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AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY *College of Science, Engineering & Technology*

WHAT DEGREES AND PROGRAMS DO WE OFFER?

Automotive Engineering Technology is a four-year BS degree, located within the College of Science, Engineering and Technology. According to the Society of Automotive Engineers, automotive engineering technology refers not only to passenger cars, but all forms of ground vehicles and equipment intended for the movement of goods and people. Areas include: agricultural equipment, high performance vehicles (street and race), industrial equipment, recreational vehicles (motorcycles, snowmobiles), trucks, buses, and aircraft.

WHAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS COMPLETING THIS PROGRAM?

There are many challenging and rewarding career opportunities for AET graduates. Employment opportunities for BS graduates include the area of automotive design/development/research, and the area of automotive service. The typical starting salary range is \$45,000 to \$60,000.

Academic opportunities include admittance to graduate school.

EXAMINING THE QUALITY OF OUR PROGRAM

Accreditations

The Automotive Engineering Technology program is accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, (TAC-ABET).

Faculty

All faculty are directly involved in research and often are the recipients of grants. All research is conducted directly with undergraduate students. The primary purpose of such research is to provide learning opportunities for students in a project/group setting that is realistic in respect to scope, budget, timelines, and cooperative effort. Many research projects become the capstone Senior Design Projects for the students and result in published technical papers with the students as authors.

Alumni successes

Some companies that have hired AET graduates include General Motors, Ford, DaimlerChrysler, Toyota, Polaris, Arctic Cat, Owatonna Tool Company, Toro, Competition Cams, John Deere, Rousch Technologies, Lund, Westin, Acme Alternative Fuels, S&S Motorcycles, Snap-on/Sun, and 3M.

Other special programs

Since 1974, the Automotive Engineering Technology Program has been involved in the production of experimental cars. The 33 cars built to date have been entered in 24 national competitions that included cross-country fuel economy rallies and test sessions at the General Motors Proving Grounds and at the World's Fair. These projects provide real-life experience in design, testing, deadlines, budgets, and conforming to established regulations. In 1990, a solar-powered car was built, which ran in the GM Sunrayce USA from Florida to Michigan. It also became the first solar-powered car to climb to the top (14,110 ft.) of Pike's Peak in Colorado. Since then, four more solar-powered vehicles have been constructed and raced (1993, 1995, 1997, 1999) in the United States and in Japan where MSU placed first of 28 universities.

The Minnesota Center for Automotive Research is an integral component of the Automotive Engineering Technology program. The purpose of the center is to provide industry and government with direct assistance in automotive research and product development, while allowing undergraduate students the opportunity to become directly involved in comprehensive projects. Research in the center is concentrated on alternative fuels, emissions, and high performance.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Faculty/student ratio

Due to the laboratory nature of the curriculum, most class sizes are kept in the 20-30 range to allow for full access to laboratory equipment and direct interaction with faculty. All classes are taught by department faculty. In addition, technical staff supervises laboratories.

Specialized equipment/facilities

The automotive engineering technology area consists of three laboratories and an engine dynamometer research room, vehicle emissions test lab, 40-seat multimedia classroom, and library-resource room. Major equipment in the labs include: emissions research lab (FTP), SuperFlow engine dyno, ignition scope/engine analyzer, air flow test benches, computer wheel balancer, computerized chassis analyzer, infra-red exhaust analyzer (5 gas), engine rebuilding tools, crack detection equipment, computer camshaft analyzer. The Memorial Library has an extensive automotive collection that includes many SAE technical papers and government publications.

Unique program components

Senior Design Project

During the senior year, each student is required to complete a Senior Design Project. This hands-on project involves groups of students conducting research on a specific automotive problem. The research is often done directly with the automotive industry or as part of a research grant or vehicle design competition.

Internships

Paid internships are available (although not required) in the automotive industry and are typically completed in the summer between the junior and senior year. The majority of students in the program participate in the internship program. Local, national, and international internships are available. Many internships lead to offers of full-time employment upon graduation.

Scholarships

Scholarships for new students are available from Minnesota State University and also the Society of Automotive Engineers. For students already attending MSU, yearly scholarships from the Society of Automotive Engineers are available. The annual application process is available each spring.

Clubs and organizations

Minnesota State University, Mankato has a student chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers. Through this group, students take field trips, attend regional meetings, and participate in a variety of automotive, fund-raising, and service activities.

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR THIS PROGRAM?

The best high school curriculum to prepare you to enter a program of automotive engineering technology includes courses in algebra, trigonometry, and physics. Other helpful courses are geometry, computer science, and chemistry. A solid foundation in English is desirable. High school courses in technology education are also useful.

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SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM (AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY, BS)

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
AET 102 Intro to Automotive Engineering Technology (1) AET 160 Auto Technology & Systems (4) CHEM 104 Introduction to Chemistry (3) MATH 115 Precalculus (4) ENG 101 Composition (4)	AET 261 Auto Drivability & Diagnosis (4) MET 142 Introduction to Parametric Modeling (3) EET 113 DC Circuits (3) MATH 121 Calculus I (4) CMST 100 Fundamentals of Communication (3) OR CMST 102 Public Speaking (3)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
AET 262 Auto Computers & Electronics (4) MET 275 Manufacturing Processes I (4) MATH 122 Calculus II (4) PHYS 211 Principles of Physics I (4) General Education (2)	CS 271 Graphical Programming OR ECON 202 Principles of Microeconomics (3) ENG 271W Technical Communication (4) STAT 154 Elementary Statistics (3) PHYS 212 Principles of Physics II (4)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
AET 366 Auto Thermo Dynamics (3) AET 364 Chassis Design & Perf Testing (4) MET 323 Statics (3) MET 341 Advanced Parametric Modeling (3) MET 375 Manufacturing Processes II (4)	AET 387 Junior Design Project (1) AET 465 Automotive Lab (3) AET 468 Auto Research Methods & DOE (4) MET 324 Strength of Materials & Dynamics (4) MET 425 Project and Value Management (4)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
AET 488 Senior Design I (3) AET 334 Fluid Power (3) AMET 100/400 Elective (3) General Education (2)	AET 489 Senior Design II (3) MET 424 Industrial Safety (2) AMET 100/400 Elective (3) General Education (4)

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