

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) – Catalog Year 2026-2027

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Biomedical Engineering is a highly interdisciplinary field that combines the mathematical and physical sciences with engineering principles to study biology, physiology, medicine, behavior and health. Biomedical Engineering is emerging as the leading discipline at the interface of clinical sciences, basic research, and engineering and maintains focus on catalyzing technology to cure and prevent disease. The undergraduate biomedical engineering program provides training at both CU Denver and CU Anschutz.

The BS Biomedical Engineering program emphasizes the professional competencies of leadership, communication, presentation and critical problem solving. These learning goals and the dual-campus model provide robust training for a variety of careers in the fast-growing biomedical and biotechnology industry. Graduates will also have an excellent foundation for continued education in science, engineering and medicine.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Students admitted to the College of Engineering, Design and Computing (CEDC) who have declared a major are required to meet with an advisor in their specific department and should contact that department to schedule an appointment. For Bioengineering academic advising, please contact:

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GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver BIOE students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements:

1. Complete a minimum of 128 semester hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete all college and major requirements
4. Residency: complete a minimum of 30 CEDC hours as a declared CEDC student in good standing at CU Denver
5. Terminal Residency: complete at least the final two semesters as an enrolled CEDC student

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

Students are responsible for meeting with their advisor in their department to confirm major requirements. Students completing the Biomedical Engineering B.S. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Complete 24 semester hours of CU Denver Core Curriculum coursework.
2. Complete a minimum of 59 semester hours of BIOE Downtown coursework with a grade of C – or better and a 2.0 GPA or higher.
3. Complete a minimum of 45 semester hours of upper-division bioengineering coursework, including 12 semester hours of approved technical electives with a grade of C- or higher in each course. All upper-division bioengineering courses are taught at the Anschutz Medical Campus (AMC). Of the twelve technical elective hours, a minimum of 9 credit hours must be taught within the Department of Bioengineering or 6 credits if petition is approved.

Courses	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
Required CU Denver Core Curriculum Coursework	24	CU Denver Core Curriculum
Required BIOE Downtown Coursework	59	
MATH 1401 Calculus I	4	*Prerequisite: Placement; fulfills CORE Mathematics
MATH 2411 Calculus II	4	*Prerequisite: C- or better in MATH1401
MATH 2421 Calculus III	4	*Prerequisite: C- or better in MATH2411
MATH 3195 Linear Algebra and Differential Equations	4	*Prerequisite: C- or better in MATH2411
BIOL 2010/2011 Organisms to Ecosystems with Lab	4	
BIOL 2020/2021 Molecules and Cells with Lab	4	*Prerequisite: BIOL 2010/2011 with grade of C- or higher
CHEM 2031 & 2038 General Chemistry I with lab	4	*Prerequisite: High School chemistry or CHEM 1000 recommended
CHEM 2061 & 2068 General Chemistry I with lab	5	*Prerequisite: General CHEM I with lab with grade of C- or higher
CHEM 3411 & 3418 Organic Chemistry I with lab	5	*Prerequisite: General CHEM I & II with labs with min. grades of C-
PHYS 2311 & 2321 General Physics I with lab	5	*Prerequisite: MATH1401
PHYS 2331 & 2341 General Physics II with lab	5	*Prerequisite: PHYS 2311 and MATH 2411
BIOE 1010 Fundamentals of Biomedical Engineering	3	
ENGR 1200- Fundamentals of Engineering Design Innovation	3	

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Required BIOE Downtown Coursework (Continued)		
ENGR 1100- Fundamentals of Computational Innovation	3	
BIOE2020 Introduction to Computational Methods for Bioengineers	2	*Prerequisite: C- or better in MATH 2411 and MATH 3195 as co-req
Required BIOE Upper-Division Coursework (CU ANSCHUTZ)	45	<i>Students must complete all required BIOE Downtown Coursework (MATH, PHYS, BIOL, CHEM, lower-division BIOE and ENGR 1200 with a C- or higher in order to enroll in upper-division BIOE courses.</i>
BIOE3010 Bioinstrumentation	3	* Prerequisite: All required BIOE Downtown Coursework
BIOE3020 Introduction to Biomechanical Analysis	3	* Prerequisite: All required BIOE Downtown Coursework
BIOE3030 Introduction to Biomaterials	3	* Prerequisite: All required BIOE Downtown Coursework
BIOE3040 Physiology for Biomedical Engineering	3	* Prerequisite: All required BIOE Downtown Coursework
BIOE3050 Systems Biology	3	* Prerequisite: BIOE 1010, BIOL 2020/2021, MATH 2421 & 3195
BIOE3060 Biostatistics, Measurement, and Analysis	3	* Prerequisite: BIOE 3010, 3020, 3030, and 3040 with a C- or higher
BIOE3070 Bioengineering Lab I	3	* Prerequisite: All required BIOE Downtown Coursework
BIOE3071 Bioengineering Lab II	3	* Prerequisite: BIOE 3070
BIOE3090 Introduction to BioDesign	3	* Prerequisite: BIOE 3010, 3020, 3030, and 3040 with a C- or higher
BIOE4035 Undergraduate BioDesign II	3	*Prerequisite: BIOE 3090
BIOE4045 BioDesign III	3	*Prerequisite: BIOE 4035
BIOE Technical Electives: Choose four approved upper-division, biomedical engineering technical electives. Students can apply one approved non biomedical engineering course. A second non-biomedical engineering technical elective must be petitioned.	12	<i>Check individual courses for prerequisites</i>
Total Program Hours:	128	

SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors. **Students deviating from this plan must fulfill course prerequisites and must meet with the advisor in their department to confirm degree requirements.**

YEAR ONE

Semester 1	CRS
BIOE 1010 – Fundamentals of Biomedical Engineering	3
MATH 1401 - Calculus I	4
BIOL 2010 & 2011 Organisms and Ecosystems with Lab	4
CHEM 2031 & 2038 - General Chemistry I with lab	4

Semester 2	CRS
ENGR 1200- Fundamentals of Engineering Design Innovation	3
MATH2411 - Calculus II	4
BIOL 2020 & 2021 Molecules to Cells with Lab	4
CHEM2061 & 2068 - General Chemistry I with lab	5

YEAR TWO

Semester 3	CRS
ENGR 1100- Fundamentals of Computational Innovation	3
MATH 3195- Linear Algebra and Differential Equations	4
CHEM 3411 & 3418- Organic Chemistry I with lab	5
PHYS 2311 & 2321 - General Physics I with lab	5

Semester 4	CRS
BIOE 2020 - Intro to Comp Methods for Biomedical Engineers	2
MATH 2421- Calculus III	4
PHYS 2331 & 2341 - General Physics II with lab	5
ENGL 1020- Core Composition I	3

YEAR THREE

Semester 5	CRS
BIOE 3010 - Bioinstrumentation	3
BIOE 3020 - Introduction to Biomechanical Analysis	3
BIOE 3030 - Introduction to Biomaterials	3
BIOE 3040 - Physiology for Biomedical Engineering	3
BIOE 3070 – Biomedical Engineering Lab I	3

Semester 6	CRS
ENGL 2030- Core Composition II	3
BIOE 3050 – Systems Biology	3
BIOE 3060 - Biostatistics, Measurement, and Analysis	3
BIOE 3071 – Biomedical Engineering Lab II	3
BIOE 3090 - Introduction to BioDesign	3

YEAR FOUR

Semester 7	CRS
BIOE 4035 - Undergraduate BioDesign II	3
BIOE Technical Elective	3
BIOE Technical Elective	3
CU Denver Core	3
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Semester 8	CRS
BIOE 4045 - BioDesign III	3
BIOE Technical Elective	3
BIOE or Upper-Division Technical Elective	3
CU Denver Core	3
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