisted with: AGEN 325

Prerequisites: PHYS 212 or ECEN 211 or AGEN/BSEN 260, and MECH 310 or CIVE 310 or CHME 332 or parallel, and professionally admitted engineering student.

Description: Fundamentals of Power systems for machines. Introduction to fluid power (hydraulics, pneumatics), pumps, motors, cylinders, control devices and system design. Selection of electric motors as power sources, operating characteristics and circuits. Selection of internal combustion engines as power sources.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: SPRING

BSEN 344 Biological and Environmental Transport Processes

Crosslisted with: AGEN 344

Prerequisites: BSEN 244 or MECH 200; MATH 221; MECH 310 or CIVE 310 or CHME 332 or parallel

Description: Introduction to concurrent transport of energy and mass in biological and environmental processes. Modes of heat transfer, steady and non-steady state heat conduction, convective heat transfer, radiative heat transfer, and heat transfer with phase change. Equilibrium, kinetics, and modes of mass transfer, diffusion, dispersion, and convective mass transfer. Soil freezing and thawing, energy and mass balances of crops, diffusivities of membranes, photosynthesis, human and animal energy balances, and respiration.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

BSEN 350 Natural Resources Engineering**Crosslisted with:** AGEN 350**Prerequisites:** MATH 221; and parallel: MECH 310 or CIVE 310 or CHME 332**Description:** Introduction to soil and water resources and the engineering processes used to analyze watersheds. Soil water relations, evapotranspiration, precipitation, runoff, erosion, flow in natural waterways and through reservoirs, wetland and groundwater hydrology, and water quality. Geographic information system utilized to develop maps and analyze watershed characteristics. A selected watershed is investigated.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** FALL**Prerequisite for:** ENVE 401**BSEN 355 Introduction to Ecological Engineering****Prerequisites:** CHEM 110A and 110L or CHEM 114; and MATH 104 or MATH 106.**Notes:** Recommended: AGEN/BSEN 350 or CIVE 351 or AGST 354; and BIOS 101 or LIFE 121 or NRES 220.**Description:** Introduction to principles of ecological engineering including ecosystems ecology, river restoration, constructed wetlands, green infrastructure stormwater management, and environmental restoration. Ecological design of water and land protection practices. Includes introduction to water pollution and contaminant fate and remediation.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded**BSEN 410 Biomechanics of Human Movement****Prerequisites:** PHYS 211, MECH 223, and MECH 373**Description:** Introduction to basic human movement involving kinematics, kinetics, and other quantitative analysis including linear and angular position, velocity, and acceleration. Emphasis on the muscular and skeletal systems as well as other basic human systems. Human capabilities and injuries will demonstrate the limitations of the human body.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded**Offered:** SPRING**BSEN 412 Rehabilitation Engineering****Crosslisted with:** BSEN 812**Description:** Application of engineering methods to the development of assistive technology for people with injuries and disabilities. Characterization of the physical and mental capabilities of people with impairment, universal design, assistive technologies associated with seating, transportation, communication, and recreation. Integration of engineering design principles in a rehabilitation design project.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded**BSEN 414 Medical Imaging Systems****Crosslisted with:** BSEN 814**Prerequisites:** BSEN 311 or ECEN 304**Description:** Underlying physics, instrumentation, and signal analysis of biomedical and biological imaging modalities. MRI, X-ray, CT, ultrasound, nuclear medicine, and the human visual system. Energy-tissue interactions. Resolution, point spread function, contrast, diffraction, comparisons. Information content in images for biological systems.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**BSEN 416 Introduction to Biomaterials****Crosslisted with:** BSEN 816**Prerequisites:** BSEN/AGEN 225 or MECH 325; BIOC 401 or BIOC 431**Notes:** Requires the evaluation of current primary literature in the field.**Description:** Introduction to all types of bio-materials, metals, ceramics, polymers, and natural materials. Characterization of biomaterials, mechanical and physical properties, cell-biomaterials interactions, degradation, and host reaction to biomaterials. FDA testing and applications of biomaterials, implants, tissue engineering scaffolds, artificial organs, drug delivery, and adhesives.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Prerequisite for:** BSEN 418, BSEN 818**BSEN 418 Tissue Engineering****Crosslisted with:** BSEN 818**Prerequisites:** BSEN 416/816 or equivalent**Notes:** Uses case studies to demonstrate clinical implementation of engineered tissues.**Description:** Introduction to engineering biological substitutes that can restore, maintain or improve organ function in therapy of diseases. Engineering methods and principles to design tissues and organs, cell and tissue biology, tissue growth and development, biomaterial scaffolds, growth factor and drug delivery, scaffold-cell interactions, and bioreactors.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**BSEN 422 Pollution Prevention: Principles and Practices****Crosslisted with:** BSEN 822, CIVE 422, CIVE 822**Prerequisites:** Permission.**Description:** Introduction to pollution prevention (P2) and waste minimization methods. Practical applications to small businesses and industries. Legislative and historical development of P2 systems analysis, waste estimation, P2 methods, P2 economics, and sources of P2 information.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

BSEN 441 Animal Waste Management

Crosslisted with: AGEN 441, AGEN 841, BSEN 841

Prerequisites: Senior standing.

Description: Characterization of wastes from animal production. Specification and design of collection, transport, storage, treatment, and land application systems. Air and water pollution, regulatory and management aspects.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

BSEN 444 Biomass and Bioenergy Engineering

Crosslisted with: BSEN 844

Prerequisites: Senior/graduate standing in engineering; BIOC 401 or 431

Description: Engineering processes for biomass conversion and bioenergy production. Topics include biomass chemistry, conversion reactions, current and emerging bioenergy technologies, feedstock logistics, life cycle assessment. Analysis of primary research literature required for graduate credit.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

BSEN 445 Bioprocess Engineering

Crosslisted with: BSEN 845

Prerequisites: BSEN 344 or CHME 333

Description: Engineering topics related to processing of biological materials into valuable products. Enzyme kinetics, microbial kinetics, application of enzymes in industrial processes, bioreactor design, equipment scale-up, gas transfer in reactors and bioseparations.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL

BSEN 446 Unit Operations of Biological Processing

Crosslisted with: BSEN 846, AGEN 446, AGEN 846

Prerequisites: AGEN/BSEN 225; and AGEN/BSEN 344

Description: Application of heat, mass, and moment transport in analysis and design of unit operations for biological and agricultural materials. Evaporation, drying, distillation, extraction, leaching, thermal processing, membrane separation, centrifugation, and filtration.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

Prerequisite for: BSEN 935

BSEN 453 Irrigation and Drainage Systems Engineering

Crosslisted with: AGEN 453, AGEN 853, BSEN 853

Prerequisites: CIVE 310 or MECH 310; AGEN 344 or BSEN 344.

Description: Analytical and design consideration of evapotranspiration, soil moisture, and water movement as related to irrigation and drainage systems; analysis and design of components of irrigation and drainage systems including water supplies, pumping plants, sprinkler systems, and center pivots.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: AGEN 854, AGST 854; AGEN 953; AGST 855

BSEN 455 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Engineering

Crosslisted with: BSEN 855, CIVE 455, CIVE 855

Prerequisites: BSEN 321/CIVE 321 or BSEN 355; AGEN/BSEN 350 or CIVE 351 as prerequisite or parallel.

Description: Identification, characterization, and assessment of nonpoint source pollutants; transport mechanisms and remediation technologies; design methodologies and case studies.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL

BSEN 456 GIS and Ecohydrological Modeling for Natural Resources

Crosslisted with: AGEN 456, AGEN 856, BSEN 856

Prerequisites: AGEN/BSEN 350 or CIVE 351 or AGST 354 or NRES 453

Description: Use of GIS to create inputs to models such as HEC-HMS and SWAT. Processes to simulate hydrology and erosion in models. Development and calibration of models based on student's area of interest.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

BSEN 458 Groundwater Engineering

Crosslisted with: BSEN 858, CIVE 458, CIVE 858

Prerequisites: CIVE 351 or AGEN 350 or BSEN 350

Description: Application of engineering principles to the movement of groundwater. Analysis and design of wells, well fields, and artificial recharge. Analysis of pollutant movement.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

BSEN 460 Instrumentation and Controls**Crosslisted with:** AGEN 460, AGEN 860, BSEN 860**Prerequisites:** ECEN 211 or ECEN 215 or AGEN/BSEN 260**Description:** Analysis and design of instrumentation and controls for agricultural, biological, and biomedical applications. Theory of basic sensors and transducers, analog and digital electrical control circuits, and the interfacing of computers with instruments and controls. LabVIEW Programming. Emphasis on signal analysis and interpretation for improving system performance.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** FALL**BSEN 468 Wetlands****Crosslisted with:** BIOS 458, NRES 468, NRES 868, BSEN 868**Prerequisites:** CHEM 109A and 109L and CHEM 110A and 110L, or CHEM 105A and 105L and CHEM 106A and 106L; Junior or Senior Standing.**Notes:** Offered even-numbered calendar years.**Description:** Physical, chemical and biological processes that occur in wetlands; the hydrology and soils of wetland systems; organisms occurring in wetlands and their ecology wetland creation, delineation, management and ecotoxicology.**Credit Hours:** 4**Max credits per semester:** 4**Max credits per degree:** 4**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Course and Laboratory Fee:** \$40**BSEN 470 Design I in Agricultural and Biological Systems Engineering****Crosslisted with:** AGEN 470**Prerequisites:** Professional admission into AGEN or BSEN; and permission.**Description:** Definition, scope, analysis, and synthesis of a comprehensive design problem within the areas of emphasis in the Department of Biological Systems Engineering. Identification of a client's engineering problem to solve, and development of objectives and anticipated results.**Credit Hours:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per degree:** 1**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** FALL/SPR**Prerequisite for:** BSEN 480, AGEN 480**BSEN 479 Hydroclimatology****Crosslisted with:** NRES 479, METR 479, NRES 879, METR 879, BSEN 879**Prerequisites:** NRES 208 or METR 100 or METR/NRES 370.**Notes:** Offered spring semester of even-numbered calendar years.**Description:** Interaction between earth's climate and the hydrologic cycle. Energy and water fluxes at the land-atmosphere interface. Atmospheric moisture transport, precipitation, evaporation, snowmelt, and runoff. Impacts of climate variability and change on the hydrologic cycle.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**BSEN 480 Design II in Agricultural and Biological Systems Engineering****Crosslisted with:** AGEN 480**Prerequisites:** BSEN/AGEN 470**Description:** Definition, scope, analysis, and synthesis of a comprehensive engineering problem in an engineering area of emphasis within the Department of Biological Systems Engineering. Design activity using the team approach to develop a solution.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** SPRING**ACE:** ACE 10 Integrated Product**Experiential Learning:** Case/Project-Based Learning**BSEN 492 Special Topics****Crosslisted with:** BSEN 892**Prerequisites:** Permission**Description:** Subject matter in emerging areas of Biological Systems Engineering not covered in other courses within the curriculum. Topics, activities, and delivery methods vary.**Credit Hours:** 1-6**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 6**Max credits per degree:** 6**Grading Option:** Graded**BSEN 496 Independent Study****Crosslisted with:** AGEN 496**Prerequisites:** Permission**Notes:** Topics vary.**Description:** Investigation and written report on engineering problems not covered in sufficient depth through existing courses.**Credit Hours:** 1-6**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 6**Max credits per degree:** 6**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**BSEN 499H Honors Thesis****Crosslisted with:** AGEN 499H**Prerequisites:** Senior or junior standing, admission to the University Honors Program.**Description:** Independent project which meets the requirements of the University Honors Program, conducted under the guidance of a faculty member in the Department of Biological Systems Engineering. The project should contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the field. Written thesis and formal presentation required.**Credit Hours:** 1-6**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 6**Max credits per degree:** 6**Grading Option:** Graded