## **UCD Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering**



BE/ME & Minor – Stage 2 Information Session – Sept. 2023

## Minor & Non-Minor Pathways



Traffic Jam by Earl Mayan, Saturday Evening Post cover, April 28, 1956

#### If I had only ONE slide....

- A degree in Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering can lead to a wide range of career opportunities spanning almost every sector of society (Energy, Environment, Health, Policy, etc).
- Whether you choose the Minor or non-Minor pathway, this does restrict you in ANY way.
- Make the decision in line with your interests & plans.
- If you select the Minor pathway, you cannot avail of the Study Abroad Programme in Stage 3.
- If you wish to choose the Minor pathway, you must select CHEN20090 (Biotechnology Principles) as your Spring, Stage 2, Elective/Option.

## **UCD Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering**





#### 1956-2016: 1500 graduates

Destination by sector



chemical



business





25% 20%

15%

5%

5%

## Bio/Pharmaceutical Industry in Ireland

- 19 of the worlds top 20 Pharma & Biotechnology companies
- Annual exports exceeding €80+ billion (39% of exports)
- Employment over 23,000 50% graduates























## **Engineering Firms Supporting the Bio/Pharma Sector**









#### Biopharmaceutical Facilities in Ireland

existing/in development



















## **UCD Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering**

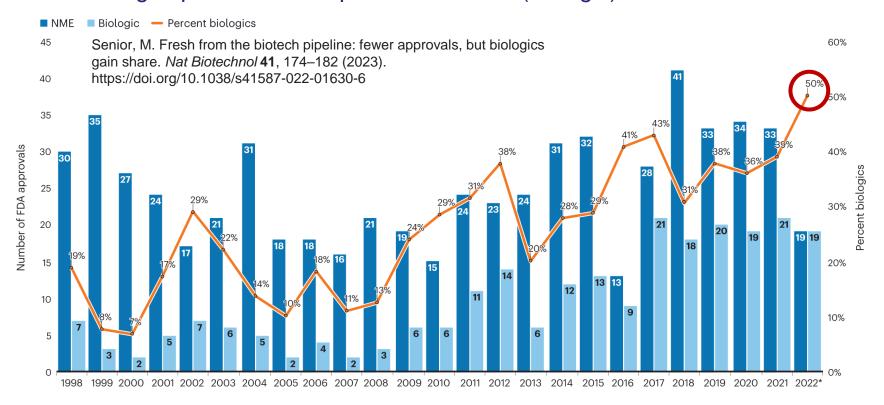
#### TWO MAJOR CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENTS IN 2017!

- ME CHEMICAL & BIOPROCESS ENGINEERING
  - Available from Sept 2017
  - To incoming Stage 4 students
- BE CHEMICAL ENGINEERING WITH BIOCHEMICAL ENGINEERING MINOR
  - Available from Sept 2017
  - To incoming Stage 2 students

#### **BE CHEMICAL ENGINEERING WITH BIOCHEMICAL ENGINEERING MINOR**

#### WHY?

1. Increasing importance of biopharmaceuticals (biologic)\*



<sup>\*</sup> Def: "Biomedical product/biologic pharmaceutical manufactured in, extracted from or semi-synthesised from biological sources."

<sup>\*</sup> Def: NME = small-molecule new molecular entities

#### **BE CHEMICAL ENGINEERING WITH BIOCHEMICAL ENGINEERING MINOR**

#### WHY?

2. Biopharmaceuticals have additional, specialist topics of importance

Theory

Design, modelling & simulation

Standards, Protocols & Practices

Regulation

Theory

"Preparedness"

3. Recognising concentrated sub-field of study (MINOR)

#### **NEW! BE ChemE with Biochemical Engineering Minor**

#### 'MINOR': UCD REQUIREMENTS

• 40 credits in the 'minor' subject, in Stages 3 & 4, i.e.

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Stage 3 Minor

Sem 1 - 10 credits

Sem 2 - 20 credits

Stage 4 Minor

BE path Sem 1 - 5 credits

ME path Sem 1 - 10 credits
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#### **HOW IS THIS ACHIEVED?**

- Some core ChemE modules substituted with BiochemE
- \*\*Use of Stage 3 & Stage 4 elective credits\*\*
- CHEN20090 (Biotechnology Principles)
  - Pre-requisite for Minor, for Stage 2 students, since Sept 2017
  - Available to all Stage 2 CBE students, as Semester 2 Option or In-Programme Elective

## ME programme in Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering

Which degrees are accredited? And to what level?

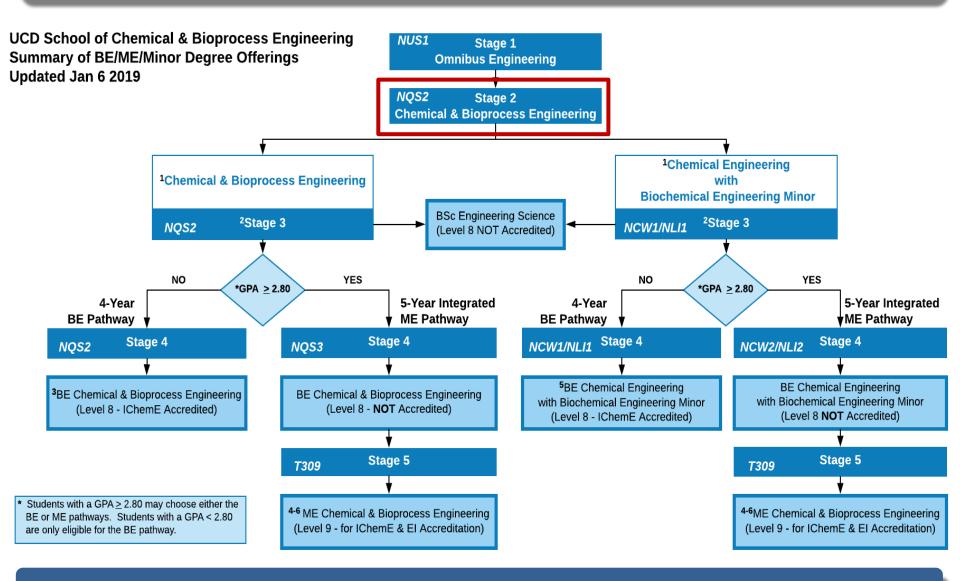
# BE CHEMICAL & BIOPROCESS ENGINEERING BE CHEMICAL ENGINEERING W/ BIOCHEMCIAL ENGINEERING MINOR

accredited by IChemE to Master level

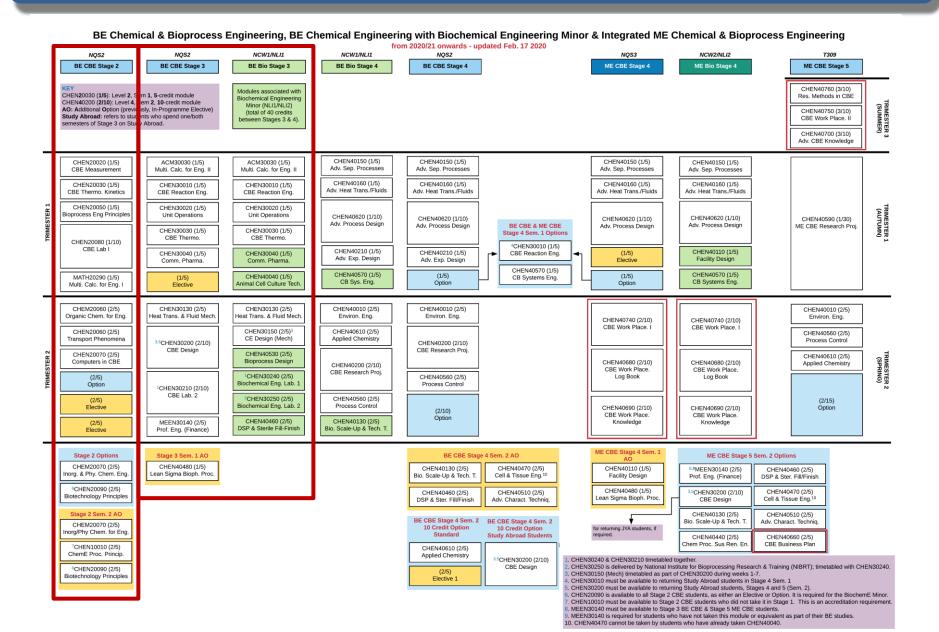
#### 5-YEAR INTEGRATED ME CHEMICAL & BIOPROCESS ENGINEERING

- Accredited by
  - IChemE to Master level
  - Engineers Ireland to Master level

## Handout: Degree Offerings & Programme Codes



## **Handout: Detailed Programme Structures**



#### BE CBE/BE ChemE with Minor: Stage 3 - Semester 1

#### BE Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering Stage 3 Semester 1

- ACM30030 Multi. Calc.
- CHEN30010 Reaction Eng.
- CHEN30020 Unit Ops
- CHEN30030 Thermo.
- CHEN30040 Comm Bio/Pharma.
- ELECTIVE

# In-programme Elective CHEN40480 Lean Sigma Biopharma

BE Chemical Engineering with Biochemical Engineering Minor

Stage 3 Semester 1

- ACM30030 Multi. Calc.
- CHEN30010 Reaction Eng.
- CHEN30020 Unit Ops
- CHEN30030 Thermo.
- CHEN30040 Comm Bio/Pharma.
- CHEN40040 Animal Cell Cul Tech.

#### BE CBE/BE ChemE with Minor: Stage 3 - Semester 2

## BE Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering

Stage 3 Semester 2

- CHEN30130 Heat & Fluids (5)
- CHEN30200 CBE Design (10)

CHEN30210 CBE Lab. 2 (10)

MEEN30140 Finance (5)

BE Chemical Engineering with Biochemical Engineering Minor

Stage 3 Semester 2

- CHEN30130 Heat & Fluids (5)
- CHEN30150 ChemE Design (5)
- CHEN40530 Bioprocess Design (5)
- CHEN30240 BioChemE Lab 1 (5)
- CHEN30250 BioChemE Lab 2 (5)
- CHEN40460 DSP & Ster. FF (5)

## BE CBE/BE ChemE with Minor: Stage 4 - Semester 1

For students intending to graduate with a 4-Year BE degree (Level 8)

BE Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering Stage 4 Semester 1

- CHEN40150 Adv Sep Proc
- CHEN40160 Adv Heat & Fluids
- CHEN40210 Adv Exp Methods
- CHEN40260 Adv Proc Design (10)
- CHEN40570 CB Sys Eng

BE Chemical Engineering with Biochemical Engineering Minor Stage 4 Semester 1

- CHEN40150 Adv Sep Proc
- CHEN40160 Adv Heat & Fluids
- CHEN40210 Adv Exp Methods
- CHEN40260 Adv Proc Design (10)
- CHEN40570 CB Sys Eng

#### BE CBE or BE ChemE with Minor: Stage 4 – Semester 2

#### For students intending to graduate with a 4-Year BE degree (Level 8)

BE Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering Stage 4 Semester 2

- CHEN40010 Env Eng
- CHEN40200 Research Proj (10)
- CHEN40560 Process Control
- CHEN40610 Appl Chem
- ELECTIVE\*
- Stage 4 Sem 2 In-Programme Electives
  CHEN40130 Bio. Scale-Up & Tech Trans
  CHEN40460 DSP & Sterile Fill Finish
  CHEN40470 Cell & Tissue Eng
  CHEN40510 Adv. Charact. Techniq.

BE Chemical Engineering with Biochemical Engineering Minor Stage 4 Semester 2

- CHEN40010 Env Eng
- CHEN40200 Research Proj (10)
- CHEN40560 Process Control
- CHEN40610 Appl Chem
- CHEN40130 Bio. Scale-Up & Tech. Trans.
- Note: returning Study Abroad students
   who have not taken Design, take
   CHEN30200 CBE Design (10) as an Option

## ME CBE: Stage 4 - Sem 2 & Stage 5 - Sems 3, 1, 2

For students intending to graduate with a 5-Year ME degree (Level 9)

BE CBE or BE ChemE with Bio Minor

#### Stage 4 Spring

- CHEN40740 CBE Work Place. I (10)
- CHEN40680 CBE WP Logbook (10)
- CHEN40690 CBE WP Know. (10)

**BE** complete

#### **STAGE 5**

ME Chemical & Bioprocess Eng.

#### **Stage 5 Summer**

- CHEN40760 Res. Meth. in CBE (10)
- CHEN40750 CBE Work Place. II (10)
- CHEN40700 Adv. CBE Know. (10)

ME Chemical & Bioprocess Eng.

#### Stage 5 Autumn

 CHEN40590 CBE Res. Project
 (30) [in industry, in UCD, or on Study Abroad]

#### Stage 5 Spring

- CHEN40010 Env Eng
- CHEN40560 Process Control
- CHEN40610 Appl Chem
- Option (15)\*

**ME** complete

\*CHEN30200 CBE Design (available to Study Abroad students who did not take Stage 3 Design)

## ME Internships – Jan 2023 (BE Stage 4 2022/23)

- 30 students enrolled in ME 10 students enrolled in BE
- Almost all 12-month placements, incl. 30-credit Project
- 1-3 projects on Study Abroad at University of Maryland (UMD)

Company	Company
Alexion (Athlone) [1]	Ipsen (Dublin) [1]
Amgen (Dublin) [3]	MSD (Ballydine) [1]
APC (Dublin) [7]	MSD (Dublin) Biotech [1]
ARUP (Dublin) [1]	MSD (Dunboyne) [1]
BMS (Cruiserath) [4]	PM Group (Dublin) [1]
DPS (Dublin) [1]	SK Biotek [2]
Eli Lilly (Cork) [1]	Takeda (Bray) [1]
FDT (Dublin) [2]	Takeda (Grange C.) [1]
Helsinn (Cork) [1]	



#### **Q&A from BE/ME Information Sessions**

## Q.o: When do I have to decide if I want to take the Biochemical Engineering Minor?

A: Stage 2 students will be asked, during Semester 2\* – via email from the Programme Office – to indicate which of the following 2 routes they can/wish to take:

- (i) BE Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering,
- (ii) BE Chemical Engineering with Biochemical Engineering Minor.

From 2017/18 onwards CHEN20090 is required for the Minor. Students choosing the Minor will be registered to the Minor by the Programme Office for the start of Stage 3

\* Survey Released in March 2024. Deadline: early April 2024

# Q.1: Do I have to take the Biochemical Engineering Minor?

A: NO! This optional Minor is designed to facilitate students with a particular interest in biochemical engineering and/or preparing for careers in the biopharma sector. It involves the substitution of a small number of core ChemE modules with core BioChemE modules. Additionally, to meet the Minor requirements, students must use their Stage 3 & 4 elective credits. Students wishing to take the Minor must take CHEN20090 (as either an Option or an Elective) during Stage 2.

# Q.2: When do I have to decide if I want to take the Biochemical Engineering Minor?

A: In Semester 2, Stage 2 students will be asked, via email from the Programme Office, to indicate if they wish to take the Minor. From 2017/18 onwards CHEN20090 is required for the Minor. Students choosing the Minor will be registered to the Minor by the Programme Office for the start of Stage 3.

# Q.3: Can I take the Biochemical Engineering Minor if I'm going on Study Abroad in Stage 3?

A: At present, the 40-credits which make up the Minor cannot be accessed by Stage 3 students in any of UCD's Study Abroad partner institutions.

If you take the Minor and progress to the ME path, you may apply to undertake your 30-credit ME Research Project on Study Abroad during Sem 1 of Stage 5 (pending availability). If you don't take the Minor, but progress to the ME, you will be able to take some of the Minor modules as Options during Semester 2 of Stage 5, but they would not contribute to a Minor.

Q.4: If I'm taking the Minor, does this mean that I can't take MEEN30140 (Finance)?

A: MEEN30140 is a core
Stage 3 module for the BE
in Chemical & Bioprocess
Engineering. Students who
take the Minor can
currently only access
MEEN30140 if they take the
ME route; it is available as a
Stage 5, Semester 2 Option.

Q.5: Is the Biochemical Engineering Minor an 'add-on' that gives you an advantage in the bio/pharmaceutical industry or is it a specialisation that limits you?

A: The Biochemical Minor does not involve additional credits (i.e. both the BE in Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering and the BE in Chemical Engineering with Biochemical Engineering Minor require 240 credits), so It is not an 'add-on'. In UCD, a 'Minor' is a specialisation in a particular topic (i.e. Biochemical Engineering) within the framework of the relevant degree programme (the 'Major', i.e. Chemical Engineering). But it is not an entirely separate discipline. The Minor is not intended to restrict graduates! It is a route, unique in Ireland, to better preparing for Chemical Engineering careers in the biopharma sector, without diluting the underpinning core Chemical Engineering content.

Q.6: If I take the Biochemical Engineering Minor and then progress to the ME, am I guaranteed an ME Internship in the biopharma sector?

A: No!

Internships are not guaranteed, but all ME students are actively supported by the UCD Engineering Internship Managers in securing an ME Internship. All available positions in are advertised to all ME students at the start of the academic year. Assuming that they meet the employer requirements, students choose which positions to apply for and submit role- & company-specific applications for vacancies of interest, either in the biopharma sector or another sector. There is no guarantee, from year to year, of the nature of available positions. Of 26 ME Internships for Jan 2018, 10 were in biopharma companies/roles; in Jan 2019, of 29 Internships, 11 were in biopharma companies/roles.

Q.7: If I take the Biochemical Engineering Minor and then progress to the ME, do I have to take an ME Internship in the biopharma sector?

A: No!

Please refer to answers to Q.4, Q.5 & Q. 18.

The Minor is a 40-credit subset of a student's BE studies, independent of the ME Internship. A student who has taken the Minor and who progresses to the ME is under no obligation to seek an ME Internship in a bio-related area.

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## **QUESTIONS?**

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