

Biosystems Engineering

Biosystems engineers are trained in biological, environmental, and engineering sciences and challenged to improve the sustainability of production systems, decrease or eliminate environmental hazards, and preserve natural resources.

About Your Major

Biosystems Engineers...

- Devise practical, efficient solutions for producing, storing, transporting, processing, and packaging biological and agricultural products.
- Solve problems related to systems, processes, and machines that interact with humans, plants, animals, microorganisms, and biological materials.
- Develop solutions for responsible, alternative uses of biological products, byproducts and wastes and of our natural resources – soil, water, air, and energy.



BIOENVIRONMENTAL

Improves conservation, preserves water and reduces run-off by understanding the complex interactions and mechanics of soil and water systems.



CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT

Engineers a healthy environment for living things; an essential component of animal housing, greenhouse production, aquaculture and human housing.



FOOD & BIOPROCESS ENGINEERING

Uses microbiological processes to develop useful products; treat municipal, industrial and agricultural wastes; and improve food safety.



MACHINE SYSTEMS AUTOMATION

Increases efficiency and conservation in agricultural, food and biological systems with advanced control systems and mechanical design.



PRE-MED/PRE-VET

Brings a problem-solving approach to health and medicine. Students gain an engineering degree while fulfilling the admissions requirements for vet/med school.



PRE-BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Applies engineering practice to problems and opportunities related to medicine and human health.

BAE Design Electives

- BAE 417 Design of Machine Systems (3 hr | Fall)**
- BAE 427 Structures and Environment Engineering (3 hr | Spring)**
- BAE 437 Land and Water Resources Engineering (3 hr | Spring)**
- BAE 447 Bioprocess Engineering Fundamentals (3 hr | Fall)**

What classes do you take?

BAE 200 Principles of Biosystems Engineering (3 hr | Fall)

The engineering problem-solving approach will be practiced to analyze engineering problems within biological systems and to demonstrate the application of mathematical and scientific principles to engineering design. Prereq: MA 113; prereq or concur with CHE 105; PHY 231; and EGR 103 or EGR 215.

BAE 202 Probability and Statistics for Biosystems (3 hr | Fall)

Introduction to statistics and statistical inference reasoning. Evaluation of common claims based on statistical constructs, hypothesis tests, margins of error, confidence intervals, and analysis of variation. Identification of possible statistical obstacles, such as confounding, missing data, and inappropriate randomness. Conceptual statistics will be emphasized. Special attention will be given to include biosystems engineering problems. Prereq: MA 114.

BAE 205 CAD for Biosystems Engineering (2 hr | Spring)

This course is intended to give Biosystems Engineering students practical experience in the use of three-dimensional parametric modeling for engineering design. Students will learn how to create basic hand sketches, use computer software to create and define mechanical parts and assemblies, basic building blueprints, process diagrams, environmental improvement diagrams and generate detailed documentation with appropriate dimensioning and tolerances. Prereq: BAE 200.

BAE 206 Introduction to Biosystems Design and Economics (2 hr | Spring)

An introduction to economic analysis and design to solve problems encountered in Biosystems Engineering. Students will learn to specify, document, create, and test a design. Engineering economic analysis will be used to evaluate design alternatives. Economic topics include concepts of present and future value and techniques of managerial economics. Prereq: EGR 103 or EGR 215; Coreq: BAE 205.

BAE 305 DC Circuits and Microelectronics (3 hr | Spring)

An introduction to the use of digital electronics and integrated circuits in solving biosystems engineering problems. Digital circuits, microprocessor concepts, computer interfacing, transducers, signal conditioning and control applications are discussed. Lecture, two hours; laboratory, two hours per week. Prereq: EGR 102, EE 305 and engineering standing.

BAE 310 Heat and Mass Transfer in Biosystems Engineering (3 hr | Spring)

Fundamental principles of steady state and transient heat and mass transfer in biosystems engineering. Heat transfer will include conduction, convection, and radiation. Mass transfer will include liquid-gas, solid-gas, and solid-liquid equilibrium scenarios, as well as convective, diffusive, and osmotic mass transfer. Governing equations and boundary conditions for both heat and mass transfer will be included with special attention to industrial, biological, and bioenvironmental problems. Prereq: MA 214, ME 220, and engineering standing; prereq or concur with CE 341 or ME 330.

BAE 400 Senior Seminar (1 hr | Fall)

A course for senior students in biosystems engineering with emphasis on oral communications skills. Students will do literature searches on topics related to the biosystems engineering profession and present oral and written reports. Prereq or concur: BAE 402 and engineering standing.

BAE 402 Biosystems Engineering Design I (3 hr | Fall)

A design course for seniors in BAE requiring students to solve open-ended problems. Students will use previously learned engineering principles to produce actual designs which will be built and analyzed in BAE 403. Prereq: engineering standing; BIO 148; BIO 152; ME 330 or CE 341; EM 302; prereq or concur with EM 313; BAE 310 or ME 325.

BAE 403 Biosystems Engineering Design II (2 hr | Spring)

Student design teams evaluate and enhance design solutions, fabricate prototypes, execute performance tests, analyze results, and develop final design specifications. Oral and written reports are required. Prereq: Engineering standing; BAE 402; EM 313; BAE 310 or ME 325.

Student Organizations

Explore opportunities beyond the classroom, connect with others with similar interests and passions, and learn from a network of peers



Get Involved, Stay Engaged



American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers

The BAE Student Branch, a chapter of the ASABE, hosts monthly meetings that cover an exciting range of topics, from areas of specialization and career opportunities to fun social events. Students can visit other schools and network with fellow students as part of the Southern and Midwest Regional Rallies. The annual lawnmower clinic serves as the group's major fundraising event that provides students with invaluable hands-on experience in the Agricultural Machinery Research Lab while serving the local community. This group also participates in educational outreach activities like the Pigman College of Engineering E-Day program.



Wildcat Pulling Team

The International Quarter Scale Tractor Team provides a 360° hands-on engineering experience for students. The team designs, manufactures, and tests its high-performance quarter-scale tractor. Each year the team travels to Peoria, Illinois, for a week-long ASABE-sponsored competition, where their design and craftsmanship are put to the test by a panel of industry experts. The Wildcat pulling Team consistently performs well in several of the competition categories earning many impressive achievements, including three national championship victories in 2012, 2014 and 2015.



Alpha Epsilon Honor Society

Alpha Epsilon is an honor society for outstanding agricultural, biological, and food engineers. The objectives of the honor society are to promote the high ideals of the engineering profession, to give recognition to those who manifest worthy qualities of character, scholarship and professional attainment, and to encourage and support the profession. Graduate students in the UK chapter sponsor a peer mentoring program for undergraduate students.

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Bioenvironmental

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About Your Specialization



BAE Faculty

Dr. Bill Ford

Associate Professor

Water Quality, Nutrient Transport



BAE Faculty

Dr. John McMaine

Associate Extension Professor

Water Management, Subsurface Drainage, Low Impact Development, Conservation Drainage, Soil Health



BAE Faculty

Dr. Tiffany Messer

Gatton Foundation Endowed Chair Associate Professor

Nutrient Transport, Environmental Impact, Emerging Sensor Technologies

What can you do?

Our alumni work locally and globally solving challenges related to ensuring we have clean water and a healthy environment.

Potential Careers

- Civil Engineering
- Conservation
- Ecosystem Design
- Environmental Affairs Consultants
- Environmental Engineering
- Hydrology
- Irrigation
- Low-Impact Development
- Mine Reclamation
- Stormwater Management
- Stream Restoration
- Sustainability
- Waste Water
- Water Resources
- Wetlands Protection
- Ecological Engineering

Potential Employers

- Hall Environmental Consultants
- Hazen and Sawyer
- Lexington Fayette Urban County Government
- Palmer Engineering
- Stantec
- Strand Associates
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Tech Electives

BAE 532 Intro to Stream Restoration

BAE 536 Fluvial Hydraulics

BAE 538 GIS for Water Resources

BAE 541 Intermediate Fluid Mechanics

CE 211 Surveying

CE 303 Intro to Construction Engineering

CE 351 Intro Environmental Engineering

CE 461G Water Resource Engineering

CE 471G Soil Mechanics

CE 525 CE Applications of GIS

CE 551 Water and Wastewater Treatment

CHE 565 Environmental Chemistry

EES 530 Low Temperature Geochemistry

EES 585 Hydrogeology

GEO 309 Intro to GIS

GEO 451G Fluvial Forms and Processes

NRE 556 Contemporary Geospatial Applications for Land Analysis

Enrolled students, scan for full list of tech electives



AMERICAN WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
Community, Conversation, Connections

ASCE
American Society of Civil Engineers

Controlled Environment

Engineers a healthy environment for living things; an essential component of animal housing, greenhouse production, aquaculture and human housing



About Your Specialization

While we don't have a faculty member with a primary focus in controlled environments, the necessary skills for this specialization are taught in other courses across our program. Additionally, several of our faculty members conduct research in areas that are closely related to controlled environment systems.

For students interested in this area, the PEIK certificate is also an excellent opportunity to gain additional expertise and enhance your professional credentials.

What can you do?

Our alumni work locally and globally solving challenges related to energy demands and control systems for indoor environments.

Potential Careers

- Air Quality
- Energy Engineering
- Geothermal Energy
- Greenhouse
- HVAC
- Livestock
- Net Zero Emissions
- Power Engineering
- Solar Power
- Structural Design
- Water Quality

Potential Employers

- Alpha Energy Solutions
- Big Ass Solutions
- CMTA, Inc.
- Duke Energy
- Kentucky Division of Air Quality
- NASA
- Trane
- USDA

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Tech Electives

BAE 506 Life Cycle Assessment for Bioresource Engineering

BAE 580 Heating, Ventilating & Air Conditioning

BAE 583 Industrial Energy Utilization and Assessment

EGR 540 Power Economics and Public Policy

EGR 542 Electric Power Generation Technologies

EGR 546 Electric Power System Fundamentals

ME 440 Design Control Systems

ME 503 Lean Manufacturing Principles and Practices



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ASABE
American Society of Agricultural
and Biological Engineers



Food & Bioprocessing

Uses microbiological processes to develop useful products; treat municipal, industrial and agricultural wastes; and improve food safety



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BAE Faculty



Dr. Akinbode Adedeji
Associate Professor
Food Process Engineering

BAE Faculty



Dr. Michael Montross
Professor, Chair
Grain and Biomass

BAE Faculty



Dr. Tyler Barzee
Assistant Professor
Fermentation

BAE Faculty



Dr. Jian Shi
Associate Professor
Lignocellulose Conversion

BAE Faculty



Dr. Czarena Crofcheck
Professor
Downstream Processing

What can you do?

Our alumni work locally and globally identifying opportunities for sustainable solutions related to food, energy, and water demands.

Potential Careers

- Agriculture
- Biofuels
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Distillation
- Enzymes
- Fermentation
- Food Engineer
- Microbiology
- Packing Engineer
- Process Engineer
- Quality Control
- Raw Materials
- Sanitation
- Storage Systems
- Modeling

Potential Employers

- Alltech
- Chiquita
- Diageo
- Gallo Winery
- Haskell
- Kraft
- Logan Aluminum
- Nestle
- Novozymes
- P&G
- USDA
- Yum!

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Tech Electives

ABT 360 Genetics

ABT 495 Experimental Methods

AEN 341 Brewing Science and Technology

BAE 506 Life Cycle Assessment for Bioresource Engineering

BAE 542 Biofuels and Bioproducts

BAE 549 Biological Process Engineering

BCH 401G Fundamentals of Biochemistry

CHE 230 Organic Chemistry I

CHE 236 Survey of Organic Chem

CME 599 Topics in Chemical Engineering

FSC 434G Food Chemistry

FSC 530 Food Microbiology

FSC 536 Advanced Food Technology

FSC 538 Food Fermentation

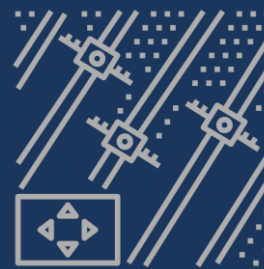
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Certificate in Distillation,
Wine and Brewing Studies



Machine Systems

Increases efficiency and conservation in agricultural, food and biological systems with advanced control systems and mechanical design



About Your Specialization



BAE Faculty

Dr. Joe Dvorak

Associate Professor,
Director of Undergraduate Studies
Machinery Controls



BAE Faculty

Dr. Mike Sama

Gatton Foundation Distinguished Professor,
Associate Professor
Control Systems



BAE Faculty

Dr. Tim Stombaugh

Extension Professor
Precision Agriculture

What can you do?

Our alumni work locally and globally identifying opportunities to apply new technologies to improve agricultural production systems.

Potential Careers

- Agriculture
- Automation
- Construction
- Design Engineer
- Heavy Equipment
- Hydraulics
- Machinery
- Manufacturing
- Mechanical Engineer
- Off-Road
- Product Engineer
- Quality Engineer
- Sales Engineer
- Test Engineer

Potential Employers

- Agco
- Altec
- Blue River Technology
- Boeing
- Clark
- CNH
- Cummins
- John Deere
- Komatsu Mining
- Link-Belt
- Toyota

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Tech Electives

BAE 506 Life Cycle Assessment for Bioresource Engineering

BAE 514 Component Design

BAE 515 Fluid Power Systems

BAE 516 Control of Off-Road Vehicles

BAE 570 Engineering Controls for Ag Safety and Health Hazards

EE 402G Electrical Instrumentation & Measurement

GEO 309 Intro to GIS

ME 321 Engineering Thermodynamics II

ME 344 Mechanical Design

ME 395 Independent Research in ME

ME 440 Design of Control Systems

ME 501 Mechanical Design with Finite Element Methods

ME 503 Lean Manufacturing Principles and Practices

ME 513 Mechanical Vibrations

ME 532 ADV Strength Materials

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Pre-Med/Pre-Vet

Brings a problem-solving approach to health and medicine. Students gain an engineering degree while fulfilling the admissions requirements for med/vet school



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			CHE 231*					

Pre-Med & Pre-Vet Requirements

In addition to one year of General and Organic Chemistry and Biology, most medical schools recommend that students have an additional background in: Biochemistry, Microbiology, Cell Biology, and Anatomy

All Pre-Med and Pre-Vet students are encouraged to speak with a Pre-Professional advisor for current trends and updates.

*These courses do not fulfill any graduation requirements for the Biosystems Engineering program.

What can you do?

Our alumni work in medical facilities and healthcare-related industries, as well as veterinary clinics and animal care facilities.

Potential Careers

- Anesthesiology
- Cardiology
- Emergency Medicine
- General Practice
- Healthcare Administration and Management
- Internal Medicine
- Oncology
- Pediatrics
- Sports Medicine
- Animal Welfare
- Equine Industry
- Large or Small Animal Vet Clinics
- Veterinary Lab Technician

Potential Employers

- Mayo Clinic
- Medical Centers
- Private Practices
- Universities
- Veterinary Clinics and Diagnostic Labs

Tech Electives

- ABT 360** - Genetics
- ABT 495** - Experimental Methods
- ASC 325** - Animal Physiology
- ASC 364** - Reproductive Physiology
- BCH 401G** - Fundamentals of Biochemistry
- BIO 302** - Intro to Neuroscience
- BIO 303** - Intro to Evolution
- BIO 304** - Principles of Genetics
- BIO 305** - Intro to Neuroscience Techniques
- BIO 315** - Cell Biology
- BIO 350** - Animal Physiology
- BIO 395** - Research In Biology
- BME 301** - Fundamentals of Biomedical Engineering
- BME 395** - Independent Research in BME
- BME 472** - Human Biomechanics
- BME 473** - Fundamentals of Biofluid Mechanics
- BME 488** - Introduction to Biomaterials
- BME 491** - Topics in Biomedical Egr
- BME 540** - Biomedical Instrumentation
- BME 550** - Intro to Biomedical Imaging
- BME 571** - Mechanical Modeling of Human Motion
- BME 579** - Neural Engineering
- BME 599** - Topics in BME
- CHE 230** - Organic Chemistry I
- CHE 236** - Survey of Organic Chem
- PGY 412G** - Principles of Human Physiology

Enrolled students, scan for full list of tech electives



Pre-Biomedical

Applies engineering practice to problems and opportunities related to medicine, human health, and healthcare



About Your Specialization

Most biomedical engineers pursue advanced degrees, considering both medicine and engineering are highly specialized.

Biosystems Engineering students take all the classes they need for biomedical engineering graduate school as part of their undergraduate program - meaning no extra classes!

The Department of Biomedical Engineering offers a BME minor. The BME minor requires 3 additional classes beyond the BAE requirements.

Undergraduate research opportunities are available and are highly encouraged! Research areas at UK in the Biomedical Engineering Graduate Program include biomaterials, tissue engineering, biophotonics, cardiovascular and neural control, and biomechanics.

What can you do?

Our alumni work locally and globally solving healthcare-related challenges or pursue advanced degrees in biomedical engineering programs.

Potential Careers

- Artificial Joints
- Biomaterials
- Biomechanics
- Biometrics
- Drug Delivery
- Medical Devices
- Medical Implants
- Nanotechnology
- Neuroscience
- Pharmaceuticals
- Polymer Science
- Product Development
- Prosthetics
- Quality Assurance
- Regulatory Affairs
- Research

Potential Employers

- Hangar
- Integra LifeSciences
- Johnson & Johnson
- Pfizer
- Smith & Nephew
- United Therapeutics Corporation
- U.S. Air Force

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