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# Welcome Early Admits (and maybe Class of 2020)!

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Pdf is available at:

<http://chemeprof.com/teaching.html>

# Is chemical and biomolecular engineering right for me?

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Physical world		
Cultural world		
	Study	Create

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Physical world		
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Physical world	Science	
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# Is chemical and biomolecular engineering right for me?

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Physical world	Science	Engineering Ubiquitous use of mathematics because we need to predict behavior before we build it!
Cultural world	Humanities	Arts
	Study	Perform

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# What is chemical engineering?

- Originated with a desire to transform raw materials into useful products through chemical reactions.
- The reactions were discovered by chemists starting in the 1600's and by the end of the 1800's, there was a need to produce large quantities of an ever increasing number of materials.
- The “scale-up” of a laboratory reaction (~grams) to a profitable commercial process ( $10^6$  grams) is usually not a matter of just making bigger laboratory equipment (flasks, beaker and Bunsen burners).
  - “Know-how” was generalized with scientific understanding and mathematical analysis, then was translated into a formal curriculum
- “Biomolecular” was added in (about) 2000 to reflect the growing importance of molecular biology as a fundamental component

# Then

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#### FRESHMAN YEAR.

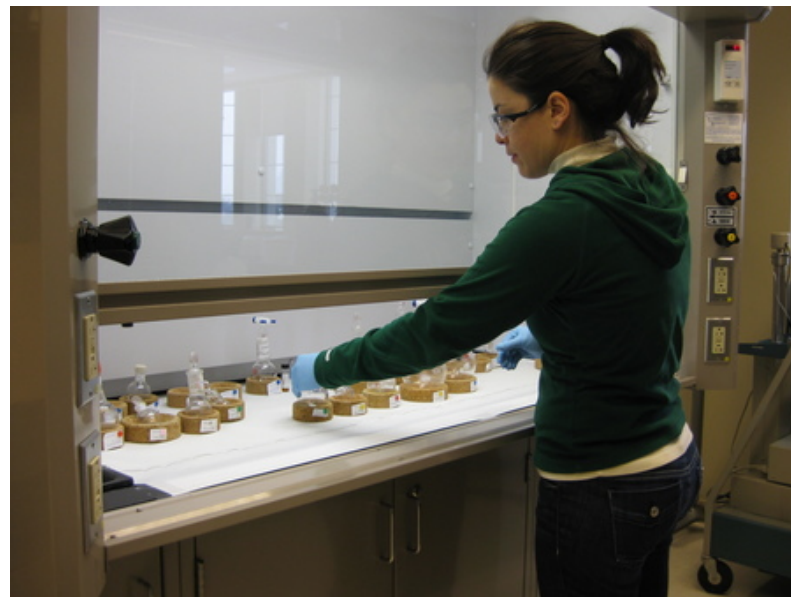
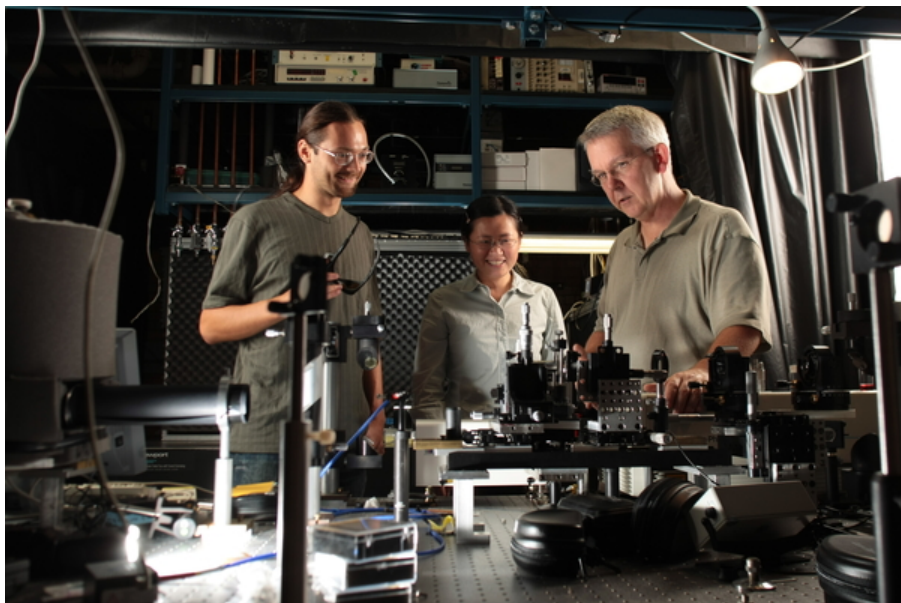
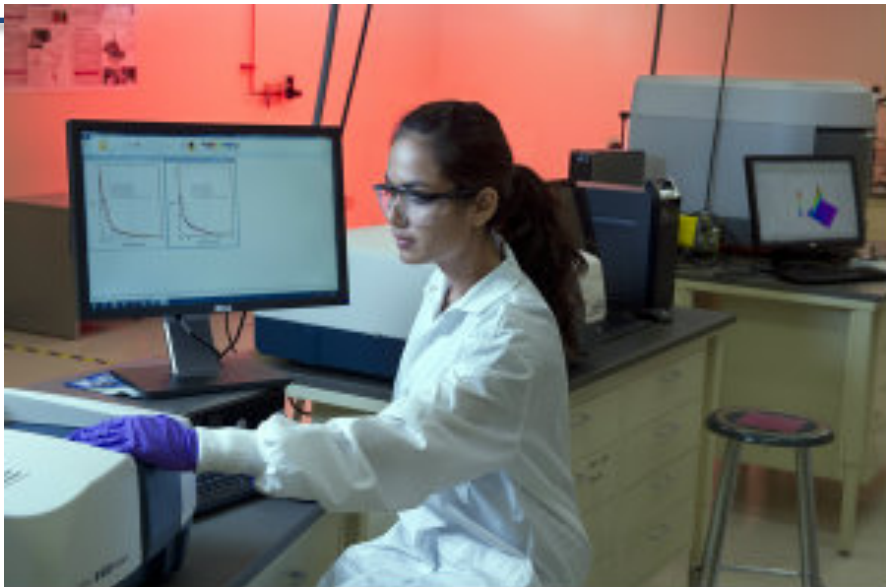
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#### SENIOR YEAR.

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# Now





# Key Areas of CBE

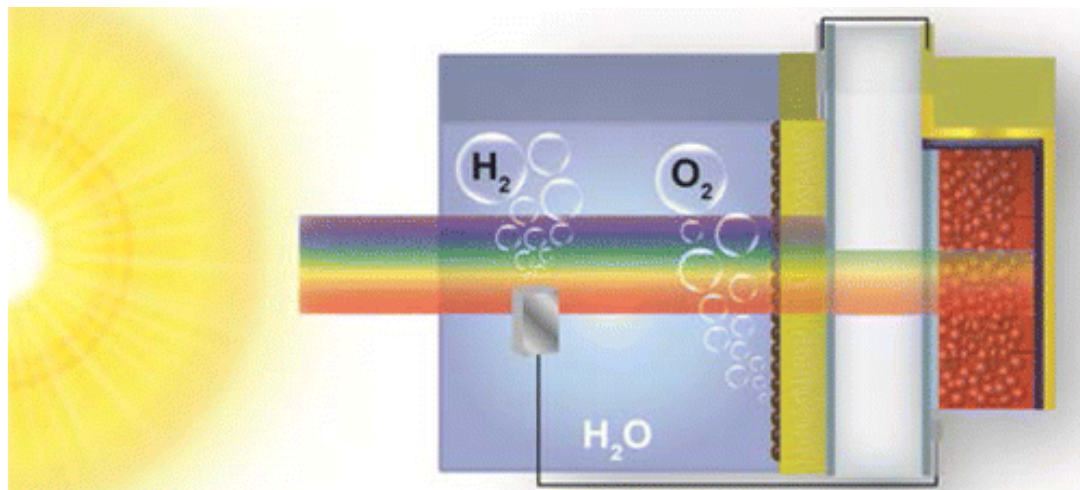
- **Energy**

- production and utilization; conventional and new sources



Image from Omni Petroleum

Fossil fuel production



Lead-halide perovskite material for photolytic solar fuel production.

- Prof. Prashant Kamat, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2015**, *137* (2), pp 974–981

# Key Areas of CBE

- **Separations**
  - Clean water, purification of products



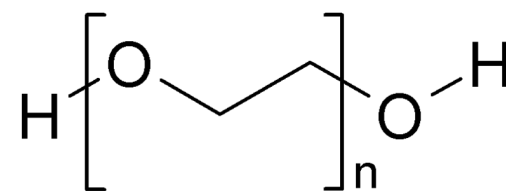
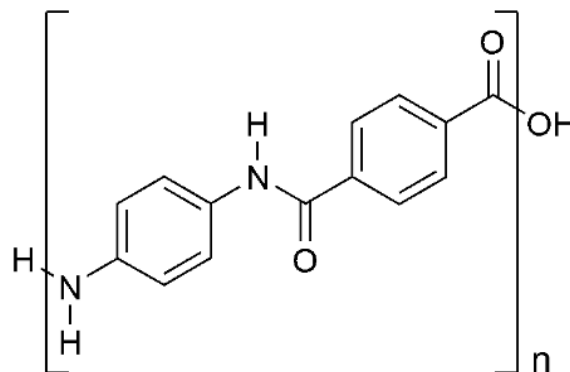
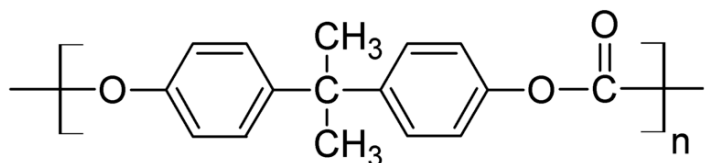
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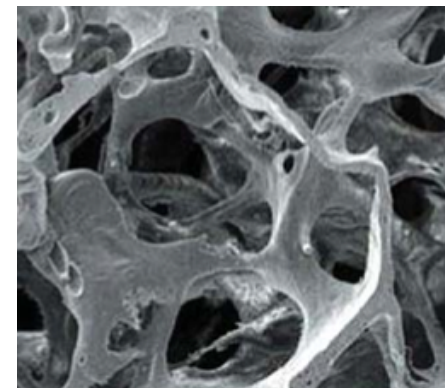
# Key Areas of CBE

- **Materials**

- Polymers, catalysts, “soft” matter, “hard” matter, microelectronics



Key Challenge: Forget drones... why does Amazon need 2 corrugated cardboard boxes for every item!

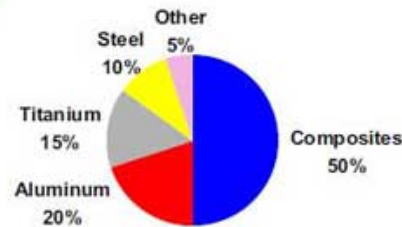




# Materials: Aerospace engineering?



- Carbon laminate
- Carbon sandwich
- Fiberglass
- Aluminum
- Aluminum/steel/titanium pylons

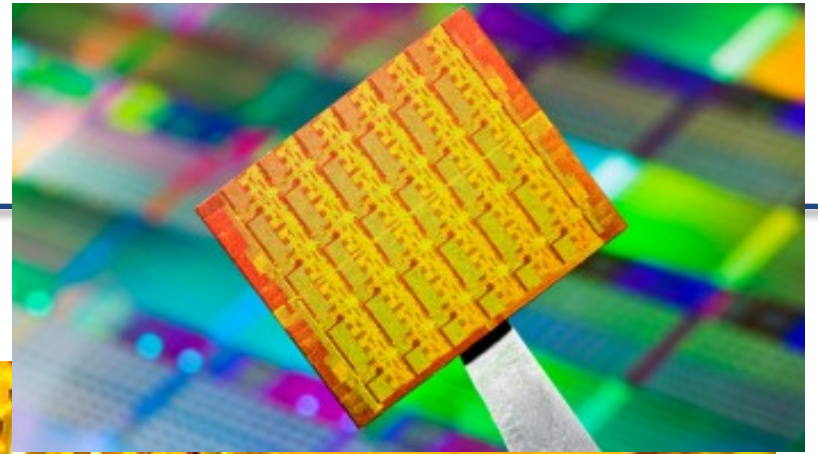


Boeing Dreamliner  
Fuel use approximately  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  of original Boeing  
Jetliner





# Materials: Electrical engineering?



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# First jobs of recent grads

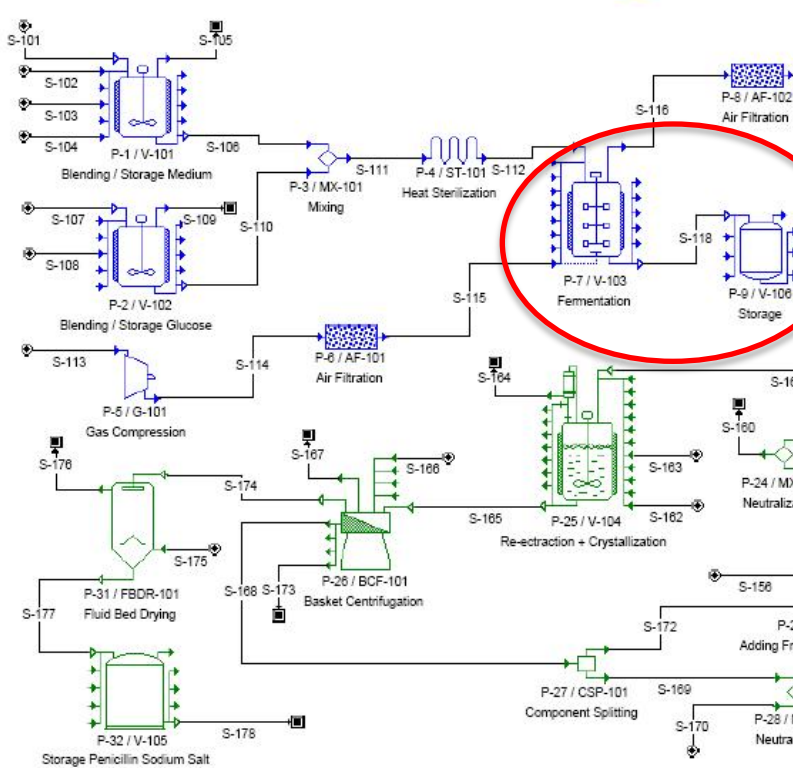
- **Accenture, Epic (IT / business consulting)**
- **Bayer, Merck, Lilly, Abbott (pharmaceuticals)**
- **Procter and Gamble (brand mgmt)**
- **UOP (process engineering)**
- **TRW (satellite systems)**
- **Merrill Lynch (investment banking)**
- **GE (aircraft engines division)**
- **Loyola (law school)**
- **Air Products (Career Development Program)**
- **I.U (medical school)**
- **Military (medical service corps, flight school)**
- **MIT, Stanford, UCSB, Minnesota (graduate school in chemical engineering)**
- **BP, Marathon, Exxon (Oil industry)**



# Key Areas of CBE

- **Biomolecular engineering**
  - Pharmaceutical production, tissue engineering, drug delivery, biomaterials

## Process Flow Diagram: Penicillin



# What do CBE graduates do?

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- **VP Consumer Food Sales, General Mills**
- **Air Products (2 years)**
- **Harvard MBA (1990)**
- **Manages ~ 250 people in division with \$2 billion in revenue**



Shawn O'Grady '86

# What do CBE graduates do?

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- **Manager, Global Employee Benefits, Air Products and Chemicals**
- **18 years at APCI: product manager, university relations, new product commercialization, product marketing**
- **MBA, Lehigh (1998)**



Melanie Sanchez-Jones '89

# What do CBE graduates do?

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- **Professor of Law, Vanderbilt University**
- **Harvard Law (#1 in class)**
- **Clerk for Supreme Court Justice Anthony Scalia**
- **Formerly worked for a private firm in D.C.**
- **Special Counsel for Supreme Court nominations for a US senator**



Brian Fitzpatrick'97



# What do CBE graduates do?

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- **Scientist at Salk Institute working on therapeutics for Alzheimer's disease and diabetes**
- **ND valedictorian**
- **Two years in ACE program, then two years at Merck**
- **PhD Stanford Chemical Engineering**



Jennifer Ehren '99



# What do CBE graduates do?

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- **Global Operations Leadership Development (GOLD) program, Johnson & Johnson**
  - Manufacturing engineering (Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, Rochester, NY)
  - Quality engineer, Ethicon Endo-Surgery (Juarez, Mexico)
  - Source buyer (J&J headquarters, New York)
  - Quality Systems Senior Manager, Ethicon Endo-Surgery (Cincinnati)
- **MBA, Xavier University**
- **ND crew team**



Pamela Jefson '06

# What do CBE graduates do?

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- **Engineer with Owens-Corning, Columbus, OH**
- **PhD in chemical engineering, 2013 University of Texas**
- **Fulbright Scholar**
- **Internships with GE, Pepsico, Lyondell and DuPont**
- **Active in AIChE, SWE, NSBE**



Richelle Thomas '08

# Chris Hensler '13

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- **Rotational Engineering program, Lummus Technology, Houston, TX**
  - First assignment: Randall Gas business
- **CBE graduation speaker; active in Tau Beta Pi, AIChE, Joint Engineering Council...**
- **Process Engineering Intern, Carnegie Strategic Design Engineers, LLC (Pittsburgh)**
- **Study Abroad, Universidad Politecnica da Valencia, Spain**



# What do CBE graduates do?

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- **Senior Associate Scientist, Amgen, Cambridge, MA doing downstream process development**
- **Previously worked for Biogen on protein production**
- **As an undergrad, held internships with Pfizer, GE**



Carson Tran '09

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# What do chemical engineers learn about to become one?

- **Fundamental Science,**
  - Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology
- **Engineering science topics:**
  - Chemical Thermodynamics
  - Transport Phenomena
- **Integration of these in courses such as**
  - Reaction Engineering, Separation Processes and Process Design

# Our Curriculum

## Dept. of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

### Standard Curriculum

	Fall	Spring
<b>Freshman</b>	MATH 10550, Calculus 1 CHEM 10171/11171 Intro to Chem EG 10111, Intro to Eng Arts & Letters 1 University Seminar/A&L 2 <u>3</u> 17	MATH 10560, Calculus 2 CHEM 10122 Gen Chem EG 10112, Intro to Eng PHYS 10310, General Physics 1 University Seminar/A&L 3 <u>3</u> 17
<b>Sophomore</b>	MATH 20550, Calculus 3 CHEM 10172/11172, Organic 1 +lab CBE 20255, Intro to Chem Eng PHYS 10320, Gen Physics 2 A&L 4 <u>3</u> 17.5	MATH 20580, Linear ODEs CHEM 20273, Organic 2 CBE 20260, Thermodynamics 1 CBE 20258, Computer Methods A&L 5 *CBE 20290, Career Choices Eng <u>*1</u> 15.5 /*16.5
<b>Junior</b>	MATH 30650, Differential Eq CHEM 30333/31333 Achem & Lab CBE 30355 Transport 1 or CBE 30357 Biotransport CBE 30367, Thermo 2 CBE 30361, Materials <u>3</u> 16	CHEM 30324, Pchem CBE 30338, Chem Proc Control CBE 30356, Transport 2 CBE 31358, Chem Eng Lab 1 A&L 6 <u>3</u> 15
<b>Senior</b>	CBE 40443, Separations CBE 40445, Reaction Engineering CBE 41459, Chem Eng Lab 2 CBE Elective A&L 7 <u>3</u> 15	CBE 40448, Process Design CBE Elective Tech Elective Advance Science Elective A&L8 <u>3</u> 15
<b>Total</b>	128 credits	*Strongly recommended

# Curriculum

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- **We have example class schedule plans for you**
- **Several “tracks”**
  - Regular
  - Accelerated (AP credit in math, physics, chemistry)
  - Pre-med
- **Concentrations in CBE**
  - Biomolecular
  - Materials
  - Energy

# Study abroad

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- **Semester abroad**
  - Normally fall semester junior year
    - **Perth (Western Australia)**
    - **Dublin (University College Dublin)**
    - **Santiago (Pontifical University of Chile –Spanish language)**
  - Others possible: [engineering.nd.edu/academics/studyabroad](http://engineering.nd.edu/academics/studyabroad)
- **Summer programs**
  - London, Rome, Alcoy (Spain)
  - CBE-specific program: Imperial College London



# Summer Abroad CBE

- Program at Imperial College just for CBE students
- July-August
- Targeted at rising juniors
- CBE Lab I (CBE 31358) and CBE 44360 (elective, plant operations)



**2015 Imperial class**

Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering <http://chemeprof.com/>



# Imperial College program

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Classes at Imperial, taught by  
Imperial and ND faculty



Live in Lee Abbey, a nearby student  
guest house



# London CBE – Classroom and location



# Many opportunities to get involved

- Notre Dame American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) student chapter
- Joint Engineering Council
- Society of Women Engineers
- ND National Society of Black Engineers
- ND Hispanic Engineers and Scientists
- Many service activities outside of engineering: <http://gsu.nd.edu/student-resources/communityresources/external-affairs-community-service-opportunities/>



AIChE student chapter  
“ChemE Car”

# Why Choose Chemical Engineering at Notre Dame?

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- **“Secret” to an effective undergraduate program**
- **Talented Faculty**
  - ND has many leaders in their fields of research, including two members of the National Academy of Engineering
- **Talented Students**
  - Like you!
    - **Strong by any measure.**
- **Both groups committed to the “enterprise”**
  - The faculty are at Notre Dame because it is an excellent academic environment and because we want to teach the undergraduate students!
  - The students are willing to balance the extra-academic activities and distractions with their desire to be successful students

**So: They work hard!**



# Important point

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- **Notre Dame is not a “generic” University and would not be mistaken for**
  - Big-Ten or other major Public University,
  - Princeton, Duke or Vanderbilt, or Georgia Tech or MIT
  - Nor even Georgetown, Boston College or Villanova
- **Choose Notre Dame because it is the right (overall) fit for you!**
  - If you come to be a chemical engineer, you are coming to a top program

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	Arts & Letters 1	3	PHYS 10310, General Physics 1	4
	University Seminar/A&L 2	3	University Seminar/A&L 3	3
		<u>17</u>		<u>17</u>
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	A&L 4	3	A&L 5	3
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	CBE 30355 Transport 1		CBE 30356, Transport 2	3
	or CBE 30357 Biotransport	3	CBE 31358, Chem Eng Lab 1	3
	CBE 30367, Thermo 2	3	A&L 6	3
	CBE 30361, Materials	3		<u>3</u>
	<u>16</u>		<u>15</u>	
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	CBE 40445, Reaction Engineering	3	CBE Elective	3
	CBE 41459, Chem Eng Lab 2	3	Tech Elective	3
	CBE Elective	3	Advance Science Elective	3
	A&L 7	3	A&L 8	3
	<u>15</u>		<u>15</u>	
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