

SPACE ENGINEERING, MASTER OF SCIENCE

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the general requirements for admission to graduate study, as outlined in the Admission Requirements (<https://e-catalogue.jhu.edu/engineering/engineering-professionals/admission-requirements/>) section.

The applicant's prior education must include an undergraduate or graduate degree in a quantitative discipline (e.g., engineering, computer science, mathematics, physics, or equivalent) from a regionally accredited college or university. Applicants must show competency in (1) calculus, (2) physics, and (3) computer programming, which must be demonstrated through undergraduate or graduate coursework or equivalent work experience.

Applicants whose prior education does not include the coursework listed above may still enroll under provisional status, followed by full admission status once they have completed the missing courses. Admitted students typically have earned a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (B or above) in the latter half of their undergraduate studies. When reviewing an application, the candidate's academic and professional background will be considered. As part of the admission process, the chair or the program coordinator may interview candidates to better evaluate their application.

Program Requirements

A total of ten courses (at least three at the 700-level) must be completed within five years. The curriculum consists of five core courses and five electives. A maximum of two courses from other programs may be used to satisfy the program elective requirement. Elective selections outside of those listed below are subject to advisor approval. The curriculum is designed to provide maximum flexibility to students, enabling them to customize their five electives based on their educational needs and career goals.

Focus areas are provided as a guide for students to select courses. Students are **not required** to take courses from a specific focus area. The focus areas offered represent related groups of courses that are relevant for students with interests in the selected areas. The focus areas are only applicable to students seeking a master's degree. They do not appear as official designations on a student's transcript or diploma.

Only one C-range grade (C+, C, or C-) can count toward the master's degree. All core courses in the Space Engineering program may be completed remotely, except for the program capstone EN.675.710 Small Satellite Development and Experimentation, which includes a requirement that students attend a specified residency weekend in the Baltimore area to complete the laboratory component. Electives are offered online in either asynchronous or synchronous (virtual live) format. Some electives offer an in-person option at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (Laurel, MD) or Bloomberg Center (Washington, D.C.). Several electives may be offered as in-person only; consult the website each semester for specifics.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Courses		Credits
EN.675.600	Systems Engineering for Space	3
EN.675.601	Fundamentals of Engineering Space Systems I	3
EN.675.602	Fundamentals of Engineering Space Systems II	3
EN.675.701	Applications of Space Systems Engineering	3
EN.675.710	Small Satellite Development and Experimentation	3

Focus Areas

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SYSTEMS

Code	Title	Credits
Courses		Credits
EN.675.621	Space Environment and Effects	3
EN.675.641	Space Cybersecurity	3
EN.675.711	Ground System Engineering and Mission Operations	3
EN.675.712	Space Mission Formulation	3
EN.675.713	Fault Management & Autonomy	3
EN.675.761	Reliability Engineering and Analysis	3
EN.675.768	Spacecraft Integration and Test	3
EN.675.772	Requirements, Verification and Validation	3

SPACECRAFT/SUBSYSTEM

Code	Title	Credits
Courses		Credits
EN.525.640	Satellite Communications Systems	3
EN.675.622	Spacecraft Hardware Design Considerations	3
EN.675.702	Spacecraft Materials	3
EN.675.722	Space Mechanical Design and Analysis	3
EN.675.731	Spacecraft Propulsion	3
EN.675.732	Advanced Topics in Aerospace Hardware	3
EN.675.752	Attitude Determination and Control	3
EN.675.753	Avionics	3
EN.675.754	Flight Software	3
EN.675.756	Spacecraft Antenna Design	3

SCIENCE/INSTRUMENTS

Code	Title	Credits
Courses		Credits
EN.675.613	Bold Science Enabled by Engineering	3
EN.675.691	Electro-Optical Space Systems	3
EN.675.742	Optical Communications and Laser Radar	3
EN.675.792	Scientific Instruments for Space	3
EN.675.793	Science and Payload Operations Centers	3

ASTRODYNAMICS

Code	Title	Credits
Courses		Credits
EN.675.733	Spacecraft Rendezvous and Proximity Operations	3
EN.675.734	Fundamentals of Celestial and Orbital Mechanics	3
EN.675.750	Numerical Methods for Space	3
EN.675.771	Space Mission Design and Navigation	3
EN.675.781	Physics of Space Security	3

OTHER ELECTIVES

Code	Title	Credits
Courses		Credits
EN.525.744	Passive Emitter Geo-Location	3
EN.615.744	Physics of Space Systems I	3
EN.675.617	Space Policy and Engineering	3
EN.675.724	Space Internetworking	3
EN.675.740	Assuring Success of Aerospace Programs	3
EN.675.751	Space Weather	3
EN.675.800	Directed Studies in Space Engineering	3

Please refer to the course schedule (<https://ep.jhu.edu/courses/>) published each term for exact dates, times, locations, fees, and instructors.