Get to know MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

The domain of mechanical engineers is truly vast because they are needed everywhere machines are, and at every stage of design, manufacturing, construction and research. In this program you will study basic engineering courses as well as practical courses in machine design, robotics and manufacturing methods. Hands-on design is integral to this program. You may be involved in designing artificial joints, or even a Formula race car, depending on your specialization. If you choose the Materials option, you'll study the exciting developments in materials and nanotechnology.

"Students are encouraged to participate in national design competitions in order to broaden their educational experience including the solar design team, the Formula racing car, the Mini Baja all terrain vehicle and the Aerodesign.

Queen's ADMISSIONS

Students apply to Queen's Engineering (QE) through the OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre) website. Secondary school prerequisites include five 4U and 4M courses, one of which must be English 4U. Calculus and Vectors 4U, Advanced Functions 4U, Chemistry 4U, and Physics 4U are all required. A final competitive minimum grade of 80% must be obtained in all courses. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements.

Degree OPTIONS

Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering
Bachelor of Applied Science in Engineering with Professional Internship
Option in General / Materials / Biomechanical Engineering

Course HIGHLIGHTS

Mechanical Engineering students have the opportunity to take a wide range of technical courses to help prepare them for the many possible career destinations available. Such courses include:

- Biomechanical Product Development
- Computer-Aided Design
- Bio-Materials
- Mechatronics Engineering
- Airplane Aerodynamics
- Musculoskeletal Biomechanics
- Nano-Structured Materials


That is a degree from Queen's.
2ND YEAR


You will take the second EDPS course: APSC 203 if you decide to enroll into one of the following options: ME 1, General; ME 2, Materials; or ME 3, Biomechanical.

3RD YEAR


ME 1 students will continue with advanced thermodynamics and fluid mechanics. ME 2 students will continue with additional materials processing and fracture mechanics courses. ME 3 students will dive into the world of biomechanical engineering.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

Courses include either Capstone Team Project: Conceive & Design; Team Project; Implement and Operate; and a selection of technical electives based on your option.

On top of technical electives, you will choose 3 or 4 complementary studies courses to complete your degree.

Employability skills

Your time at Queen’s will give you valuable skills to boost your employability, including:

- Ability to apply science fundamentals to practical problems
- Proficiency in mathematics and quantitative analysis
- Innovation and implementation skills embodied in the C2D2 paradigm: Conceive, Develop, Implement and Operate
- Time and resource management
- Excellent technical writing and communication skills
- Engineering design skills
- Experience and capability in employing various information sources for solving engineering problems
- Ability to work independently and in a team on a project

Where could I go after graduation?

Your degree could take you in lots of interesting directions including:

- Biomechanics
- Biomedical technology
- Business administration and management
- Consulting
- Design optimization
- Industrial engineering
- Information technology
- Materials engineering
- Mechatronics
- Metallurgical engineering
- Nuclear engineering
- Occupational health and safety
- Product design
- Renewable resources and sustainability
- Robotics
- Sound engineering
- Structural analysis

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smoother transition to the world of work after graduation.

Getting the courses you need

Queen’s Engineering first year is common – courses include: Physics, Chemistry, Calculus, Algebra, Graphics, Computing and Earth Systems Engineering.

Also APSC100, the entry level course in our Engineering Design and Practice Sequence (EDPS), focusing on problem solving, experimentation principles and finishing off with a team-based engineering project.

Discipline selection will take place in February.

Getting relevant experience

Join teams or clubs on campus such as Queen’s Project on International Development or the First Robotics Competition.

See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas.

Getting connected with the community

Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, such as Let’s Talk Science (LTS) and Engineers without Borders (SWB).

Join professional associations like Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO), Canadian Society of Mechanical Engineers (CSME), Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) as a student member – it’s often free.

Getting thinking globally

Speak to a QUIC advisor or get involved in their programs, events and training opportunities.

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking the Intercultural Awareness Training Certificate hosted by QUIC and FDISC.

Getting ready for life after graduation

Grapple with program decisions: Go to the Orientation Evenings held by different Engineering departments and attend the various Career Fairs during the year.

Get some help deciding by visiting Career Services.

Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Career Advising and Resource Area, such as Career Opportunities in Engineering. For more information check out Career Cruising and the Queen’s Alumni Association.

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest if needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about grad school from your course instructors and Career Services.

Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, grad school applications, or other decisions.

How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.
Mechanical Engineering

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research-intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often identified as the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. At a university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and in a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America, you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.