

# BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Qualification code: BPME18 - NQF Level 7 (420 credits)

SAQA ID: 99638, CHE NUMBER: H/H16/E024CAN

Campus where offered:

Pretoria Campus

**Please note that this electronic Prospectus differs from the printed booklet.**

## REMARKS

a. *Admission requirement(s) and selection criteria:*

• **FOR APPLICANTS WHO OBTAINED A SENIOR CERTIFICATE BEFORE 2008:**

**Admission requirement(s):**

A Senior Certificate or an equivalent qualification, with B symbols (70 – 79%) at Standard Grade or C symbols (60 – 69%) at Higher Grade for English, Mathematics and Physical Science.

**Selection criteria:**

To be considered for this qualification, applicants must have an Admission Point Score (APS) of at least **28**.

**Recommended subject(s):**

None.

• **FOR APPLICANTS WHO OBTAINED A NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE IN OR AFTER 2008:**

**Admission requirement(s):**

A National Senior Certificate, with a bachelor's degree endorsement, or an equivalent qualification, with an achievement level of at least 5 for English (home language or first additional language) and Mathematics or Technical Mathematics and Physical Sciences or Technical Sciences.

**Selection criteria:**

To be considered for this qualification, applicants must have an Admission Point Score (APS) of at least **28**.

**Recommended subject(s):**

Engineering Graphics and Design and Mechanical Technology.

• **FOR APPLICANTS WHO OBTAINED A QUALIFICATION FROM TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (TVET) COLLEGES (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS FET COLLEGES):**

**Applicants with a National Certificate (Vocational) at NQF Level 4:**

**Admission requirement(s):**

A National Certificate (Vocational) at NQF Level 4, with a bachelor's degree endorsement, issued by the Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), with at least a 60% (APS of 5) for English and Mathematics, and at least 70% (APS of 6) for Physical Sciences or Applied Engineering Technology and any three other vocational subjects.

**Selection criteria:**

To be considered for this qualification, applicants must have an Admission Point Score (APS) of at least **34**.



**Recommended subject(s):**

None.

**Applicants with a National N Certificate as published in Nated 191: N3 (NQF Level 4):**

**Admission requirement(s):**

A National Senior Certificate and a National N Certificate as published in Nated 191: N3 (NQF Level 4), issued by both the Department of Higher Education (DHET) and the Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), with at least 60% (APS of 5) for English and at least 70% (APS of 6) for Mathematics N3 and Engineering Sciences N3.

Applicants will be exempted from NQF Level 5 modules on the grounds of N4/N5/N6 subjects passed (a minimum of 50% of the qualification's first-year modules). Exemption will be granted from equivalent engineering subjects (including Mathematics and Engineering Sciences) passed with at least 70% (APS of 6).

**Applicants with a N Diploma as published in Nated 191: N4/N5/N6 (NQF Level 5):**

**Admission requirement(s):**

A National Senior Certificate and a National N Diploma (Nated 191: N4/N5/N6) at NQF Level 5, issued by both the Department of Higher Education (DHET) and the Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi), with at least 60% (APS of 5) for English and at least 70% (APS of 6) for Mathematics N4, N5 and N6 and Engineering Sciences N4.

Applicants will be exempted from NQF Level 5 modules on the grounds of N4/N5/N6 subjects passed (a maximum of 50% of the qualification's first-year modules). Exemption will be granted from equivalent engineering subjects (including Mathematics and Engineering Sciences) passed with at least 70% (APS of 6).

**Recommended subject(s):**

None.

• **FOR APPLICANTS WITH QUALIFICATIONS ON THE HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATION SUB-FRAMEWORK (HEQSF) OFFERED BY UNIVERSITIES OF TECHNOLOGY:**

The applicant will be considered for admission to the programme, if any of the following qualifications has been completed:

- Higher Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (NQF Level 5 - 140 credits): at least 60% for all modules completed.
- Advanced Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (NQF Level 6 - 140 credits): at least 60% for all modules completed.
- Diploma in Mechanical Engineering Technology (NQF Level 6 - 280 credits): at least 55% for all modules completed.
- National Diploma: Engineering: Mechanical (NQF Level 6 - 3,000 credits): at least 55% for all subjects completed.

b. *Assessment procedure:*

All applications received by the published due dates will be ranked according to the APS achieved. After consideration of the Departmental Student Enrolment Plan (SEP), only the top performing applicants will be selected. A waiting list consisting of the remainder of the applicants will provide an opportunity for applicants to fill places created by accepted students failing to meet the enrolment dates. Applicants will be informed per official letter from the Office of the Registrar.

c. *Minimum duration:*

Three years.



- d. *Presentation:*  
Day classes.
- e. *Intake for the qualification:*  
January only.
- f. *Exclusion and readmission:*  
See Chapter 2 of Students' Rules and Regulations.
- g. *Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), equivalence and status:*  
See Chapter 30 of Students' Rules and Regulations.
- h. *Module credits:*  
Module credits are shown in brackets after each module.

## CURRICULUM

### FIRST YEAR

CODE	MODULE	NQF-L	CREDIT	PREREQUISITE MODULE(S)
COL105X	Computer Literacy	(5)	(5)	
COS105X	Communication Skills	(5)	(6)	
EGE105B	Engineering Graphics	(5)	(14)	
ELC105B	Electrical Circuits	(5)	(28)	
EMA105B	Engineering Mathematics I	(5)	(28)	
INL125C	Information Literacy (block module)	(5)	(1)	
LFS125X	Life Skills (block module)	(5)	(2)	
MEC105B	Mechanics	(5)	(28)	

#### FIRST SEMESTER

MAN115B	Manufacturing I	(5)	(14)	
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#### SECOND SEMESTER

SOM115B	Strength of Materials I	(5)	(14)	
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TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE FIRST YEAR: **140**

### SECOND YEAR

CODE	MODULE	NQF-L	CREDIT	PREREQUISITE MODULE(S)
DOM206B	Design of Machines	(6)	(28)	Engineering Mathematics I Mechanics
EMA206B	Engineering Mathematics II	(6)	(14)	Engineering Mathematics I
EMT206B	Engineering Materials	(6)	(14)	Manufacturing I
FLM207B	Fluid Mechanics	(7)	(28)	Engineering Mathematics I Mechanics
PAS206B	Probability and Statistics	(6)	(14)	Engineering Mathematics I
THE207B	Thermodynamics	(7)	(28)	Engineering Mathematics I

#### FIRST SEMESTER

SCP216B	Scientific Computing	(6)	(14)	
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TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE SECOND YEAR: **140**



## THIRD YEAR

CODE	MODULE	NQF-L	CREDIT	PREREQUISITE MODULE(S)
MEP307B	Mechanical Design Projects	(7)	(28)	Design of Machines Engineering Materials Engineering Mathematics II Probability and Statistics Scientific Computing
SOM307B	Strength of Materials II	(7)	(28)	Strength of Materials I

### FIRST SEMESTER

COM316B	Control of Machines	(6)	(14)	Engineering Mathematics II
EPE316B	Electrical Power Engineering	(6)	(14)	Electrical Circuits
MAN317B	Manufacturing II	(7)	(14)	Engineering Materials Engineering Mathematics I Manufacturing I

### SECOND SEMESTER

DYN317B	Dynamics	(7)	(14)	Engineering Mathematics I Mechanics
ENP317B	Engineering Practice	(7)	(14)	
HTR317B	Heat Transfer	(7)	(14)	Engineering Mathematics II Fluid Mechanics Thermodynamics

TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE THIRD YEAR: **140**

TOTAL CREDITS FOR THE QUALIFICATION: **420**

## MODULE INFORMATION (OVERVIEW OF SYLLABUS)

The syllabus content is subject to change to accommodate industry changes. Please note that a more detailed syllabus is available at the Department or in the study guide that is applicable to a particular module. On 8 August 2018, the syllabus content was defined as follows:

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#### COMMUNICATION SKILLS (COS105X)

1 X 2-HOUR PAPER

*(Module custodian: Department of Applied Languages)*

To identify and apply basic competencies related to communicating in a technical or engineering environment. These competencies include presenting technical information to a variety of audiences, preparing technical reports, participating constructively in formal meetings and preparing a variety of business and technical documents. (Total tuition time: ± 40 hours)

#### COMPUTER LITERACY (COL105X)

CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

*(Module custodian: End User Computing Unit)*

Students have to acquire foundational knowledge in Computing Fundamentals, essential digital skills in key applications based on Ms Office Suite (i.e. MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, MS Visio Professional and MS Access) and network basics (i.e. MS Outlook and Internet). A complete syllabus and module outlines are described in the study guide. Students will do online exams that are mapped with SAQA and IC3 Essential Skills for Digital Literacy (International Certification). (Total tuition time: not available)



**CONTROL OF MACHINES (COM316B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

To equip the student with a fundamental understanding of electro pneumatics and hydraulics and its associated control systems in an industrial setting. (Total tuition time: not available)

**D****DESIGN OF MACHINES (DOM206B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

To develop the advanced knowledge and understanding of the student in the process of problem assessment and design. At the end of this module, provided that the student has completed all tutorials, assignments and presentations successfully, the student will have a theoretical and practical understanding and knowledge of problem definition, design, communication and computer skills, use of engineering science and knowledge, and can undertake advanced tasks related to the design of components, assemblies and related equipment. (Total tuition time: ± 280 hours)

**DYNAMICS (DYN317B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

To equip the student with a fundamental understanding of Dynamics and how to apply these to a design problem. (Total tuition time: ± 140 hours)

**E****ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS (ELC105B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Electrical Engineering)**

Direct current circuits. Magnetism and electromagnetism. Single phase alternating current systems. Active components in electric circuits. Alternating current with passive and active components in electric circuits. Three-phase alternating current systems. (Total tuition time: ± 280 hours)

**ELECTRICAL POWER ENGINEERING (EPE316B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

To provide an understanding of the use of electrical power in the working of machines and drives. (Total tuition time: ± 140 hours)

**ENGINEERING GRAPHICS (EGM105B)****CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

Introduction to graphics communication. Dimensioning and tolerance practices. Geometrical construction. Pictorial projections. Interpenetration and development. Machine drawings. Civil drawings including electrical diagrams. (Total tuition time: ± 140 hours)

**ENGINEERING MATERIALS (EMT206B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

To equip the student with a fundamental understanding of how Engineering Materials are Processed and utilised in design problem. The module will give an overview of the fundamentals of engineering materials, processing techniques, properties and how each process interrelates with the other phases of manufacturing processes. (Total tuition time: ± 140 hours)

**ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS I (EMA105B)****2 X 2-HOUR PAPERS****(Module custodian: Department of Mathematics and Statistics)**

Trigonometry, geometry, functions, complex numbers, vector algebra, matrices and transformations, single-variable differentiation and integration, partial differentiation, multiple-variable intervals, introduction to differential equations. (Total tuition time: not available)

**ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS II (EMA206B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mathematics and Statistics)**

Mathematical modelling, first-order ordinary differential equations (ODEs), higher-order ODEs, Laplace transforms, systems of ODE's, numerical solutions of ODEs, Sturm-Liouville problems, partial differential equations. (Total tuition time: not available)



**ENGINEERING PRACTICE (ENP317B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

To prepare the student to effectively plan and execute projects. Write quality technical reports and communicate all project information to peers. (Total tuition time: ± 140 hours)

**F****FLUID MECHANICS (FLM207B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

To equip the student with a fundamental understanding of fluid statics and fluid dynamics principles and how to apply the same in solving practical problems in various aspects of fluid mechanics. (Total tuition time: ± 280 hours)

**H****HEAT TRANSFER (HTR317B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

A comprehensive introduction to the rates of thermal energy systems for students in mechanical engineering. It is designed to give students a necessary foundation for a comprehensive understanding of rate of transfer of thermal energy in energy systems. (Total tuition time: ± 140 hours)

**I****INFORMATION LITERACY (INL125C)****CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT****(Module custodian: Directorate of Library and Information Services)**

Introduction of information literacy. Development of a search strategy and application of a search string to search engines and academic databases. Evaluation of information sources. Ethical and legal use of information. (Total tuition time: ± 10 hours)

**L****LIFE SKILLS (LFS125X)****CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT****(Module custodian: Directorate of Student Development and Support)**

Academic, personal and socio-emotional skills development for students in higher education. Personal and social dimensions address: Effective planning and self-management (goal setting and time management); Adjusting to university life (student life, diversity and change); Intra- and interpersonal skills development (conflict management, self-esteem, relationship management); Effective living (healthy living, HIV education, substance abuse). Academic dimension addresses: Academic skills for university (e.g. critical thinking, creativity, managing assignments and assessments). (Total tuition time: ± 20 hours)

**M****MANUFACTURING I (MAN115B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

To equip the student with a fundamental understanding of mechanical manufacturing materials and processes and how to apply these to a design problem. (Total tuition time: ± 140 hours)

**MANUFACTURING II (MAN317B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

To develop a broad-based knowledge and understanding of the student in the field of Tooling. (Total tuition time: ± 140 hours)

**MECHANICAL DESIGN PROJECTS (MEP307B)****CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

To develop the advanced knowledge and understanding of the student in the process of problem assessment and design. (Total tuition time: ± 280 hours)



**MECHANICS (MEC105B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

To equip the student with a fundamental understanding of mechanics and how to apply these to a design problem. (Total tuition time: not available)

**P****PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS (PAS206B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mathematics and Statistics)**

Sampling techniques and descriptive statistics. Probability. Counting rules. Inferential statistics. Analysis of variance. Regression and correlation analysis. Non-parametric tests. (Total tuition time: not available)

**S****SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING (SCP216B)****1 X 4-HOUR COMPUTER-BASED****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

To provide students with an introduction, as well as cognitive and conceptual tools, for implementation in other modules in the qualification and in the workplace. The focus will be on modelling applications in engineering. (Total tuition time: ± 140 hours)

**STRENGTH OF MATERIALS I (SOM115B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

To provide a thorough foundation to the behaviour of materials under the action of external forces as required at higher levels of study and for the purpose of economically designing machine components. (Total tuition time: ± 140 hours)

**STRENGTH OF MATERIALS II (SOM307B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

To provide a sound foundation in the study of Mechanical of Materials advanced knowledge to the behaviour of materials under the action of external forces as required at higher levels of study and for the purpose of economically designing Machine Components. (Total tuition time: ± 280 hours)

**T****THERMODYNAMICS (THE207B)****1 X 3-HOUR PAPER****(Module custodian: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Industrial Design)**

To equip the student with a fundamental understanding of the principles of thermodynamics and how these fundamentals are applied in the design and analysis of thermo-fluid systems. (Total tuition time: ± 280 hours)

