Biomedical Engineering Minor

Undergraduate Study

Minor supervised by an interdisciplinary faculty committee, administered by Chemical and Biological Engineering. The Biomedical engineering minor is a unique opportunity for engineering students to acquire a multi-disciplinary engineering and life sciences background for entering the field of biomedical engineering.

The program is open to all undergraduate engineering students at Iowa State University. This minor will provide students with a foundation of core biology and engineering relevant to further study in biomedical engineering along with an introduction to the application of engineering principles to biomedical problems from a multidisciplinary perspective as well as the applications within the majors of the participating departments. Minor requirements are as follows:

A minimum of 16 cr. meeting the six requirements below with a minimum of 9 of those credits not being used to meet degree requirements and a minimum of 6 cr. at the 300 level or above. For most students this last stipulation will probably result in 18 cr. being taken.

Total Credits		16_19
Professional Elective ***		1-3
Advanced Engineering Elective		3
Introductory Engineering Elective		3
BIOL 256	Fundamentals of Human Physiology	3
B M E/CH E 220	Introduction to Biomedical Engineering	3
BIOL 212	Principles of Biology II	3

*A second (Introductory) engineering course from a department other than that of your major that is not duplicative of material in a course taken in your own department. The topic of the course should have ready application to later BME-related electives in that discipline (MATE 273; E M 274 or 324; CH E 210, E E 201, 230 or 208X; or other courses approved by Minor Chair).

** 300-500 level engineering course with clear biomedical engineering application (B M E 341, 450, 490; BME/CH E 440, CH E 542; BME/MAT E 456; EE 430; IE 571; or other courses approved by Minor Chair).

*** 300-500 level engineering or life sciences course with clear biomedical engineering application OR B M E 490 OR departmental 490 with biomedical engineering topic OR 200+-level life sciences laboratory course (If a 200-level course is chosen here, the student will need to meet the required 6 cr. of 300+ courses by substitution of a higher-level course for the other requirements or by taking an additional course.), OR 300-500 level B M E courses, which may be offered on-line from the University of Iowa.