SBME Pre-Approved Electives

In general, electives need to be at a 3000-level or above. The sections below serve as a source of pre-approved course options, however approval from an SBME faculty advisor is recommended when selecting ‘Math, Science, & Engineering’ electives. Other courses not on this list may be approved with permission by the SBME faculty via the Undergraduate Studies Committee.

Not all classes are offered frequently. Students are responsible for ensuring that the courses will be offered in the semester they intend to take it, and that all prerequisites or other permissions are acquired before enrolling in electives.

Courses less than 3 credit hours will have to be supplemented with another course to account for the credit hour discrepancy. A total of at least 6 credit hours are required for BME electives and a total of at least 6 credit hours are required for ‘Science, Math, & Engineering’ electives. BME elective course credits, in excess of 6 credit hours can be counted toward ‘Science, Math, & Engineering’ elective credit hours.

Courses not approved as electives:

- Anything below 3000 level
- *Courses cannot be double counted for the ‘Upper-Level Biology Elective’ and a ‘Science, Math, & Engineering’ Elective
- Courses cannot be double counted for ‘Science, Math, & Engineering’ and ‘BME electives’.
- Any other courses already fulfilling another graduation requirement (e.g., ENGR 3511 Transfer Engineering Experience).

List of Approved Courses for ‘Upper Level Biology’ Elective

- BIOL 3113 - Cell Biology
  - Prerequisite: 1114, or 1124, or Biology 1134, or Botany 1114, and Chemistry 3053.
- BIOL 3333 - Genetics
  - Prerequisite: ZOO/BIOL 1124, or ZOO/BiOL 1114 and ZOO/BiOL 1121; Biology 1134 recommended
- BIOL 3833 - Introduction to Neurobiology
  - Prerequisite: BIOL 1124
- BIOL 4843 - Intro to Molecular Biology
  - Prerequisite: 1114 or 1124, or Botany/PBIO 1114, or Microbiology 3813 and 3812, and one course in organic chemistry
- CHEM 3053 - Organic Chemistry I: Biological Emphasis
  - Prerequisite: CHEM 1415 or CHEM 1425 or CHEM 1435.
- CHEM 3653 - Introduction to Biochemistry
  - Prerequisite: CHEM 3013, CHEM 3053, or CHEM 3064.
Please refer to the List of Courses for ‘BME’ Electives for BME Elective recommendations.

List of Approved Courses for ‘Science, Math, & Engineering’ Elective

**Anthropology**
ANTH5273 Bioethics, Biotechnology, Biomedicine

**Biology**
*BIOL 3333 Genetics
*BIOL 3113 Cell Biology
*BIOL 3833 Intro to Neurology
*BIOL 4843 Intro to Molecular Biology
MBIO 3673 Practical Bioinformatics
MBIO 3813 Fundamentals of Microbiology
MBIO 3812 Fund. Microbiology Lab
MBIO 4833 Basic Immunology
BIOL 3103 Principles of Physiology
BIOL 3201 Animal Development Lab
BIOL 3203 Animal Development
BIOL 4244 Animal Histology
BIOL 4233 Neurobiology of Disease
BIOL 4853 Neurobiology of Memory
BIOL 4893 Behavioral Neurobiology
BIOL 4913 Quantitative Biology
BIOL 5153 Endocrine Physiology
BIOL 5293 Cytology Ultrastructure
BIOL 5343 Developmental Genetics
BIOL 5364 Transmission Electron Microscopy
BIOL 5374 Scanning Electron Microscopy
BIOL 5843 Molecular Biology
BIOL 5923 Programming in R for Biology

**Chemistry**
CHEM 3423 Physical Chemistry
CHEM 3523 Physical Chemistry II
CHEM 3153 Organic Chemistry II
*CHEM 3653 Biochemistry
CHEM 3753 Intro to Biochemical Methods
CHEM 4023 Instrumental Methods in Chemical Analysis
CHEM 4333 Advanced Inorganic Chemistry
CHEM 5453 Polymer Science
CHEM 5753 Principles of Biochem I
CHEM 5853 Principles of Biochem II
CHEM 6813 Intro to Biochemical Methods
CHEM 6823 Protein, Nucleic Acids, & Gene Expression
CHEM 6833 Structure & Function of Membranes & Hormones
CHEM 6843 Enzyme Mechanisms & Metabolic Regulation

*If not taken as Upper-Level Biology Requirement

**Physics**
CHEM 6853 Protein Structure & Function

**Engineering**
ENGR 3401 Engineering Economics
ENGR 3431 Electromechanical Systems
ENGR 3441 Fluid Mechanics
ENGR 4003 Engineering Practice
ENGR 4013 Leadership & Management for Engineers
ENGR 4023 Disruptive & Innovative Technology Ideation
ENGR 4510G Global Environmental Health

**Electrical and Computer Engineering**
ECE 3323 Intro-Solid State Elec Devices
ECE 3813 Introductory Electronics
ECE 4813 Electronics
ECE 4823 Engineering Principles of the Human Body
ECE 5213 Digital Signal Processing
ECE 5273 Digital Image Processing
ECE 5523 Random Signals
ECE 5363 Optical Engineering

**Industrial Systems Engineering**
ISE 4223 Fundamentals of Engineering Economics
ISE 4553/5553 Data Driven Decision Making I
ISE 4804 Ergonomics in Systems Design
ISE 5033 Systems Engineering
ISE 4553 Data Driven Decision Making
ISE 5373 Additive Manufacturing

**Math**
MATH 3333 Linear Algebra
MATH 3423 Physical Math II
MATH 4163 Intro Partial Diff. Equations
MATH 4373/5373 Abstract Linear Algebra
MATH 4383/5383 Modern Algebra

**Meteorology**
METR 4990-024 Foundations of Academic Research Creative Activity
Career Advising and Professional Development Topics

Research
Research is a balance between collaborative and individual work. Being involved to this experience as early as possible gives undergrad students a perspective of collaborative work. They can understand the way of scientific development and appreciate the published research. Also, by demonstrating their individual contribution to the collaborative work in a lab, they can apply variety of awards and fellowships. Students can have an opportunity to understand their own interest to graduate school, any particular field of science, and collaborative work. If the student finds interest in research, then this experience can be beneficial for obtaining research related recommendation letters from the principal investigators that they worked with. Moreover, based on their contribution, undergrad students’ names can be added to the scientific papers, which is an important contribution for landing a high-level graduate college and application for awards and fellowships.

Undergraduate students can work in the lab by helping a graduate student in the beginning. It is important to watch and understand the procedure for at least a couple of months. Students can help the procedure by doing simple lab works under a graduate supervisor. Students, who prefer to work in the same lab more than a semester, can start to be independent in the lab work and produce their results. Under these circumstances, these students can be encouraged to present their results as a poster or a presentation in the OU campus, undergrad related research seminars. If the student is at senior level and has produced results as an undergrad researcher in the same lab in more than two semesters, then those students should be encouraged to attend BMES undergrad symposium and present their results as a poster. Such attempt can increase the graduating successful graduate students from SBME.

Moreover, the students in the senior level and working in a research lab can be encouraged to apply graduate school fellowships from NSF and NIH.

Current research opportunities for undergraduates are listed on the SBME website:
http://www.ou.edu/coe/sbme/undergrad/research

Research for Credit: BME 3440/3980 Research Credit Policy
Research as a BME or ‘Science, Math, Engineering’ elective

Mentored research credit (BME 3440 or BME 3980, honors) may count for a maximum 3 hours of BME elective OR a maximum of 3 hours ‘Science, Math, Engineering’ (SME) elective credit for a maximum total of 3 hours of research credit counting toward the degree.

To count as a BME elective, mentored research must be completed under the mentorship of either an SBME faculty member or IBEST faculty member. Mentored research in other departments may be applied toward a ‘Science, Math, Engineering’ Elective with advisor approval.

For research credit outside of SBME/IBEST, in the areas of science, engineering, or math, enrollment in a designated ‘SME’ section of BME 3440/3980 will be required. Students with external research advisors will provide written feedback as a 1-page summary to the BME 3440/3980 section advisor for official grade entry. Grading will be on an A/B/C/D/F scale as opposed to Pass/Fail.

An SBME faculty member shall be the instructor of record for students enrolling in BME 3440/3980 to perform research for a primary advisor in another department. In those cases, in addition to the 1-page