ENGINEERING

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Engineering programs are offered in the departments of Biomedical Engineering, Chemical and Environmental Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science. These departments are administered by the dean of the School of Engineering & Applied Science. The School also offers interdisciplinary courses bearing on engineering programs.

Curricula in Yale’s undergraduate engineering programs range from technically intensive ones to those with lesser technical content that allow students considerable freedom to include courses of a nontechnical nature in their studies. Programs accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc., the accreditor for university programs in engineering, are the most intensive. ABET-accredited programs include B.S. degrees in Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

Some students find that less intensive programs better meet their needs when considering a joint major and/or careers in fields requiring less comprehensive technical knowledge. Such non-ABET programs include the B.S. in Biomedical Engineering, Computer Science, or Environmental Engineering and the B.S. in Engineering Sciences—Chemical, Electrical, or Mechanical— as well as the B.A. in Computer Science or in Engineering Sciences—Electrical, Environmental, or Mechanical—designed for students planning careers in business, law, medicine, journalism, or politics who want their liberal arts education to include study of the impact science and technology have on society. A related major in Applied Mathematics is also available.