# Institutional Effectiveness Report 2021-2022

**Program:** Mechanical Engineering BS

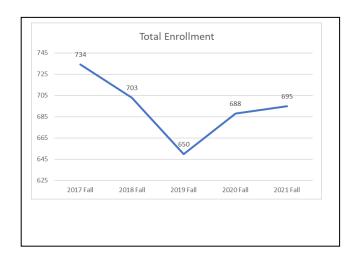
College and Department: College of Engineering – Mechanical Engineering

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**Mission:** The Mechanical Engineering (ME) Department, within a regional and global context, will prepare its students for productive career in a competitive, dynamic, technologically-based society; will advance the knowledge of mechanical engineering principles and applications; and will serve the public.

**VISION**: The Mechanical Engineering Department at Tennessee Tech aspires to be recognized globally for outstanding education and research, leading to well-qualified engineers who are adaptive professionals, inquisitive, entrepreneurial and successful in engineering practice, research, and public service.

The B.S. in Mechanical Engineering (BSME) at Tennessee Tech is a traditional, on-campus lecture/laboratory program with on-ground course delivery offered almost exclusively during the day. There currently are no distance learning courses offered by the Mechanical Engineering Department. A co-op program is available through the Tennessee Tech Center for Career Development as an optional (but very popular) choice. The student enrollment trend in the ME department over past five years is shown in the Figure 1 below along with first time Freshman enrollment.



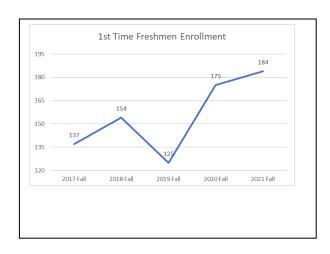


Figure 1. ME Department Enrollment Trends

The complete curriculum including flow charts and elective courses for the three ME degree options can be found on the TTU-ME Department website at

https://www.tntech.edu/engineering/programs/me/me-degree.php

The web site also lists all the courses, their syllabi, faculty and staff and other program highlights. The Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (BSME) degree offered by the Department of Mechanical Engineering is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <a href="http://abet.org">http://abet.org</a>.

## **Program Goals:**

- PG 1: Our graduates excel in diverse career paths using their engineering knowledge and professional skills to address complex problems and make positive impacts on society.
- PG 2: Our graduates serve their profession and the public as ethical team members and leaders with awareness of modern issues, commitment to inclusive collaboration, and effective communication.
- PG 3: Our graduates practice adaptive learning, expanding and enhancing their knowledge, creativity, and skills through professional development, continuing education, and/or earning advanced degrees.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

It is expected that by the time of graduation, the Tech's ME students will have....

- SLO 1: an ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics.
- SLO 2: an ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors.
- SLO 3: an ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences.
- SLO 4: an ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts.
- SLO 5: an ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives.
- SLO 6: an ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions.
- SLO 7: an ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.

Table 1. Student Outcomes mapped to Program Goals

ME Department Program Goals	Student Outcomes
Our graduates excel in diverse career paths using their <u>engineering</u> <u>knowledge</u> and professional skills to address <u>complex problems</u> and make <u>positive impacts on society.</u>	1, 2, 4, 6, 7

Our graduates serve their profession and the public as <a href="ethical team">ethical team</a> <a href="members">members</a> <a href="members">and leaders with awareness of modern issues</a> , commitment to <a href="members">inclusive collaboration</a> , and effective <a href="members">communication</a> .	3, 4, 5
Our graduates practice <u>adaptive learning</u> , expanding and enhancing their knowledge, <u>creativity</u> , <u>and skills</u> through professional development, continuing education, and/or earning advanced degrees.	1, 5, 6, 7

## **Assessment Methods:**

- 1. Alumni Survey (AS): Alumni surveys are sent to graduates of the BSME program at one year and five years post- graduation. The fifteen questions on this survey occur in three sections. Section 1 (four questions) gathers data related to the Program Goals; Section 2 (seven questions) is used to assess alumni perception of ability with respect to ABET Student Outcomes; and Section 3 (four questions) requests text feedback on program strengths, weaknesses, suggested improvements, and open comments. The electronic Alumni Survey is issued annually in late fall via Machform and employs a 0-4 point scale in Sections 1 and 2, so there is no adjustment of scale prior to combining with other measures. Data from the Alumni Survey informs the evaluation of each Student Outcome (1-7).
- 2. Co-Op Employer Survey (CES): Approximately one-half of ME students participate in cooperative education agreements (co-ops) and/or internships during their program of study at Tech. For students who participate in co-op appointments sponsored through Tennessee Tech University's Center for Career Development, the co-op employers are required to complete a formal evaluation of the performance of each student at the end of each term in the co-op program. For College of Engineering students, the Tech Co-op Employer Survey (CES) also includes program- and Student Outcome-related assessment questions. These co-op surveys are considered a valuable source of direct feedback from employers, providing insight into student performance in-process, i.e., before they graduate. The Co-Op Employer Survey employs a 5-point scale (1 to 5), which is then converted to the 0-4 point scale by subtracting 1 point. Data from the Co-op Employer Survey informs the evaluation of five of the Student Outcomes (1, 3, 4, 5, 7).
- 3. External Evaluation of Senior Design Projects (EESDP): The External Evaluation of Senior Design Projects (EESDP) is conducted by evaluators invited from the ME External Advisory Board and from industry partners. These assess the Senior Design Projects and Project Presentations. The EESDP instrument uses the 0-4 pt. level-of-attainment scale. This instrument form has undergone three significant revisions, described in a later section, as part of the program's continuous improvement process. Data from the External Evaluation of Senior Design Projects informs the evaluation of five of the Student Outcomes (2, 3, 4, 5, 7). This assessment method is currently under discussion by the ME department Goals and Assessment Committee for possible revision.
- 4. Instructional Outcomes Faculty Assessment (IOFA): The Instructional Outcomes Faculty Assessment (IOFA) instrument provides a direct assessment of the level-of attainment of the students in a class with regards to the Course Instructional Outcomes. The Instructional Outcomes Faculty Assessment is surveyed for eight selected courses in the BSME curriculum (ME3001 Mechanical Engineering Analysis, ME3023 Measurements in Mechanical Systems, ME4910/2910 Professionalism and Ethics, ME 4020 Applied Machine Design, ME 4410 and ME 4420 Senior Capstone, ME 4720 Thermal Design, and ME4751 Energy Systems Lab). The assessment, completed by the course instructor at the end of each semester, consists of a detailed analysis of the extent to which the Course

Instructional Outcomes are achieved, as evidenced by student performance on specific test and homework problems, and other course assignments. The IOFA tool uses the 0-4 pt. level-of-attainment scale. Data from the Instructional Outcomes Faculty Assessment informs the evaluation of each of the Student Outcomes (1-7).

- 5. Instructional Outcomes Student Survey (IOSS): The Instructional Outcomes Student Survey (IOSS) is administered to students in eight selected courses in the BSME curriculum, same as for the IOFA above. The IOSS tool provides a pre/post self-assessment of student progress in achieving the Instructional Outcomes of the course. This is based on the difference between a student's perception of their level of knowledge for each Course Instructional Outcome upon entering a course and upon leaving the course. The IOSS survey is considered an indirect data source for assessment of Student Outcomes, as it requires a conversion through detailed mapping of a Course Instructional Outcomes to the Student Outcomes. The Instructional Outcomes Student Survey tool uses the 0-4 pt. level-of-attainment scale. Data from the IOSS informs the evaluation of each of the Student Outcomes (1-7).
- 6. Senior Exit Interview Written Survey (SEIWS): The Senior Exit Interview Written Survey (SEIWS) is one part of the Senior Exit Interview process. Students graduating from the BSME program provide self-assessment of their level of attainment of the ABET Student Outcomes, self-reporting of their engineering club and pre-professional activities while at Tennessee Tech, and text feedback regarding the BSME program and the ME Department. The Senior Exit Written Survey uses a quantitative 1-5 pt. "satisfaction" scale which is then converted to a 0-4 pt. scale for later combination with other assessment instruments results. The quantitative data is reviewed in conjunction with the Senior Exit Interview Oral Focus Groups, and the Goals and Assessment Committee summarize the qualitative comments. The data from the Senior Exit Interview Written Survey informs the evaluation of each of the Student Outcomes (1-7).
- 7. Senior Exit Interview Oral Focus Groups (supporting source of evidence): The Senior Exit Interview Oral Focus Groups (SEIOFG) process consists of an open discussion forum of graduating seniors with the ME chair and associate chair. The interview serves as a valuable source of suggestions for program improvement, as well as a source of supporting feedback on student performance. After receiving the feedback from the students, continuing concerns are compiled by the Goals and Assessment Committee and brought to the ME faculty for further discussion and possible action. Full records of student commentary are stored with all other assessment records.
- 8. ME External Advisory Board Feedback (supporting source of evidence): Feedback from the ME External Advisory Board is an important source of evidence for program improvement, guidance, and provides supporting evidence regarding the performance of students who are graduates of the BSME program. The External Advisory Board is composed of member representatives of several key constituency groups of the program, i.e., employers, alumni, and the professional community at large. Meeting minutes are kept with the other assessment data.

## Expected Level of Attainment of the Student Outcomes

The expected level of attainment of Student Outcomes is scored with a 0-4 point level-of- attainment scale where each level is defined as 4 = Excellent, 3 = Good, 2 = Satisfactory, 1 = Low, and 0 = Negligible. Data from the assessment instruments are combined according to the evaluation plan to determine the final scored value each year for each Student Outcome.

A score of 3-to-4 is the desired level-of-attainment for each Student Outcome. A score between 2-to-3 is cause for review by the ME Goals and Assessments Committee, with possible actions and/or continued monitoring recommended to the ME faculty. A score lower than 2 requires corrective action to be taken by the ME faculty after review and recommendations for change by the ME Goals and Assessments Committee.

#### **Results:**

- SLO 1: an ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics
- SLO 2: an ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors
- SLO 3: an ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences
- SLO 4: an ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts
- SLO 5: an ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives.
- SLO 6: an ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions
- SLO 7: an ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.

Assessment results from the various instruments mentioned above for the academic year 2021-22 are given in the table below along with some notes. Results from previous years were described in the 2020-21 IE report. The ME department went through successful review of the ME program by ABET in October 2020, a full six-year reaccreditation of the program was obtained with no concerns or weaknesses.

Table 2. Assessment Results AY 21-22

Academic Year Fall 2021 - Spring 2022							
	SO1	SO2	SO3	SO4	SO5	SO6	SO7
Alumni Survey	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.4
Co-op Employer Surveys	3.2	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.3	3.5
IOSS	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9
Senior Exit	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5
AVERAGE	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3

Assessment Notes: Beginning Fall 2021 our department adopted a plan for an overall change in process for assessment, evaluation, and change (AEC Plan). The two-year implementation cycle of the new AEC Plan impacts our data collection and tracking and reporting on outcomes in the transition years (2021-2023).

Details regarding the implementation of the new plan are provided in the next section. While we conduct this overall change in our process, we are continuing to collect data on our prior plan with some of the instruments and making changes with the other instruments. Observational analysis from existing data collection instruments used in Fall 2021-Spring 2022 were made by members of the Goals and Assessment Committee and are presented below. These observations document the procedural steps we are taking as a department as we consider modifications and/or use of current instruments into the new AEC Plan.

#### Alumni Survey

- Six respondents in Fall 2021
- Low response rates continue to be of concern as to how useful this data is and what weighting it should receive in a quantitative sense.
- The written feedback is considered useful in a qualitative sense, even if the number of respondents is low. The Goals and Assessment committee will continue its practice of preparing a summary of comments to be discussed in faculty meetings and with the EAB.
- Improvement in response rates may be seen with a return to in-person alumni activities to build personal investment in responding to surveys
- The Goals and Assessment Committee team suggests an early response incentive such as TTU swag or gift certificate to see if such incentive helps the overall response rate.
- It is important to capture the number of alumni the survey is sent out to, as that is handled by the Alumni Center, and we need to obtain that number for next year and past years if possible, in order to report % return rates.

#### **Capstone Review**

- Capstone Review data generated by external panels are on hold for 2021-2023 as the new AEC Plan develops the rubrics for the SOs
- Prior practice of engaging external reviewers to participate in Capstone Review has been challenging (due to numbers of student teams increasing, and scheduling for external reviewers to attend presentations, and time expectations), as well as COVID having impacted the in-person events and our return to in-person events post COVID.
- External review does happen during Poster Session and/or Presentation Sessions in an informal
  and qualitative sense. Reviewers are invited to participate by the instructor of record, but as the
  number of teams have grown, and the level of import of the assessment have come under
  review during our self-evaluation and adoption of the new AEC Plan, it is apparent that the
  department must own the process of inviting and training external reviewers in the use of the
  survey instrument.
- Reviewers in the past have been reluctant to use a detailed quantitative rubric/survey to assess student work while listening to a presentation. They prefer to view the presentations and actively engage with student during Q&A, not to mark up a survey instrument in the rapid time between presentations. We have tried digital versions, as well as paper versions, to facilitate the

- process and both have resulted in incomplete data that do not represent the level of review we are now seeking with performance indicators and levels for each SO.
- The extensive body of student data that are contained in the Capstone Design Reports and Presentations are central to our new AEC Plan. This data has been collected and is awaiting review. Use of new rubrics that facilitate the assessment on four of the SOs are still a work in progress from 2021-2022. Outcomes will be detailed in the next year IE report when all seven SOs will have been assessed and evaluated via the Capstone Projects.

## Co-op Employer Surveys

- 21 Respondents in Summer 2021, 13 respondents in Fall 2021, 6 respondents in Spring 2022
- The Co-op Employer survey does not probe elements of at least some of the SOs. For instance, SO6 reads as "an ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions." Our Co-op Employer survey does not ask any question evaluating the first part of this SO, i.e., "to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data." We are currently evaluating their performance on SO6 by asking the supervisors to assess students' ability to "Use engineering judgment to draw conclusions." This question does not reflect on the students' ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation and analyze and interpret data, thus the weighting of this data in assessing SO6 is questionable.
- Can we adapt the Coop Employer Survey to directly offer levels of performance indicators? Could the coo-op survey use a coarser version of the rubrics for SOs that our department is developing. This would eliminate the need for mapping the current questions back onto the ABET framework. Any mapping leads to loss and distortion of information. Furthermore, it would allow the co-op supervisors to assess the students with a higher resolution tool, leading to a more accurate evaluation. For instance, to evaluate students' performance on SO1, we simply ask the supervisors whether the students can identify, formulate, and solve complex problems. Breaking this down into two to three more detailed questions can lead to a more representative evaluation.
- Changing the Coop Employer Survey is not at the decision level for just our department however, since the Career Center manages this survey instrument. The Goals and Assessment Committee recommends engaging the other departments in engineering who may be using this survey to see about planning a discussion with Career Services to address the above concerns.

#### **IOFA**

- Quantitative data was not assessed for 2021-2022.
- The Instructional Outcomes Faculty Assessment (IOFA) survey instrument was not distributed to the faculty of the seven surveyed courses in a timely manner (usually within two weeks of the end of a semester) and therefore no data exists from this instrument for this year.
- The usefulness of the survey instrument to capture direct assessment of the instructors' view of student attainment of the SOs in the seven courses (ME2910, ME3023, ME4020, ME4410, ME4420, ME4720, ME4751) is questionable given an ongoing repetition of comments from year to year and lack of a clear list of action items that instructors intended as well as outcomes of those actions. Thus, the evaluation and change aspects of course improvements are not being captured with the instrument in its current form.

• A modified IOFA instrument has been developed and proposed for use. The department will review the new instrument and decide on adoption after determining if this instrument has a place in the new AEC Plan.

## **Modifications for Improvement:**

Continuous Improvement Plan for 2022-2023

The ME department goals and assessment committee is facilitating the department's implementation of the new paradigm for assessment and continuous improvement that was adopted in Fall 2021. Work is ongoing in the stepwise two-year implementation of the new Assessment, Evaluation, and Change (AEC) Plan during Fall 2022-Spring 2023.

**Change 1:** Implement a Cycle of Assessment, Evaluation, and Change (AEC) for the seven student outcomes on a two-year cycle schedule, see Table 3. The new AEC plan replaces the current practice of obtaining data every semester in seven courses using the Instructional Outcomes Student Survey and the Instructional Outcomes Faculty Assessment.

Table 3. New two-year cycle for ME Program Assessment (A), Evaluation (E), and Change (C).

Student Outcome	20-21		21-22		22-23		23-24		24-25		25-26			
SO 1. An ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics.			A	١	E	С	Þ	Ą	E	С	Þ	A		
SO 2. An ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors.					,	Α	E	С	ļ	Ą	E C			
SO 3. An ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences.			С	Α	E	С	Þ	Ą	E	С	Þ	4		
SO4. An ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts.			A	١	E	С	Þ	Ą	E	С	C A			
SO5. An ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives.			A	١	Е	С	Þ	A	Е	E C		A		
SO 6. An ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions.					,	Ą	E	С	Å	A	E	С		
SO 7. An ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.							,	Ą	E	С	A	4	ш	C

Change 2, Develop and Apply Rubrics to Student Artifacts at Programmatic Level, part a:

- AEC Rubrics for levels of attainment for SO1, SO3, SO4, and SO5 were completed by faculty teams in in Spring 2022. See attached.
- Applying these AEC rubrics to student artifacts (Senior Capstone Project Reports, Presentations and other artifacts) is a work in progress for 2022-2023.

## Change 2, part b:

Continue to implement the new AEC Plan to collect direct measures of student performance on the remaining three seven student outcomes, SO2, SO6, and SO7.

- Identify performance indicators (PI) for each of these remaining three student outcomes. This was accomplished by full faculty participation in the Fall 2022 retreat.
- During Fall 2022, teams of faculty for SO 2, SO6, and SO7 will be facilitated by a member of the Goals and Assessment Committee to develop AEC rubrics for levels of attainment of the performance indicators.
- Each SO team will be involved in assessing the student artifacts using the AEC rubrics to assess each of the performance indicators for that particular student outcome.
- The cohort of students assessed will be determined from the Spring 2023 courses as decided by the full faculty in December 2022.

#### Change 2, part c:

 During Faculty meetings in Fall 2022, student artifacts will be assessed using the SO1, SO3, SO4, and SO5 rubrics to generate baseline data using the new AEC Rubrics. Students artifacts will be selected based on departmental discussion prior to the special sessions scheduled beginning in October 2022.

**Change 3:** ME department faculty are participating in a pilot program with the CITL and iLearn support staff to use the Learning Outcomes tool in their iLearn courses.

- The learning materials, assignments, and rubrics in an iLearn course can be tied directly to the Student Outcomes and Performance Indicators.
- The pilot use of the iLearn Learning Outcomes tool can generate data that shows how students
  are performing within courses against the departmental AEC Plan. The data can be aggregated
  across the courses taught by these faculty to observe a more granular assessment of student
  growth in attaining the SO.
- The data collected via this pilot program may offer justification to adopt this method to inform the newly modified IOFA.
- Additional faculty will be invited to join the pilot program during Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 to test drive the use of this approach to generate program level data for assessing student outcomes.

Change 4: Actions to improve the SO3 communication with solid modeling and technical drawings

- This change is informed by prior years' assessment, both in course and at the program level, that indicates students are not proficient with solid modeling and technical drawing as graduating seniors. In addition, alumni and graduating seniors were indicating that SOLIDWORKS is more useful to their careers than AUTOCAD.
- In Fall 2021, the ME3001 course which is required by all ME majors in the program of study, adopted use of SolidProfessor as a required text for the course, and implemented some assignments meant to help students refresh and/or develop skills with 3D modeling and communication using SOLIDWORKS.
- SolidProfessor is a four-year license to a web-based set of resources (videos, reading materials, and certifications) that ME student can purchase from the bookstore. Requiring this as a text for

ME3001 means all ME majors will have access to this resource for continued use while an completing other courses in the ME program of study.

- SolidProfessor has learning modules to develop skill with solid modeling, technical drawings, design for manufacturing, etc
- Additional ME courses can leverage the student access to this learning resource by modifying existing and/or developing new assignments to require use of solid modeling and technical drawing
- In Fall 2022, the ME3001 course continues use of SolidProfessor, with a re-directed focus on
  using the inbuilt training modules to assist students' learning with Matlab, rather than using SP
  to train on 3D modeling. Students are encouraged to self-learn with SP to enhance their use of
  SOLIDWORKS as needed.
  - This practice of using SP in ME3001 will continue until such time as all ME first year students are taking ME Fundamentals 1 and ME Fundamentals 2, to ensure all ME majors have access to this training platform to update their skills as needed.

**Change 5**: Implement a pilot offering of two required ME courses in the first year as a sequence, ME Fundamentals 1 (2 cr hr) and ME Fundamentals 2 (2 cr hr).

- Our departmental data, and review of engineering education literature, informs our commitment to programmatic and pedagogical changes starting in the first year of students' program of study.
- During Fall 2021, the College of Engineering shared data analysis indicating that only 55% of first year students majoring in ME are remaining in the major in their second year.
- This loss of 45% of majors from year one to year two is cause of great concern in the ME department given that we currently do not directly teach courses for our major until half-way through the second year. Thus, any changes to help retain our majors from year one to year two are not in our direct control unless we begin to offer a first-year experience for our majors.
- Prior to Fall 2021, while addressing Change 4, efforts had been made to work with the freshmen course ENGR1110 Engineering Graphics, taught in Basic and General Engineering, to adopt new approaches to instruction of specific software platforms for 3D modeling, and further to use learning resources such as SolidProfessor to support student self-learning and retraining in subsequent years as undergraduates.
  - Those efforts were somewhat successful in that SOLIDWORKS is now taught in addition to AUTOCAD, but use of an outside training platform SolidProfessor was not adopted by the General and Basic Engineering department.
  - It is the ME department's assertion that students can self-learn and retrain as needed throughout their undergraduate years on various software platforms using SolidProfessor as the 4-year on-line training, hence our adoption of change in a junior level course, ME3001.
- A first-year experience for ME majors is being piloted in Fall 2022. With permission from the General and Basic Engineering department, ME fundamentals 1 is offered in Fall 2022 to two sections of ENGR1110 Engineering Graphics, to a cohort of 39 students total, with the remaining 200+ ME first year majors taking the traditional ENGR1110 and/or ENGR1120 in their first semester.

- The learning outcomes for ME Fundamentals 1 have been established to engage students in their first semester as they learn about the ME profession during their first year at Tenn Tech. The goal is to help build students' awareness of the holistic nature of the profession in terms of knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) and how they will attain these necessary KSAs for their chosen profession. See the attached description of ME Fundamentals 1.
- The assumption that the ME Department will test with this pilot offering of ME Fundamentals 1 and 2 is that a first-year experience with the major taught by an ME faculty will improve retention from year one to year two. We will be tracking the progression of the first cohort of 39 students from Fall 2022 to Fall 2023 to test this assertion.

ME Fundamentals 2 will be offered in Spring 2023 to two sections of ENGR1120 Programming, with the 39 students in the pilot cohort being strongly encouraged to take ME Fundamentals 2 (ENGR1120-013).

#### Attachments: Rubrics



SO1 Rubric.docx



SO3 Rubric.docx



SO4 Rubric.docx



SO5 Rubric.docx

## **Appendices**

1. Curriculum Map

**Appendix 1: Curriculum Map** 

Course	Student Outcomes								
Number and Title	I = Introduce, R = Reinforce, D = Demonstrate           1         2         3         4         5         6         7								
ME 2330 Dynamics	I			-		0	I		
ME 2910 Professionalism and Ethics			R	D	R		I		
ME 3001 Mechanical Engineering Analysis	I				I	I	I		
ME 3010 Materials & Processes in Manufacturing	Ι	Ι		Ι					
ME 3023 Measurements in Mechanical Systems	R			I	I	R	I		
ME 3050 Dynamic Modeling & Controls	I	Ι							
ME 3060 Dynamic Modeling & Controls Lab			Ι		Ι	R	I		
ME 3210 Thermodynamics I	I								
ME 3220 Thermodynamics II	R	Ι		Ι					
ME 3610 Dynamics of Machinery	R	Ι		Ι	Ι				
ME 3710 Fluid Dynamics	R								
ME 3720 Heat Transfer	R								
ME 4010 Machine Design	R	R		I		I			
ME 4020 Applied Machine Design	D	D	R	Ι	I	R	R		
ME 4410 Senior Design Project I	D	R	R	R	R		D		
ME 4420 Senior Design Project II		D	D	D	D	D	D		
ME 4720 Thermal Design	D	D	R	I	I	R	R		
ME 4751 Energy Systems Lab	R					D			