

**AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING CURRICULUM  
LAND AND WATER RESOURCES ENGINEERING OPTION**

A total of 126 credits required for graduation  
(2020-2021 Catalog)

**I. Communications (10 credits)**

3 cr.	ENGL 150 (FSSS)	Critical Thinking and Communication
3 cr.	ENGL 250 (FSSS)	Written, Oral, Visual, and Electronic Composition
3 cr.	Comm. Elect.	Select one of the courses below:
	<i>ENGL 309 (FS)</i>	<i>Report and Proposal Writing</i>
	<i>ENGL 314 (FSSS)</i>	<i>Technical Communication</i>
	<i>SP CM 212 (FSSS)</i>	<i>Fundamentals of Public Speaking</i>
	<i>SP CM 312 (FS)</i>	<i>Business and Professional Speaking</i>
	<i>AG EDS 311 (FS)</i>	<i>Presentation and Sales Strategies for Ag Audiences</i>
	<i>MKT 450 (FS)</i>	<i>Advanced Professional Selling</i>
1 cr.	LIB 160 (FSSS)	Library Instruction

**II. Mathematical Sciences (14 credits)**

4 cr.	MATH 165 (FSSS)	Calculus I
4 cr.	MATH 166 (FSSS)	Calculus II
3 cr.	MATH 266 (FSSS)	Elementary Differential Equations
3 cr.	STAT 305 (FSSS)	Engineering Statistics

**III. Biological, Chemical, Physical Sciences (13 credits)**

3 cr.	Biology Elect.	Select one of the courses below:
	<i>BIOL 251 (S)</i>	<i>Biological Processes in the Environment</i>
	<i>BIOL 211(FS)</i>	<i>Principles of Biology I</i>
4 cr.	CHEM 167 (FS)	General Chemistry for Engineering Students
1 cr.	CHEM 167L (FS)	Laboratory in General Chemistry for Engineering
5 cr.	PHYS 221 (FSSS)	Introduction to Classical Physics I

**IV. Social Sciences and Humanities (12 credits)**

3 cr.	U. S. Diversity Course (Select from University-approved list).
3 cr.	International Perspectives Course (Select from University-approved list).
6 cr.	Social Science and Humanities Electives (Select from CALS-approved list).

**V. Engineering Core (23 credits)**

R cr.	ENGR 101 (FS)	Engineering Orientation
1 cr.	A B E 110 (S)	Experiencing Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
3 cr.	A B E 160 (FS)	Engineering Problems with Computer Applications Laboratory
3 cr.	A B E 170 (FS)	Engineering Graphics and Introductory Design
3 cr.	C E 274 (FSSS)	Statics of Engineering
3 cr.	E M 324 (FSSS)	Mechanics of Materials
1 cr.	E M 327 (FSSS)	Mechanics of Materials Laboratory
3 cr.	E M 378 (FSSS)	Mechanics of Fluids
3 cr.	I E 305 (FSSS)	Engineering Economic Analysis
3 cr.	M E 231 (FS)	Thermodynamics

**VI. Agricultural Engineering Core (21 credits)**

1 cr.	A B E 201 (FS)	Entrepreneurship and Internship Seminar
3 cr.	A B E 216 (F)	Fundamentals of Agricultural and Biological Engineering
2 cr.	A B E 218 (S)	Project Management and Design
1 cr.	A B E 273	CAD for Process Facilities and Land Use Planning
3 cr.	A B E 316 (FS)	Computer Applications and Systems Modeling
4 cr.	A B E 363 (FS)	Agri-Industrial Applications of Electric Power and Electronics
3 cr.	A B E 404 (F)	Instrumentation for Agricultural and Biological Engineering
2 cr.	A B E 415 (FS)	Agricultural Engineering Design I
2 cr.	A B E 416 (FS)	Agricultural Engineering Design II

**VII. Land and Water Resources Engineering Option (33 credits)**

3 cr.	A B E 431 (F)	Design and Evaluation of Soil and Water Conservation Systems
3 cr.	ABE Breadth	Select one of the courses below:
	<i>A B E 340 (F)</i>	<i>Functional Analysis and Design of Agricultural Field Machinery</i>
	<i>A B E 380 (S)</i>	<i>Engineering Analysis of Biological Systems</i>
	<i>A B E 424 (S)</i>	<i>Air Pollution (Modules A, B, and E)</i>
	<i>A B E 469 (S)</i>	<i>Grain Processing and Handling</i>
	<i>A B E 472 (S-even)</i>	<i>Design of Environmental Systems for Agricultural Structures</i>
	<i>A B E 478 (S-odd)</i>	<i>Design of Agricultural Structures</i>
	<i>A B E 480 (F)</i>	<i>Engineering Analysis of Biological Systems</i>
3 cr.	AGRON 181 (S)	Introduction to Crop Science
3 cr.	AGRON 182 (FS)	Introduction to Soil Science
3 cr.	C E 326 (FS)	Principles of Environmental Engineering
3 cr.	C E 372 (FS)	Engineering Hydrology and Hydraulics
3 cr.	GEOL 201 (F)	Geology for Engineers and Environmental Scientists.
3 cr.	GIS	Select one of the courses below:
	<i>AGRON/ENSCI 270</i>	<i>Geospatial Technologies</i>
	<i>CRP 251 (F)</i>	<i>Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems</i>
	<i>CRP 451 (FSSS)</i>	<i>Introduction to Geographic Information System *last offered F16*</i>
	<i>ENSCI 461I(SS)</i>	<i>Introduction to GIS</i>
	<i>GEOL 452 (F)</i>	<i>GIS for Geoscientists</i>
	<i>NREM 345 (F)</i>	<i>Natural Resource Photogrammetry and Geographic Information Systems</i>
	<i>NREM 446 (F)</i>	<i>Integrating GPS and GIS for Natural Resource Management</i>
3 cr.	Subsurface Systems	Select one of the courses below
	<i>C E 360 (FS)</i>	<i>Geotechnical Engineering</i>
	<i>C E 473 (F)</i>	<i>Groundwater Hydrology</i>
2 cr.	MICRO 201 (FS)	Introduction to Microbiology
1 cr.	MICRO 201L (FS)	Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory
3 cr.	Water Quality	Select one of the courses below:
	<i>A B E 432 (S)</i>	<i>Non-Point Pollution and Control</i>
	<i>A B E 537 (F-odd)</i>	<i>Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Development and Implementation</i>

**Please check the current catalog and Schedule of Classes for most recent offerings.**

<sup>1</sup>Increasingly, employers in land and water resources engineering consider the Master's degree to be the entry "working degree". **Students are therefore strongly encouraged to consider a concurrent BS/MS.**

Also, there are many excellent and career-relevant courses at Iowa State that are not required in this curriculum, but would be good choices for a student who has the room and inclination to take them. These include (but are not limited to):

- A B E 388 (F) 3 cr. Sustainable Engineering and International Development
- C E 111 (FS) 3 cr. Fundamentals of Surveying I
- EnSci 404 (S) 3 cr. Global Change
- EnSci 407 (S) 4 cr. Watershed Management
- EnSci 411 (F) 4 cr. Hydrogeology (could be substituted for CE subsurface systems course also)
- EnSci 418 (Alt F13) 3 cr. Stream Ecology
- EnSci 463 (S) 4 cr. Soil Formation and Landscape Relationships