

University of Colorado
Boulder

RRCC to CU-Boulder Transfer Advising Guide for Mechanical Engineering (B.S.)

College of Engineering and Applied Science

[Mechanical Engineering Department Website](#)

Program Overview:

Mechanical engineers use the principles of mechanics and energy conservation to design, manufacture and test mechanical devices. They develop power-producing and power-using machines as well as new materials and manufacturing processes. Many mechanical engineers work in fields related to design, aerospace, automotive industries, energy, bioengineering, and research and manufacturing.

Admission Requirements:

[Please see this website for more information regarding CU Engineering admission criteria](#)

RRCC Course Summary: (the following courses will apply directly to the degree)

* **BOLD** denotes admission requirement courses (only ONE science course needed for admission)

Mathematics:

MAT 201*	Calculus 1	(5 credits)
MAT 202*	Calculus 2	(5 credits)
MAT 204	Calculus 3 with Engineering Applications	(5 credits)
MAT 261	Differential Equations	(4 credits)
MAT 255	Linear Algebra	(3 credits)

Science:

PHY 211*	Calc-based Physics 1	(5 credits)
PHY 212	Calc-based Physics 2	(5 credits)
CHE 111	General Chemistry 1	(5 credits)
[^] CHE 111 will also count for admission requirement in place of PHY 211		
PHY 213	Physics 3	(3 credits)

Engineering/Computer Science:

CSC 160	Computer Science 1	(4 credits)
CAD 255-259	Solid Works (choose one course)	(3 credits)
EGT 140	IDEA (engineering projects)	(3 credits)
EGG 211	Statics (prerequisite of PHY 211)	(3 credits)

Humanities and Social Sciences (H/SS):

- Up to nine (9) credit hours at the lower division (100-200) level
 - Six (6) credit hours at the upper-division level – typically taken at CU Boulder
- Please consult our [CCCS humanities and social science list](#) when selecting these classes

Suggested Five-Year Course Plan for Mechanical Engineering

This is a suggested guide of coursework only and is subject to change. Always consult with your academic advisor for graduation planning purposes.

*denotes courses that do not apply directly to degree, other than as free electives

Red Rocks Community College (first two years)

Fall Semester 1

Course	Course Title	Credits
MAT 121	College Algebra*	4
CHE 101	Intro to Chemistry*	5
ENG 121	English Composition 1 *	3
	Total Credits	12

Spring Semester 1

Course	Course Title	Credits
MAT 122	Trigonometry*	3
CHE 111	College Chemistry 1 (with lab)	5
CSC 119	Intro to Programming*	3
ENG 122	English Composition 2 (H/SS)	3
	Total Credits	14

Fall Semester 2

Course	Course Title	Credits
MAT 201	Calculus 1	5
CSC 160	Computer Science 1	4
CAD 255-259	Solid Works 3D Modeling (only need one course)	3
	Humanities/Social Science	3
	Total Credits	15

Spring Semester 2

Course	Course Title	Credits
MAT 202	Calculus 2	5
PHY 211	Physics 1	5
EGT 140	IDEA (engineering projects)	3
	Humanities/Social Science	3
	Total Credits	16

CU-Boulder (last three years)

Fall Semester 3

Course	Course Title	Credits
APPM 2350	Calculus 3	4
PHYS 1120	Physics 2	4
PHYS 1140	Experimental Physics	1
MCEN 2023	Statics and Structures	3
MCEN 2000	Professionalism Seminar	1
	Total Credits	13

Spring Semester 3

Course	Course Title	Credits
APPM 2360	Differential Eq./Linear Alg.	4
MCEN 3012	Thermodynamics	3
ECEN 3010	Circuits and Electronics	3
GEEN 3400	Engineering Projects	3
MCEN 2024	Materials Science	3
	Total Credits	16

CU-Boulder (last three years)...continued

Fall Semester 4

Course	Course Title	Credits
MCEN 3021	Fluid Mechanics	3
MCEN 2043	Dynamics	3
MCEN 2063	Solid Mechanics	3
MCEN 3030	Computational Methods	3
	Engineering Writing Course	3
	Total Credits	15

Spring Semester 4

Course	Course Title	Credits
MCEN 3025	Component Design	3
MCEN 3022	Heat Transfer	3
MCEN 3047	Data & Measurements	4
	General Technical Elective	3
	UD Humanities/Social Science	3
	Total Credits	16

Fall Semester 5

Course	Course Title	Credits
MCEN 4045	Senior Design 1	3
MCEN 4043	System Dynamics	3
MCEN 3032	Thermodynamics 2	3
MCEN 4026	Manufacturing Systems	3
PHYS 2130	Physics 3	3
	Total Credits	15

Spring Semester 5

Course	Course Title	Credits
MCEN 4085	Senior Design 2	3
	ME Technical Elective	3
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	General Technical Elective	3
	UD Humanities/Social Science	3
	Total Credits	15