

ENERGY ENGINEERING - MINOR

The energy engineering minor provides energy-minded students with a foundational understanding of energy technologies and the energy industry, including technological, policy and economic considerations related to conventional and renewable energy systems.

Required courses include a fundamentals-based energy course, an energy policy/society focused course and 12 credits of energy-focused technical elective courses. Elective courses, selected from across the CU campus, allow students to specialize according to their specific interest in the energy field.

For more information, visit the Mechanical Engineering Department's Energy Engineering Minor (<https://www.colorado.edu/mechanical/academics/undergraduate-program/energy-engineering-minor/>) webpage.

Requirements

The energy engineering minor requires completion of a minimum of 18 credit hours.

A minor in energy engineering is open to undergraduate students rostered in the College of Engineering and Applied Science.

Grade Requirements

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 is required in the courses used to satisfy the minor requirements. Each individual course that is counted toward this minor must be passed with a grade of D- or higher (note that a minimum grade of C- is required in all prerequisite courses).

Residency Requirements

At least 9 credit hours for the minor must be taken through CU Boulder.

Required Courses and Credits

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Fundamentals Course		3
Choose one of the following:		
AREN 3010	Energy Efficient Buildings	
CHEN 2120	Chemical Engineering Material and Energy Balances	
ECEN 3170	Electromagnetic Energy Conversion 1	
MCEN 3032	Thermodynamics 2	
Policy Course		3
Choose one of the following:		
MCEN 4032/5032	Sustainable Energy	
ENVS 3621	Energy Policy and Society	
ENVS 3070	Energy and the Environment	
Electives		12
Choose four of the following: ^{1,2}		
AREN 3040	Circuits for Architectural Engineers	
AREN 4010	Energy System Modeling and Control	
AREN 4890/5890	Sustainable Building Design	
ASEN 3402	Aerospace Heat Transfer	

ASEN 3503	Aerospace Electronics
BIEN 4803	Metabolic Engineering
CHEN 3210	Chemical Engineering Heat and Mass Transfer
CHEN 3660	Energy Fundamentals
CHEN 4480/5480	Solar Cells and Optical Devices for Sustainable Buildings
CHEN 4490/5490	Electrochemical Engineering
CHEN 4520	Chemical Process Design
CHEN 5360	Catalysis and Kinetics
CVEN 3246	Introduction to Construction
CVEN 3698	Engineering Geology
ECEN 2250	Introduction to Circuits and Electronics
ECEN 2410	Renewable Sources and Efficient Electrical Energy Systems
ECEN 4517	Power Electronics and Photovoltaic Power Systems Laboratory
ECEN 4555	Principles of Energy Systems and Devices
ECEN 4797	Introduction to Power Electronics
ECEN 5407	Renewable Energy and the Future Power Grid
EMEN 4100	Engineering Economics
ENEN 4321	Oil and Gas Processing
ENEN 4600	Interdisciplinary Energy Engineering Projects
ENEN 4840	Special Topics
GEEN 3010	Circuits for Engineers
GEOL 3010	Introduction to Mineralogy
GEOL 3020	Petrology
GEOL 3320	Introduction to Geochemistry
GEOL 3540	Introduction to Petroleum Geology
MCEN 3017	Circuits and Electronics for Mechanical Engineers
MCEN 3022	Heat Transfer
MCEN 4012/5012	Renewable Fuels, Fuel Cells and Internal Combustion Engines
MCEN 4135/5135	Wind Energy and Wind Turbine Design
MCEN 4152/5152	Introduction to Combustion
MCEN 4194/5194	Electrochemical Energy Conversion and Storage

Total Credit Hours 18

¹ There may be special topics or other elective courses offered that are suitable for the requirements of this minor. For an up-to-date listing of elective courses, visit the Energy Engineering Minor Technical Electives (<https://www.colorado.edu/mechanical/academics/undergraduate-program/energy-engineering-minor/energy-engineering-minor-technical/>) webpage. Contact the energy engineering minor faculty director (<https://www.colorado.edu/mechanical/academics/undergraduate-program/energy-engineering-minor/>) for additional course considerations.

² Additional courses completed from the Fundamentals and Policy course lists above also satisfy as electives for the energy engineering minor.