

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

THE DISCIPLINE

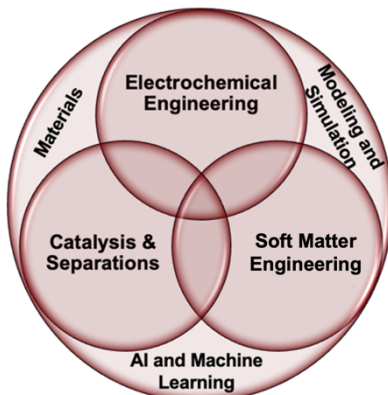
Through discovery, design, creation, and transformation, [chemical engineering](#) is the engineering of systems at scales ranging from the molecular to the macroscopic that integrate chemical, physical, and biological elements in order to develop processes and produce materials and products for the benefit of society. Chemical Engineers are at the forefront of solving the major challenges to our society, from energy system decarbonization, ensuring environmental sustainability, and enabling flexible manufacturing for a circular economy, to discovering novel and improved materials for a variety of applications (e.g., batteries), and engineering targeted and accessible medicines.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our Chemical Engineering students engage with nationally recognized faculty in a challenging and supportive environment. In addition to their academic coursework, they participate in many “beyond-the-classroom” experiences, including:

Industrial Experience: Most of our students participate in paid ($\geq \$25/\text{hr}$) full-time summer internships and multi-semester co-ops that allow them to gain the “real world” experience that prepares them for future careers in industry. Our major employers over the past ten years span a wide range of industrial sectors (below, left image).

Research Experience: Due to the low $\sim 15:1$ student-to-faculty ratio, significant research funding, and large research groups, our students have opportunities to conduct cutting edge research under the guidance of our faculty. Click on this [link](#) to see our research strengths which fit broadly into several areas (below, middle image).



Study Abroad Experience: In addition to traditional study abroad experiences available to our students, our department has developed two Maymester international courses run by ChE faculty: Energy and Sustainability in Germany and [Sustainable Development in Engineering in Thailand](#) (above, right image). In these courses students explore the course topics from a country-specific perspective, and then experience the actual practice of those concepts through a 2-week trip abroad.

Professional and Leadership Experience: We have a very active [student chapter](#) of the [American Institute of Chemical Engineers](#), which fosters professional development and provides opportunities to network with professionals from across the country. A highlight is our participation in the [ChemE Cube Competition](#) to design a device that captures carbon dioxide directly from the air. The team finished 1st place at the 2023 AIChE Annual Meeting in Orlando (see picture at left), and has placed in the top ten each of the last two years



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Comprehensive Degree

Building on the foundational math and science courses, the [B.S.E. in Chemical Engineering](#) covers the core of chemical engineering, preparing students for either an industrial position or to pursue advanced degrees in the field. These courses are:

MATH AND SCIENCE

Calculus I and II
Vector Calculus
Differential Equations
General Chemistry I and II and Labs
Organic Chemistry 1 and 2 and Labs
Physics 1 and 2 and Labs

ELECTIVES

Chemistry and Chem. Lab Electives
Computer Programming Elective
Engineering Electives
Technical Electives
Professional Development Elective

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Introduction to Chemical Engineering
Chemical Process Principles
Thermodynamics
Fluid Mechanics
Heat-Flow Analysis
Mass Transfer

GENERAL EDUCATION

Critical Reading and Composition
Rhetoric and Composition
Persuasive Communication
Information Literacy
Historical Thinking

Chemical Engineering Kinetics
Separation Process Design
Computational Methods for Engineers
Chemical Engineering Lab I, II
Chemical-Process Analysis and Design I, II
Chemical-Process Dynamics and Control
Process Safety, Health, and Loss Prevention

Foreign Language
Social Sciences
Values, Ethics and Social Responsibility
Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding
Career Elective

~30

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

~215

UNDERGRADUATE CHEMICAL
ENGINEERING STUDENTS

Flexible Curriculum

A large number of elective credits allow students to tailor the undergraduate experience to their specific interests. Students may pursue concentrations (e.g., Energy, Materials, Biomolecular Engineering, etc.) or minors (Business Administration, Data Science, Chemistry, Computer Science, Math, etc.) within the required credit hours for the B.S.E degree. In addition, these electives can allow for more college coursework taken during high school to count towards the degree. Finally, Accelerated Graduate Study allows students to complete both B.S.E. and M.S. Degrees within five years.

CONCENTRATIONS

Energy
Materials
Biomolecular Engineering
Environmental Engineering
Interdisciplinary Engineering
Numerical Methods/Computing

POPULAR MINORS

Business Administration
Chemistry
Data Science
Environmental and Sustainability Engineering
Computer Science
Math

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