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CLASS OF 2009

TO: Students Entering Aerospace and Ocean Engineering

FROM: Dr. Chris Hall, Professor and Assistant Department Head

SUBJECT: Transfer into Aerospace and Ocean Engineering

Welcome to AOE. We are pleased that you have chosen to join us and we look forward to working with you toward earning a degree in Aerospace Engineering or Ocean Engineering or both. We think you will find this department an exciting place to be and we hope you will take advantage of all the department has to offer over your next few years with us.

***THE ATTACHED COURSE MATERIAL MAY NOT MATCH THE UNIVERSITY CATALOG LISTING OF OUR CURRICULA. THIS MATERIAL IS YOUR OFFICIAL LISTING OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.***

In the following material you will find up-to-date versions of our academic requirements, including curricular listings for those of you who want to pursue double majors in AE and OE. **It is very important that you keep this information. We have tried to account for all planned changes in the university “core curriculum”; however, past experience has shown the core to change every year. Do not rely on the University Catalog for a correct listing of our curriculum or of the latest version of the Core Curriculum.**

**Please note that your graduation requirement will be that in effect for the year in which you graduate and does not depend on date of entry.** The university “core curriculum” requirements are, on the other hand, based on *date of entry*. *Should you at any point fall behind your previously planned graduation date you should see your advisor to make sure that delay does not cause you any problems in meeting graduation requirements.*

We look forward to getting to know you and working with you. My office and that of Dr. Walters are always open to you should you have any questions about our department, our programs or any other concerns. We are in rooms 214 and 215 Randolph Hall, respectively, and, should we be in class or be otherwise unavailable when you come by, the receptionist will be glad to make an appointment for you.

By the way, in the following material you will find information about our two departmental student branches of international technical society organizations, the AIAA and SNAME. We strongly encourage you to become an active part of at least one of these groups. I can think of no better way to meet other AOE students and faculty and to get involved in the department and invest in your future success.

## **Aerospace & Ocean Engineering Departmental Information**

**E-MAIL NOTIFICATIONS:** Official notification of important events in AOE or changes to curricula, class scheduling, academic standing, etc. will be sent to you via e-mail. The department maintains e-mail distribution lists for each class. Your class standing for these lists depends on what courses you are taking, not the number of hours you have accumulated. We will use your PID (vt.edu address) so if you prefer to use a different address, use the PID tool to forward your mail to that address. ***Read your e-mail – it could be important!***

**C-MINUS RULE:** The AOE Department requires that students earn a minimum grade of C-minus in all courses that are prerequisites to required AOE courses. The purpose of this policy is to help identify those students who may have difficulty with curricular material before those problems build up and ultimately prevent graduation.

The university requires that all students maintain a 2.0 overall GPA for academic eligibility and for graduation. Students must also have an average GPA of 2.0 in their major (all AOE courses) in order to graduate. Occasionally a student will let his or her in-major grades fall below 2.0 even though the overall GPA is well above that mark. Students who enter the senior year with an in-major GPA below 2.0 may find it very difficult to attain the required minimum for graduation. The simple rule is that every D grade must be balanced with a B grade.

**Please see the attached C- Prerequisite Course list.**

**ADVISING AND REGISTRATION:** Every student in AOE is assigned an academic advisor who should be able to help him or her with course registration, curricular planning or with any other matter. Experience shows that students are often reluctant to see advisors, even at registration time. This is frustrating to advisors who want to help their advisees and it becomes more frustrating when the student, without proper advice, takes the wrong courses or makes other mistakes that may very well needlessly delay graduation.

The AOE department considers advising an important part of the course registration process. Students should meet with their advisors during the registration period for assistance with any registration and curricular planning problems. Students are encouraged to review their DARS report with their advisor especially before registering for their senior year. *Should you ever feel that you have problems communicating with your advisor or want to change advisors for any reason, see Dr. Hall and a change will be made.*

***Many students end up having to take additional courses beyond the 136 credits required for graduation due to such things as failure to make sure a selected course satisfies a given Core Curriculum area or by taking a course on a P/F or Audit basis and then finding that it doesn't count toward graduation. ALWAYS CONSULT WITH YOUR ADVISOR BEFORE REGISTERING FOR FUTURE TERMS AND BEFORE DROPPING ANY COURSE. Every year students drop courses without considering the need for the course as a prerequisite for later courses, which are only offered once each year. The result can be a full year delay in graduation due to dropping a single course!***

**CAREER ADVISING:** The AOE Department encourages its students to make career planning part of their long term educational process. Co-op and summer employment are definite plusses on a student's resume along with student technical society activities and undergraduate research experience. The department also has a "Academic Career Advisors" to help students with any and all aspects of career planning. Mrs. Madhu Kapania is the Career Advisors for AE and OE respectively, and she will be glad to help our students with resume preparation, job recommendations, etc. She will also refer students to faculty as needed.

**CO-OP:** The AOE Department encourages students to participate in the University Co-op Program and will work with them to develop a practical academic schedule with alternate work and study terms to allow graduation in that program. Co-op is an excellent way to gain valuable "real world" experience, earn extra money and line up a job upon graduation. Mrs. Madhu Kapania is the department's Co-op advisor. Interested students should begin by contacting the Career Services Office.

**COURSE WITHDRAWAL POLICY:** Under this policy, you may withdraw from a course without academic penalty up until the last day of class. You can only do this for six hours of classes during your career at Virginia Tech. ***This policy has the potential for serious misuse leading to major delays in graduation.*** Note that this policy must be used prior to the end of the course in concern and may not be applied afterwards. It also requires the permission of the student's department and Dean.

**DOUBLE MAJORS and TWO DEGREES:** Many AOE students choose to earn a double major in the "other" curriculum in the department. The double major can be earned with as little as two extra credits of work. Programs of study for double majors from both the AE and the OE perspective are listed in the following material. It should be noted that a double major only receives a diploma in the program listed as the "first" major even though both majors are indicated on the student's transcript. A double major certificate is issued to recognize the second major. The university requires that a graduate desiring two diplomas (called "two degrees") take a minimum of thirty extra credits even though that many credits may not be needed for completion of the second degree program. It is generally advisable to pursue a masters degree rather than "two degrees" if one has the time to take 30 credits beyond the single BS degree.

Some AOE students may be interested in a second major outside the department. The department will work with students who desire a second major to plan their academic program. While this is rare and often involves significant additional coursework, AOE students have graduated with second majors in Math, Physics, English, Philosophy, Chemistry and other engineering programs. Again, it is generally in one's best interest to pursue a master's degree program rather than a second major

**MINORS:** Minors often require significant additional coursework beyond the 136 credits necessary to graduate and are not generally available in engineering majors however, a **Math minor**, requires little additional study beyond the math credits which are already a part of the AE and OE curricula. Interested students should contact the Math Department for a list of minor requirements and for the forms needed to sign up for the minor.

**PASS/FAIL COURSES:** For AOE majors all required AOE courses and all math, science and technical electives must be taken on an A/F basis. The university requires that all “core” courses must also be taken for A/F credit. *Only “free” electives and courses offered only P/F may be taken P/F.*

**TECHNICAL AND MATH ELECTIVES:** Technical and math electives acceptable in the AOE programs of study are listed on pages which follow. Substitutions for these listed courses may be made *with the prior approval of the student’s advisor in cases where a course meets a special career objective or where a new course is not on the list.*

**TIME NEEDED TO GRADUATE:** The curricula in AOE are designed to facilitate graduation in four years (five years for Co-op students). *Required junior and senior level AOE courses are only offered once per year*, making it difficult to “stretch” the program over a longer period. The department, however, realizes that some students enter the department later than normal or with less credits than normal and there are others who need to accommodate special programs such as ROTC or sports participation. Students enrolled in a **ROTC program** must meet the requirements of that program in addition to the AOE graduation requirements. Few ROTC courses will satisfy elective course requirements in the major. ROTC students will usually have to delay taking core and other elective courses to allow room for ROTC course requirements. Unfortunately, ROTC summer training requirements often prevent catching up on delayed courses during summer sessions. With very careful early planning it is possible for the ROTC student to graduate in four years but most will need at least one extra semester for completion of academic and ROTC requirements. We will work with such students to develop the needed schedule of coursework within the restrictions imposed by course teaching schedules, curricular and accreditation requirements, and elective availability. *Students anticipating any deviation from the listed curriculum for any reason are urged to see their advisor before selecting an alternate schedule. Delaying any of the courses in the curriculum without proper planning and consideration of the consequences can easily cost the student an extra year before graduation because of course sequencing and availability.*

**Spacecraft Dynamics and Control**, AOE 4140, has a prerequisite of AOE 4134, Astromechanics. Students wishing to take Spacecraft Dynamics and Control in place of AOE 3134, Stability and Control in the spring of their junior year must choose Astromechanics in the fall of the junior year rather than the elective listed.

**TECHNICAL AND HONOR SOCIETIES:** The AOE Department is fortunate to have three outstanding student sections or branches of national organizations. We strongly recommend student participation in one or both of the two technical societies and an invitation to join the third group will follow good academic performance in the program.

**AIAA** The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics is the leading international technical society for aerospace professionals. The Virginia Tech student branch is among the largest and most active in AIAA. Activities include regular meetings, a regional paper competition and design competitions. Drs. Mason and Woolsey are the AIAA Faculty Advisors.

**SNAME** The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers is the professional society for Ocean Engineers. The Tech student group has been very active and successful in SNAME national programs and design competitions. Members hold regular meetings and highlight their year with a trip to the SNAME national meeting. Dr. Brown is the Faculty Advisor

**ΣΓΤ** Sigma Gamma Tau is the national Aerospace honor society. Each term ΣΓΤ selects the top AOE juniors and seniors for membership. Both AE and OE students are invited to join. Drs. Mason and Woolsey are the faculty advisors.

**Department Of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering, College of Engineering**  
**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING**  
**For students graduating in calendar year 2008**

**FRESHMAN YEAR**

FALL				SPRING			
CHEM	1074	CHEMISTRY FOR ENGR	3				
CHEM	1084	CHEM FOR ENGR LAB	1	ENGE	1114	EXPLOR OF ENGR DESIGN††	2
ENGE	1024	ENGR EXPLORATION†	2	ENGL	1106	ENGLISH II	3
ENGL	1105	ENGLISH I	3	MATH	1206	CALCULUS II	3
MATH	1114	LINEAR ALGEBRA	2	MATH	1224	VECTOR GEOMETRY	2
MATH	1205	CALCULUS I	3	PHYS	2305	PHYSICS I	4
ELECTIVE**			3	ELECTIVE**			3
			17				17

† May also be satisfied by completion of EF 1015 or EF 2984, Eng. Explor.

†† May also be satisfied by completion of EF 1016

**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

FALL				SPRING			
AOE	2074	COMP METHODS	3	AOE	3094	AOE MATERIALS	3
AOE	2104	INTRO AERO ENGR	3	AOE	3104	AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE	3*
ESM	2104	STATICS	3	ESM	2204	MECH DEFORM BODIES	3
MATH	2224	MULTI VAR CALC	3	ESM	2304	DYNAMICS	3
PHYS	2306	PHYSICS II	4	MATH	2214	DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS	3
ELECTIVE**			1	ELECTIVE**			3
			17				18

\* [SATISFACTORY PROGRESS] A minimum C-minus grade must be earned in AOE 3104 by the time the student has completed 72 hours credit and before taking any other 3 or 4000 level AOE required course except 3094.

\*\* Electives include 6 credits each from Core Areas 2 and 3, 1 credit from Core Area 6, and 3 credits from Core Area 7 (the area 7 course may double count with area 2 or 3). The AOE Department requires that Econ 2005 be one of the courses taken in Area 3. These elective credits must also include a 1-3 credit computer programming course in C++ or Fortran selected from the following: CS 1044, ECE 1574, EF 2314, EF 2324. Other C++ or Fortran courses may be approved by your advisor. Three to eight credits will be free electives.

**JUNIOR YEAR**

FALL				SPRING			
AOE	3014	AERO/HYDRODYNAMICS	3	AOE	3054	EXPER. METHODS	3
AOE	3024	THIN-WALL STRUCTURES	3	AOE	3114	COMPRES. AERODYNAMICS	3
AOE	3034	VEH. VIB & CONTROL	3	AOE	3124	AERO STRUCTURES	3
MATH	4564	OPER METH FOR ENGR	3	AOE	3134	STABIL & CONTROL	3
ME	3134	FUND OF THERMODYN	3		OR		
ELECTIVE**			3	AOE	4140	SPACECRAFT DYN & CONT.	3
	OR			MATH ELECTIVE+			3
AOE	4134	ASTROMECHANICS	3	ELECTIVE**			3
			18				18

+ Choice of Math 4574 or Math/AOE 4404 or Stat 4705

**SENIOR YEAR**

FALL				SPRING			
AOE	3044	BOUND LAYER & HEAT TR	3	AOE	4066	DESIGN II *** (WI)	3
AOE	4065	DESIGN I *** (WI)	3	ELECTIVES**			6
AOE	4134	ASTROMECHANICS	3	TECHNICAL ELECTIVES++			6
	OR (OPPOSITE OF JUNIOR YR. CHOICE)						15
ELECTIVE**			3				
AOE	4154	AERO ENGR LABORATORY	1				
AOE	4234	AERO PROPULSION	3				
TECHNICAL ELECTIVES++			3				
			16				

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\*\*\* AE MAJORS MAY TAKE EITHER AIRCRAFT OR SPACECRAFT DESIGN

++ The AOE Department requires 9 credits of technical electives of which 6 credits must be an AOE course and the remaining 3 may be selected from a list of 3000 level and higher AOE and other approved technical courses.

**THERE ARE NO HIDDEN PREREQUISITES IN THIS PROGRAM OF STUDY**

Students must have had 2 years of a foreign language in high school or one year at the college level. College-level credits used to meet this requirement do not count towards the degree.

The "in-major GPA" consists of all courses taken under the AOE designation.

Students must pass all required courses and both the in-major and overall GPA must be at least 2.0 for graduation.

Only free electives and courses only offered on a Pass/Fail basis may be taken Pass/Fail.

**136 CREDITS ARE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.**

**NOTE: See the attached list of courses that do not count toward graduation credits.**

**Department Of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering, College of Engineering**  
**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN OCEAN ENGINEERING**  
**For students graduating in calendar year 2008**

**FRESHMAN YEAR**

FALL			SPRING				
CHEM	1074	CHEMISTRY FOR ENGR	3				
CHEM	1084	CHEM FOR ENGR LAB	1	ENGE	1114	EXPLOR OF ENGR DESIGN††	2
ENGE	1024	ENGR EXPLORATION†	2	ENGL	1106	ENGLISH II	3
ENGL	1105	ENGLISH I	3	MATH	1206	CALCULUS II	3
MATH	1114	LINEAR ALGEBRA	2	MATH	1224	VECTOR GEOMETRY	2
MATH	1205	CALCULUS I	3	PHYS	2305	PHYSICS I	4
ELECTIVE**			<u>3</u>	ELECTIVE**			<u>3</u>
			17				17

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**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

FALL			SPRING				
AOE	2074	COMP METHODS	3	AOE	3094	AOE MATERIALS	3
AOE	2204	INTRO OCEAN ENGR	3	AOE	3204	NAVAL ARCHITECTURE	3*
ESM	2104	STATICS	3	ESM	2204	MECH DEFORM BODIES	3
MATH	2224	MULTI VAR CALC	3	ESM	2304	DYNAMICS	3
PHYS	2306	PHYSICS II	4	MATH	2214	DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS	3
ELECTIVE**			<u>1</u>	ELECTIVE**			<u>3</u>
			17				18

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**JUNIOR YEAR**

FALL			SPRING				
AOE	3014	AERO/HYDRODYNAMICS	3	AOE	3054	EXPER METHODS	3
AOE	3024	THIN-WALL STRUCTURES	3	AOE	3224	OCEAN STRUCTURES	3
AOE	3034	VEH. VIB & CONTROL	3	AOE	3264	RESIST & PROPUL OF SHIPS	3
MATH	4564	OPER METH FOR ENGR	3	AOE	4214	OCEAN WAVE MECHANICS	3
ME	3134	FUND OF THERMODYN	3	AOE	4244	MARINE ENGINEERING	3
ELECTIVE**			<u>3</u>	STAT	4705	PROB & STATISTICS FOR ENGR	<u>3</u>
			18				18

**SENIOR YEAR**

FALL			SPRING				
AOE	3044	BOUND LAYER & HEAT TR	3	AOE	4066	SHIP DESIGN (WI)	3
AOE	4065	SHIP DESIGN (WI)	3	TECHNICAL ELECTIVES++			3
AOE	4254	OE LABORATORY	1	ELECTIVES**			<u>9</u>
AOE	4334	SHIP DYNAMICS	3				15
TECHNICAL ELECTIVES++			<u>6</u>				
			16				

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**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AE/OE DOUBLE MAJOR**  
**For students graduating in calendar year 2008**

**FRESHMAN YEAR**

FALL				SPRING			
CHEM	1074	CHEMISTRY FOR ENGR	3				
CHEM	1084	CHEM FOR ENGR LAB	1	ENGE	1114	EXPLOR OF ENGR DESIGN††	2
ENGE	1024	ENGR EXPLORATION†	2	ENGL	1106	ENGLISH II	3
ENGL	1105	ENGLISH I	3	MATH	1206	CALCULUS II	3
MATH	1114	LINEAR ALGEBRA	2	MATH	1224	VECTOR GEOMETRY	2
MATH	1205	CALCULUS I	3	PHYS	2305	PHYSICS I	4
ELECTIVE**			<u>3</u>	ELECTIVE**			<u>3</u>
			17				17

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**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

FALL				SPRING			
AOE	2074	COMP METHODS	3	AOE	3094	AOE MATERIALS	3
AOE	2104	INTRO AERO ENGR	3	AOE	3104	AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE	3*
ESM	2104	STATICS	3	AOE	3204	NAVAL ARCHITECTURE	3
MATH	2224	MULTI VAR CALC	3	ESM	2204	MECH DEFORM BODIES	3
PHYS	2306	PHYSICS II	4	ESM	2304	DYNAMICS	3
ELECTIVE**			<u>1</u>	MATH	2214	DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS	<u>3</u>
			17				18

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**JUNIOR YEAR**

FALL				SPRING			
AOE	3014	AERO/HYDRODYNAMICS	3	AOE	3054	EXPER METHODS	3
AOE	3024	THIN-WALL STRUCTURES	3	AOE	3114	COMPRES. AERODYNAMICS	3
AOE	3034	VEH. VIB & CONTROL	3	AOE	3124	AERO STRUCTURES	3
AOE	4134	ASTROMCHANICS	3	AOE	3134	STABIL & CONTROL	3
MATH	4564	OPER METH FOR ENGR	3		OR		
ME	3134	FUND OF THERMODYN	<u>3</u>	AOE	4140	SPACECRAFT DYN & CONT.	3
			18	AOE	3264	RESIST & PROPUL OF SHIPS	3
				AOE	4214	OCEAN WAVE MECHANICS	<u>3</u>
							18

**SUMMER SESSION:** ELECTIVES\*\* 1 - 4cr AS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE CORE CURRICULUM OR COMPUTER PROGRAMMING COURSE

**SENIOR YEAR**

FALL				SPRING			
AOE	3044	BOUND LAYER & HEAT TR	3	AOE	3224	OCEAN STRUCTURES	3
AOE	4334	SHIP DYNAMICS	3	AOE	4066	DESIGN II *** (WI)	3
AOE	4065	DESIGN I *** (WI)	3	AOE	4244	MARINE ENGINEERING	3
AOE	4234	AERO PROPULSION	3	STAT	4705	PROB & STATISTICS FOR ENGR	3
AOE	4154	AE LABORATORY	1	ELECTIVES**			<u>3</u>
AOE	4254	OE LABORATORY	1				15
ELECTIVES**			<u>3</u>				
			17				

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**For students graduating in calendar year 2008**

**FRESHMAN YEAR**

FALL				SPRING			
CHEM	1074	CHEMISTRY FOR ENGR	3				
CHEM	1084	CHEM FOR ENGR LAB	1	ENGE	1114	EXPLOR OF ENGR DESIGN††	2
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MATH	1205	CALCULUS I	3	PHYS	2305	PHYSICS I	4
ELECTIVE**			3	ELECTIVE**			3
			17				17

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**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

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AOE	2204	INTRO OCEAN ENGR	3	AOE	3104	AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE	3*
ESM	2104	STATICS	3	AOE	3204	NAVAL ARCHITECTURE	3
MATH	2224	MULTI VAR CALC	3	ESM	2204	MECH DEFORM BODIES	3
PHYS	2306	PHYSICS II	4	ESM	2304	DYNAMICS	3
ELECTIVE**			1	MATH	2214	DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS	3
			17				18

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			18				18

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**SENIOR YEAR**

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AOE	4065	SHIP DESIGN*** (WI)	3	AOE	3134	STABIL & CONTROL	3
AOE	4234	AERO PROPULSION	3			OR	
AOE	4154	AE LABORATORY	1	AOE	4140	SPACECRAFT DYN & CONT.	3
AOE	4254	OE LABORATORY	1	AOE	4066	SHIP DESIGN*** (WI)	3
AOE	4334	SHIP DYNAMICS	3	STAT	4705	PROB & STATISTICS FOR ENGR	3
ELECTIVES**			3	ELECTIVES**			3
			17				15

WI refers to Writing Intensive Course

\*\*\* OE / AE DUAL MAJORS MUST TAKE SHIP DESIGN

**THERE ARE NO HIDDEN PREREQUISITES IN THIS PROGRAM OF STUDY**

Students must have had 2 years of a foreign language in high school or one year at the college level. College-level credits used to meet this requirement do not count towards the degree.

The "in-major GPA" consists of all courses taken under the AOE designation.

Students must pass all required courses and both the in-major and overall GPA must be at least 2.0 for graduation.

Only free electives and courses only offered on a Pass/Fail basis may be taken Pass/Fail.

**138 - 141 CREDITS ARE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.**

**NOTE:** See the attached list of courses that do not count toward graduation credits.

## Non-Degree Credit Courses

Please be aware that not all courses for which you have credit at Virginia Tech will count toward an undergraduate engineering degree. Such courses may not be used to satisfy any graduation requirement, including free electives. Listed below are courses which do not count toward an undergraduate engineering degree.

AtSc 2984	Athletic Transitions
AtSc 2984	Exploring Careers
COS 2984	Athletic Transitions
COS 2984	Exploring Careers
CS 1004	Computer Literacy
CEE 4984	Review of CE Fundamentals of FE Exam
EDCI 1004,	College Success Strategies
EDCI 1014	Cadet Success Strategies
EDCI 2984	Cadet Success Strategies
EDCI 2984	College Success Strategies
EDHL 2984	Resident Education
EDHL 2984	Leadership from International Perspective
EDHL 2984	Healthy Living
EDHL 4964	Field Study
EDHL 4984	Orientation Skills
EDHL 4984	Orientation/Peers
EDHL 4984	Orientation/Leader
EDHL 4974	Wing Student Teaching Assistant
EF/ENGE 2984	Engineering Success Seminar
Engl 1004	English as a Second Language
Engl 0014	English as a Second Language
ENGR 2984	C Aspired Seminar
ENGR 2984	College Success Strategies for Engineers
ENGR 2984	Engineering Success Strategies
ENGR 2984	Women in Engineering
ENGR 2984	Hypatia Seminar
ENGR 2984	Engineering Honors Seminar
ENGR 2984	Freshman Engineering Seminar
ENGR 2984	Mentoring Seminar
ESM 2984	ESP Statics
ESM 4404	Fundamentals of Professional Engineering
FCD 2984	Success Project
HD 2984	Healthy Living
HD 2984	Success Project
MaSc 1024	Mathematics, A Liberal Arts Approach
MaSc 1034	Statistics, A Liberal Arts Approach
MaSc 1044	Computer Science, A Liberal Arts Approach
Math 1504	Pre Calculus
Math 2984	Emerging Scholar
Math 1015/1016	Elementary Calculus with Trig.
Math 1525/1526	Elementary Calculus with Matrices
Math 2015/2016	Elementary Calculus with Trig. II
Phys 2205/2206	General Physics, not Calc-based
Psyc 2984	Athletic Transitions
Psyc 2984	First Year Experience

## AOE DEPARTMENT ELECTIVE POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS For students graduating in calendar year 2008

*AOE students have several types of electives required in their program of study. Listed below are departmental, College and University requirements governing those electives.*

**CORE CURRICULUM ELECTIVES:** Satisfaction of Core Curriculum requirements is required of all students in the university. Engineering students satisfy core requirements in Areas 1, 4, and 5 through curricular math, science and English courses. Areas 2, 3, 6, and 7 are satisfied through elective courses; 6 credits are required in Areas 2 and 3, 1 credit in Area 6 and 3 credits in Area 7. The one course required for Area 7 may, if carefully selected, simultaneously satisfy an Area 2 or 3 requirement. Several courses appear on both the Area 2 and Area 6 lists but can be used to satisfy only one of these requirements. Area 7 is the only area in which a course may “double count”. The Core Writing Intensive requirement will be met by taking the required senior level design courses (AOE 4065 and 4066) in the major. **All Core Curriculum requirements must be met with courses taken on an A/F basis.**

The core curriculum is continually changing and students are subject to the requirements in place at the time they entered the university (this is not true for other university and college requirements which are subject to reasonable change after a student enters). The *University Core Curriculum Guide* may be found at [www.provost.vt.edu](http://www.provost.vt.edu) and at [www.uaac.vt.edu/coreguides/index.html](http://www.uaac.vt.edu/coreguides/index.html). Each year, courses are added to or removed from each Area. A course may be used to satisfy an Area if it appears on the list of approved courses for that Area during the year it was taken.

**ECON 2005 is required for graduation and may be taken as one of the two Area 3 requirements in the University Core Curriculum. If a student chooses to satisfy the Area 3 requirements with courses not including ECON 2005, ISE 2014 may also be used to satisfy this requirement but this requires additional credits.**

**MATH ELECTIVE:** All AE students must take either Math 4574 or Math/AOE 4404 or Statistics 4705 on an A/F basis. (Statistics 4705 is required for OE majors.)

**TECHNICAL ELECTIVES:** The AOE Department requires 9 credits of technical electives, all of which must be taken on an A/F basis. This includes 6 credits of AOE courses at the 3000 level or above and 3 credits from the list below. Students pursuing both AE and OE majors will fill all technical elective requirements with required courses from their second major. Courses other than those below may be acceptable as technical electives; however any substitutions must be approved by the student's course advisor *before the course is taken*.

AOE: Any 3000 or higher level course not required in the student's major.

CE 4674

CHEM: 4065, 4066

ECE: 4405, 4406, 4624, 4634, 4644

ESM: 3054, 4024, 4044, 4064, 4114, 4154, 4614, 4714

GEOG: 4354

GEOS: 3114, 4104, 3034

ISE: 4404

MSE: 3354, 4055, 4056

MATH: 3214, 4144, 4225, 4226, 4234, 4245, 4246, 4425, 4426, 4445, 4446, 4574 (if not used as the math elective)

ME: 4204, 4224, 4254, 4504, 4514, 4524, 4534, 4634, 4644, 4704, 4724, 4734

PHYS: 3405, 3406, 3655, 3656, 4404, 4455, 4456, 4504, 4554, 4614

STAT: 4105, 4106, 4705 (AE only, if not used as the math elective), 4706

**FREE ELECTIVES:** May be any course you care to take including PE, ROTC, Band, etc. Free electives do not need to fit any criteria and do not need to be approved by your advisor. They are literally anything you want to take – all you need are the credit hours (you need a total of 136 to graduate). If you have transfer credits or AP credit that did not satisfy one of your curriculum requirements, these will work as free elective credits. Free electives may be taken on a P/F basis provided the student meets the requirements for taking courses P/F and the course is offered on that basis.

## C-Minus Prerequisite Requirement

The Aerospace and Ocean Engineering Department requires that students must earn a grade of C- or higher in all courses that are prerequisites to required AOE courses. This is effective for prerequisite courses taken Fall 2005 or later. This implies that a C- or better grade will be required in the following courses if they were taken Fall 2005 or later.

<u>C- required in</u>	<u>Related AOE course</u>
CHEM 1035	3094
ENGE 1114	2074, 2104, 2204
PHYS 2305	2104, 2204
ESM 2104	3024, 3104, 3204
ESM 2204	3024
ESM 2304	3014, 3034, 4134
MATH 2214	3034
MATH 2224	3204
MATH 4564	3044, 4214, 4334
ME 3134	3044, 3114, 4234, 4244
AOE 3104 or 3204	All 3000 & higher level AOE courses
AOE 3014	3054, 3264, 3114, 4214, 4334
AOE 3024	3054, 3124, 3224
AOE 3034	3054, 3134, 4140, 4334
AOE 3054	4154, 4254
AOE 3114	4154, 4234
AOE 3124	4154
AOE 3134	4154
AOE 3204	3264, 4244
AOE 3264	4254
AOE 4134	4140
AOE 4214	4334

For questions, please contact the AOE departmental advisor, Mrs. Madhu Kapania at [mkapania@vt.edu](mailto:mkapania@vt.edu).

# AOE ELECTIVE CHECK SHEET

AE and OE majors are required to take 34 credits of electives. This includes nine credits of technical electives, a three credit Math elective (OE majors must take Stat 4604 as their math elective), and twenty two other credits including Areas 2, 3, 6, and 7 of the University Core Curriculum and three to eight credits of “free electives”. All electives except “free electives” must be taken for a grade unless the course is offered P/F only.

**TECHNICAL ELECTIVES:** *Six credits must be 3000 level or higher AOE courses which are not otherwise required in the student’s major and three credits can be 3000 level or higher courses in or out of AOE from the AOE Technical Elective List.*

AOE Technical Electives: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ **6 cr**  
 Other Tech. Electives: \_\_\_\_\_ **3 cr**

**NOTE:** AOE students pursuing a double major will use required courses from their second major to fill the above elective slots

**MATH ELECTIVE:** *MATH 4574, AOE 4404, OR STAT 4705*  
*(STAT 4705 is required for Ocean Engineering majors)* \_\_\_\_\_ **3 cr**

**CORE, COMPUTER, AND FREE ELECTIVES:**

Area 2: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ **6 cr**

Area 3: (include Econ 2005 or add ISE 2014 as extra requirement) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ **6 cr**

Area 6: (one credit required, excess credits should be listed as “free” elective) \_\_\_\_\_ **1 cr**

Area 7 or “Free” Elective \_\_\_\_\_ **3 cr**  
 (This space can be filled with a “free” elective if an Area 7 course was used in Areas 2 or 3)

Programming Elective: CS 1044, ECE 1574, ENGE 2314, \_\_\_\_\_ **1 - 3 cr**  
 or ENGE 2324

“Free” Electives \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ **3 - 5 cr**

(Free electives can include any course taught by the university which does not duplicate required courses or electives or *which is not otherwise defined as not counting for graduation in engineering. See the list of these above.*)

**TOTAL ELECTIVES** \_\_\_\_\_  
**34 cr**