

# **Mechanical Engineering Suggested Graduation Timeline**

Following are recommendations and a timeline suggested by the Kiewit Undergraduate Student Services Center for successful completion of a degree in 4 years

# Freshman Year Expectations

#### **Curriculum:**

- Start and complete most Basic Program courses with 2.0 GPA avg.
- Chem 167L, Engr 170 and possibly some Gen. Ed. courses

#### Advisor:

Assigned to advisor – 2043 Black Engr. Bldg.

# **Advisor Responsibilities:**

- > Available to meet with students
- Assist with course selection and academic planning
- Share rules & regulations of CoE, ME and University
- > Referrals as needed
- > Assist with degree audit updates

### **Student Responsibilities:**

- ➤ Learn ME curriculum & all requirements to attain degree
- Generate and update online grad plan
- Check own class schedule for conflicts, accuracy, or problems
- Check degree audits for errors; discuss with advisor
- Know and use ME, CoE &University resources
- Begin exploring clubs and organizations
- ➤ Begin researching 2<sup>nd</sup> majors, minors & career choices
- ➤ Career Services/Resume
- ➤ Attend Engineering Career Fairs

## **Sophomore Year Expectations**

#### Curriculum:

- Basic Program courses complete with 2.0 GPA avg.
- > Start ME core cores: 2.0 GPA avg.
- ➤ Finish up Math & Physics courses
- ➤ ME 202

#### Advisor:

- ➤ Advisors available in 2043 Black Engr. Building to assist with:
  - Audit corrections
  - Declaring minor or 2<sup>nd</sup> major
  - Study Abroad
  - Academic planning/big picture
  - General Ed. and tech elective suggestions

#### Get Involved:

- ➤ CoE & other clubs/organizations
- > Pursue study abroad options
- ➤ Volunteer work
- > Prepare for internship
- > Pursue additional scholarships
- ➤ Career Services/Resume
- > Attend Engineering Career Fairs
- > Update online grad plan

## **Junior Year Expectations**

#### **Curriculum:**

- > Technical electives courses
- > ME core courses: 2.0 GPA avg.
- Stat 305, Engl 314 and General Ed. courses
- > Second Major and/or minor
- Review graduation requirement checklist

## Advisor:

- ➤ Advisors available in 2043 Black Engr. Building to assist with:
  - Audit corrections
  - Declaring minor or 2<sup>nd</sup> major
  - Study Abroad
  - Academic planning/big picture
  - General Ed. and tech elective suggestions

#### Get Involved:

- CoE & other clubs/organizations; accept officer position
- > Study Abroad
- ➤ Volunteer work
- > Complete Internship
- > Pursue additional scholarships
- > Career Services/Refine resume
- ➤ Attend Engineering Career Fairs
- > Apply for long-term employment
- Research post-graduate school options
- ➤ Update online grad plan

# **Senior Year Expectations**

#### **Curriculum:**

- ➤ Finish ME core courses (2.0 GPA avg.); Technical and Design electives; & General Ed. courses
- ➤ Minimum 2.0 Cum. GPA to graduate
- ➤ Minimum 128.5 total credits
- Last 32 credits in residence at ISU
- Meet with advisor during dead week in semester prior to graduation
- Apply for graduation prior to final semester in 10A Enrollment Services Center
- Review final degree audit of the graduation semester at beginning of semester

## Advisor:

- Advisors available in 2043 Black Engr. Building to assist with:
  - Audit corrections
  - FE information
  - Career/post graduate ideas
  - Recommendations

#### Get Involved:

- ➤ Update online grad plan
- > Attend Engineering Career Fairs
- Continue to apply and interview for longterm employment/sign contract
- Update Career Services on long-range plans
- > Pursue post-graduate school options
- ➤ Turn over clubs/organizations responsibilities to underclass members; train as needed
- Attend ME and ISU Graduation ceremonies

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Engr 101, ME 202 & ME Handbook (Handbook located on ME Advising webpage)

Kiewit Undergraduate Student Services Center Webpage: www.me.iastate.edu/students/advising