



Curriculum Information Record for a Major/Degree

Department of Materials Science and Engineering
Effective from Semester A 2024/ 2025
For Students Admitted/Changed to the Major with Catalogue Term
Semester A 2020 / 2021

The information provided on this form is the official record of the major/degree. It will be used for City University’s database, various City University publications (including websites) and documentation for students and others as required.

In specifying the curriculum for a major/degree, “catalogue term” is used to determine the set of curriculum requirements that a student is following. By mapping the student record and the version of curriculum rules applicable, the graduation requirements of individual students will be evaluated accordingly. The catalogue terms of curriculum requirements that students will follow are summarized below (BUS/04/A5R):

Requirements

Catalogue Term

- a) Common Requirements
 - Gateway Education
 - University Language
 - College/School requirement

The same as student’s admission term

b) Major

- For normative 4-year degree students who will join the majors allocation exercise
- For advanced standing students and 4-year degree students who already have a major at the time of admission
- For students who have changed major

Effective term of the declared major

The same as student’s admission term

Effective term of the changed major

c) Stream

Follow the effective term of the associated major

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Part I Major/Degree Overview**Major** (in English) : Materials Science and Engineering

(in Chinese) : 材料科學及工程

Degree (*For students admitted to the University in 2020/21*)

(in English) : Bachelor of Engineering

(in Chinese) : 工學士

Award Title[#] (*For students admitted to the University in 2020/21*)

(in English) : Bachelor of Engineering in Materials Science and Engineering

(in Chinese) : 工學士(材料科學及工程)

Please make reference to the "Guidelines on Award Titles" approved by the Senate when proposing new award titles or changes to existing award titles (Senate/86/A5R).

1. Normal and Maximum Period of Study

	Normative 4-year Degree	Advanced Standing I (Note 1)	Advanced Standing II (Senior-year Entry) (Note 2)
Normal period of study	4 years	3 years	2 years
Maximum period of study	8 years	6 years	5 years

2. Minimum Number of Credit Units Required for the Award and Maximum Number of Credit Units Permitted

Degree Requirements	Normative 4-year Degree	Advanced Standing I	Advanced Standing II (Senior-year Entry)
Gateway Education requirement *	30 credit units	21 credit units	12 credit units
College/School requirement *	6 credit units	waived	waived
Major requirement	75 credit units (Core: 51 Elective: 24)	75 credit units (Core: 51 Elective: 24)	69 credit units (Core: 45 Elective: 24)
Free electives / Minor (if applicable)	9 credit units	0 credit unit	0 credit unit
Minimum number of credit units required for the award	120 credit units	96 credit units	81 credit units

Maximum number of credit units permitted	144 credit units	114 credit units	84 credit units
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* For details, please refer to the Curriculum Information Record for Common Requirements.

3. Aims of Major

The major aims to educate and produce graduates who will be:

- *equipped with working knowledge of the production, characterization, and service performance of engineering materials;*
- *proficient communicators equipped with a range of disciplines and skills, computer literacy, language proficiency, and the ability to think quantitatively and analyse problems critically;*
- *able to contribute their specialist skills, alongside other engineering specialists, to the design, manufacture, maintenance, testing and safety of engineering components, devices, structures and process plants;*
- *able to demonstrate an awareness of the context within which they work, and take responsibility for their own personal and professional development;*
- *demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge learned in the major to support in at least an original discovery or creative design relevant to materials engineering.*

4. Intended Learning Outcomes of Major (MILOs)

(Please state what the student is expected to be able to do on completion of the major according to a given standard of performance.)

Upon successful completion of this major, students should be able to:

No.	MILOs	Discovery-enriched curriculum related learning outcomes (please tick where appropriate)		
		A1	A2	A3
1.	apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering appropriate to the materials engineering discipline.		√	√
2.	design and conduct experiments, as well as analyze and interpret data.	√	√	
3.	design a system, component, or process to meet the desired needs within realistic constraints, such as economic, environmental, social, political and ethical expectations, health and safety, manufacturability and sustainability.	√	√	√
4.	function in multi-disciplinary teams.			√
5.	identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems.	√	√	√
6.	recognize professional and ethical responsibility.	√	√	
7.	communicate effectively.			√
8.	recognize the impact of engineering solutions in a global and societal context, especially the importance of health, safety and environmental considerations for both workers and the general public.	√		
9.	recognize the need for, and to engage in life-long learning.		√	√
10.	stay abreast of contemporary issues.		√	
11.	use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice appropriate to the materials engineering discipline.		√	√
12.	use computers and IT relevant to the materials discipline along with understanding of their processes and limitations.		√	
13.	create an original design, or explore the materials engineering area for discovery of new knowledge.	√	√	√

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishments of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing/constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

Part II Major Requirement

(The catalogue term of the major requirement that students will follow will be the effective term of the declared/allocated major.

For normative 4-year degree students who will join the majors allocation exercise, the catalogue term of major requirement will be one year after admission.

For advanced standing students and 4-year degree students who already have a major at the time of admission, the catalogue term of major requirement will be the same as their admission term.)

1. Core Courses

Normative 4-year degree: 51 credit units

Advanced Standing I: 51 credit units

Advanced Standing II: 45 credit units

Course Code	Course Title	Level	Credit Units	Remarks
CS1302	Introduction to Computer Programming	B1	3	
PHY1202	General Physics II	B1	3	Students with Grade D or above in HKAL Physics OR students with equivalent qualification may apply for exemption. They are required to complete any course of 3 credits to replace the exempted credits Advanced Standing II students are not required to take this course.
PHY1203	General Physics III	B1	3	Advanced Standing II students are not required to take this course.
MSE1001	Programme Induction	B1	0	
MSE2102	Introduction to Materials Science and Engineering	B2	3	
MSE2104	Mechanical Behaviour of Materials	B2	3	
MSE2243	Workshop Practice	B2	3	
MSE3109	Kinetics and Phase Transformations	B3	3	
MSE3110	Deformation and Fracture	B3	3	
MSE3114	Fundamentals of Scientific Computing: a Course Powered by AI	B3	3	
MSE3169	Materials Testing Techniques	B3	3	
MSE3171	Materials Characterization	B3	3	

MSE3172	Electronic Properties of Solids	B3	3	
MSE3190	Thermodynamics of Materials	B3	3	
MSE3244	Design Laboratory	B3	3	
MSE4116 / FS4003	Dissertation CES Placement Project	B4	6	
MA2001 / MA2158 / MA2172 / MA2177 / MA2181	Multi-variable Calculus and Linear Algebra Linear Algebra and Calculus Applied Statistics for Sciences and Engineering Engineering Mathematics and Statistics Mathematical Methods for Engineering	B2	3	Advanced Standing students may be required to complete MA1200 Calculus and Basic Linear Algebra I and MA1201 Calculus and Basic Linear Algebra II (the pre-requisite courses) before they are allowed to enroll MA2001/ MA2158/ MA2177/ MA2181. They are advised to apply and sit for the placement test * organized by MA department before the commencement of Semester A of their admitted academic year. * Placement Test for MA1200 – ASI student Combined Placement test for MA1200 & MA1201 – ASII students

2. Electives (24 credit units)

Course Code	Course Title	Level	Credit Units	Remarks
Group A (Fundamental Electives): at least 12 credit units from this group of courses				
MSE2105	Engineering Mechanics: Dynamics	B2	3	
MSE3111	Ceramic Materials	B3	3	
MSE3113	Soft Materials	B3	3	
MSE3130	Biomaterials	B3	3	
MSE4121	Thin Films	B4	3	
MSE4170	Corrosion and Protection of Materials	B4	3	
Group B (Specialized Electives)				
MSE4114	Stress Analysis	B4	3	
MSE4118	Composites	B4	3	
MSE4124	Failure Analysis and Case Studies	B4	3	
MSE4126	Electroceramics	B4	3	
MSE4127	Smart Sensors: From Engineering to Applications	B4	3	
MSE4171	Electronic Packaging and Materials	B4	3	
PHY4172	Computational Physics	B4	3	
MSE4175	Advanced Technology in Biomedical Devices	B4	3	

MSE4176	Energy Materials for the Current Century	B4	3	
MSE4177	Smart and Functional Materials: Selection and Application	B4	3	
MSE4178	Nanostructures & Nanotechnology	B4	3	
MSE4307	Building Materials	B4	3	
MSE4714	Special Topics in Materials Science and Engineering I	B4	3	
FS4002	Industrial Attachment Scheme	B3	3	
FS4005	Overseas Internship Scheme	B3	3	

Remarks: Course(s) under the major requirements may be waived for students of Advanced Standing I/II, depending on their academic qualifications.

Part III Admission Requirements for Entry to the Major, if any

(Admission requirements here refers to specific requirements for students already admitted to the College/School/Department with an undeclared major. Academic units can state the prerequisites required for admission to the major.)

Nil

Part IV Accreditation by Professional / Statutory Bodies

The BEng degree in Materials Engineering is fully accredited by the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) as an award satisfying the academic requirements for its Corporate Membership.

Part V Additional Information

Nil

Part VI Curriculum Map

Course		Credit	MILOs													DEC			
Code	Title		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12	M13	A1	A2	A3	
Core Courses																			
CS1302	Introduction to Computer Programming	3	T													√	√	√	
PHY1202	General Physics II	3	TP							T			T		T	√	√	√	
PHY1203	General Physics III	3	TP				T			T			T		T	√	√	√	
MSE1001	Program Induction	0							T		T					√	√		
MSE2102	Introduction to Materials Engineering	3	TP			M				TM	M		T		T		√		
MSE2104	Mechanical Behaviour of Materials	3	TP	P	M		PM		P						TP M	√	√		
MSE2243	Workshop Practice	3	TP	TP	TP M		TP	PM	PM				TP M	TP M	TP M		√	√	
MSE3109	Kinetics and Phase Transformations	3	TPM	P					P		P				T	√	√	√	
MSE3110	Deformation and Fracture	3	TPM	TP	T		T			T					T		√		
MSE3114	Fundamentals of Scientific Computing: a Course Powered by AI	3	TP	TP		T						M			TP M	TP	√	√	√
MSE3169	Materials Testing Techniques	3	T	TM			T		M			M	TM		TP	√	√	√	
MSE3171	Materials Characterization	3	TP	TP M			T		M		T	M	TM		TP	√	√	√	
MSE3172	Electronic Properties of Solids	3	TPM										T		T	√	√	√	
MSE3190	Thermodynamics of Materials	3	TPM	P					P		P				T	√	√		
MSE3244	Design Laboratory	3	TP	TP	TP M	PM	TP M	M	PM	PM	P	P	PM	PM	TP M		√		
MSE4116	Dissertation	6	P	PM	M	PM	PM	M	PM	M	PM	PM	PM	PM	TP M	√	√	√	
FS4003	CES Placement Project	6	P	P		P	P		P		P	P	P	P	TP	√	√	√	
MA2001	Multi-variable Calculus and Linear Algebra	3	TP	T			T						T			√	√	√	
MA2158	Linear Algebra and Calculus	3	TP	T			T						T			√	√	√	
MA2172	Applied Statistics for Sciences and Engineering	3	TP	T			T						T			√	√	√	
MA2177	Engineering Mathematics and Statistics	3	TP	T			T						T			√	√	√	
MA2181	Mathematical Methods for Engineering	3	TP	T			T						T			√	√	√	
Electives																			
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MSE3113	Soft Materials	3	TPM	P				TP M			T			T		T		√	
MSE3130	Biomaterials	3	TP					TP			TM	M	TM	T		T		√	√
MSE4121	Thin Films	3	TP	TP M				T				T	T	TP		T		√	√
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MSE4118	Composites	3	TP	T				TP				M	T	T		T		√	√
MSE4124	Failure Analysis and Case Studies	3	TP	TP	TP M	T		TP	TP M	TP M	TP M	T	TP	TP M		TP M		√	√
MSE4126	Electroceramics	3	TP	TP M				T					T	T		TP		√	√
MSE4127	Smart Sensors: From Engineering to Applications	3				TM		TM				T	T						√
MSE4171	Electronic Packaging and Materials	3	T			T		P				T	T	TP M		T		√	√
PHY4172	Computational Physics	3	TP	TP	P	PM		P	P	P	P	T	T	TP	TP M	TP M		√	√
MSE4175	Advanced Technology in Biomedical Devices	3	T					TP		P				TP M	T		T		√
MSE4176	Energy Materials for the Current Century	3	T							P	T	TP M	TP	T		T			√
MSE4177	Smart and Functional Materials: Selection and Application	3	TP	TP	T			T		P		M	P	T		T		√	√
MSE4178	Nanostructures & Nanotechnology	3	T	T							T	T	TM	TP		T		√	√
MSE4307	Building Materials	3	TP	P	T	M		T	T		TM			T		T		√	√
MSE4714	Special Topics in Materials Science and Engineering I	3	TP	TP							T	T	TP M	T		T		√	√
FS4002	Industrial Attachment Scheme	3	P	P	PM	PM		P	PM	PM	PM	P	P	P	P	PM		√	√
FS4005	Overseas Internship Scheme	3	P	P	PM	PM		P	PM	PM	PM	P	P	P	P	PM		√	√

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(The curriculum map shows the mapping between courses and the MILOs. It should cover all courses designed specifically for the major.)