Physics is perhaps the most fundamental of the sciences. It involves the study of the nature of basic things such as motion, forces, energy, matter, heat, sound, light, and the atom. Engineering is the profession in which basic knowledge from the mathematical and natural sciences is applied to develop new ways to utilize the materials and forces of nature for the benefit of society.

Engineering physics is an interdisciplinary degree program combining the study of physics and engineering into one curriculum. Students acquire a deep knowledge of physical and mathematical principles and learn to apply this knowledge to meet the needs of society. The interdisciplinary nature of this program produces graduates who can work in many diversified fields and who can easily adapt their skills to the needs of employers.

The engineering physics program is an engineering program that is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, http://www.abet.org, which is the agency that accredits all engineering programs in the United States. Our seniors take the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Exam, which is the first step to becoming a Registered Professional Engineer (PE). About 85% of our seniors pass this exam, which is well above the national average.

**Engineering physics students will...**

- Obtain a deep understanding of the fundamental principles of science and mathematics underlying engineering and be able to apply them to meet the needs of society.
- Have the ability to design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs within realistic constraints such as economic, environmental, social, political, ethical, health and safety, manufacturability, and sustainability.
- Have the ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern tools necessary for physics and engineering careers.
- Have the broad education necessary to understand the impact of physics and engineering solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context.
- Be well prepared to pass the FE Exam.

**Career Planning**

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. In fact, more than 90% of Southeast students participate in internships, clinical opportunities, student teaching, research assistantships, and study abroad. All graduates find employment in their field or start the graduate programs of their choice within a few months of graduation.

Professional career counselors are available for all students. The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

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<th>Demonstrated Career Proficiency</th>
<th>Requirement of all Southeast Students</th>
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<td>CL001/CL002 First Semester</td>
<td>Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan.</td>
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<td>CL003 Junior Year</td>
<td>Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources.</td>
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<td>CL004 Senior Year</td>
<td>Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search.</td>
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**Internship and Employment Opportunities of Recent Graduates**

- Century Link Technology Solutions
- National Information Solutions Cooperative
- TG Missouri
- Schaefer’s Electrical Enclosures
- Southeast Missouri State University
- Southeast Hospital
- BIS Industrial Services
- Honeywell F M & T
- Lighting Science Group Corporation
- Wright Patterson Air Force Base
- Boeing
- Lockheed Martin
- NASA
- National Geospatial Intelligence Agency
- Raytheon
- Rockwell Collins
- GeoEye, Inc.

**Graduate Schools and Programs of Recent Graduates**

- University of Arkansas – MicroEP Program
- Washington University – Physics
- University of Missouri – Aerospace Engineering
- University of Missouri – Physics
- Boise State University – Biomedical Engineering
- University of Kansas – Biomedical Engineering
- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville – Comp. Engr.
- University of North Texas – Physics
- Purdue University – Aerospace Engineering
- University of Illinois – Electrical Engineering
- University of Michigan – Biomedical Engineering

**Admission Requirements**

A high school student interested in majoring in engineering physics should complete four years of mathematics that include trigonometry and an introduction to calculus. Four years of science, which include both chemistry and physics, is highly recommended. A strong background in English is essential.
degree is earned, students must complete a minimum of 120 credit hours, including the following required courses:

- **Bachelor of Science (BS) Engineering Physics: Computer Applications Option**

**Curriculum Checklist**

"Critical Courses" are italicized and bolded. Data shows that students who have completed this course in the first two years and have earned the noted grade are most likely to complete this program of study.

**Engineering Physics: Computer Applications Option – 62 Hours**

A grade of ‘C’ or better is required in each course that is a prerequisite course.

- **Course #**
  - CS155: Computer Science I (4)
  - CS205: Computer Science II (4)
  - CS315: C and the Unix Environment (3)
  - EP100: Physics and Engineering Concepts (1)
  - EP240: Circuit Analysis (4)
  - EP305: Digital System Design (3)
  - EP310: Microcontroller and Embedded Systems (3)
  - EP372: Signals and Systems (3)
  - EP380: Engineering Design and Research (1)
  - EP461: Computer Applications (3)
  - EP480: Capstone Design (1)
  - PH230/030: General Physics I (5)
  - PH231/031: General Physics II (5)
  - PH350: Modern Physics (3)
  - PH371: Electromagnetics (3)
  - UI330: Experimental Methods (3)
  - UI450: Capstone Experience (3)

**Support Courses:**

A grade of ‘C’ or better is required in each course that is a prerequisite course.

This sequence of mathematics courses constitutes a minor, but it must be declared.

- **Course #**
  - CH185/085/005: General Chemistry (5)
  - CS177: Programming for Scientists and Engineers (3)
  - MA140: Analytic Geometry and Calculus I (5)
  - MA145: Analytic Geometry and Calculus II (4)
  - MA244: Analytic Geometry and Calculus III (4)
  - MA245: Linear Algebra (3)
  - MA350: Differential Equations (3)

**University Studies Requirements** (not already listed above):

UI100 First Year Seminar, EN100 English Composition, Artistic Expression, Written Expression, Oral Expression, Literacy Expression, Behavioral Systems, Living Systems, Development of a Major Civilization, Economic Systems, Political Systems, Social Systems, and one IUUIXX

*NOTE:* Seniors are required to take the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam in their last semester.

**Degree Requirements for All Students:**

- A minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level.

- Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements (i.e., minimum GPA and course work) for your program of study.

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**Sample Four-Year Plan**

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**Fall Semester**

- **Course #**
  - UI100: 3
  - CH185/085/005: 5
  - CS177: 3
  - EP100: 1
  - MA140: 5

**Spring Semester**

- **Course #**
  - EN100: 3
  - MA145: 4
  - MN120: 3
  - PH230/030: 5
  - MA140: 5

**First Year**

- **Total** 17

**Second Year**

- **Total** 15

**Third Year**

- **Total** 18

**Fourth Year**

- **Total** 16

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*SC105 highly recommended by department

A "Milestone" signifies a significant stage for a student in the completion of a degree.

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