

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Engineering and Design

Career and Technical Education Series



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Engineering and Design Course Overview

Engineering and Design is part of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education and career path. By building real-world problem-solving and critical thinking skills, students learn how to innovate and design new products and improve existing products. Students are introduced to the engineering design process to build new products and to the reverse engineering process, which enables engineers to adjust any existing product. Students will also address how fluid power is used by engineers to make difficult maneuvers easier, increasing efficiency and minimizing effects on the environment. Students then identify how engineering and design have a direct impact on the sustainability of our environment and the greening of our economy. Finally, students incorporate the engineering design process, environmental life cycle, and green engineering principles to create a decision matrix to learn how to solve environmental issues.

- **Introduction to Engineering and Design and the Design Process:** In this unit, students learn about how design opportunities exist everywhere around them.
- **Fluid Systems: Energy and Power Technologies in Engineering:** This unit demonstrates how engineers use fluid systems to transfer power and force from one location to another.
- **Modeling and Sketching:** This unit demonstrates that engineering design is a process that involves drawing and modeling to develop solutions to problems within given constraints.
- **Reverse Engineering:** This unit introduces the concept of reverse engineering, which is a critical part of the process in the redesign of products.
- **Engineering to Improve Sustainability:** This unit explains the importance of the human and global impact of various engineering designs and products.

Unit 1: Introduction to Engineering and Design and the Design Process	
Engineering and Design	Assignments
	1. Course Overview
	2. Design Opportunities All Around Us
	3. Design Improvements
	4. Project: Creating a Product Discussion Forum
	5. Improvements of Everyday Items
	6. Project: Model or Prototype Suggestion Presentation
	7. Quiz 1: Introduction to Design Opportunities
	8. Basic Engineering Concepts
	9. Choosing Materials for Design
	10. Project: Researching Materials Designs
	11. Application of Materials
	12. Project: Designing a Destructive Test
	13. Quiz 2: Fundamentals of Engineering
	14. Special Project*
	15. Test
	16. Course Project Part 1: Identifying the Product or Process*
	17. Glossary and Credits

Unit 2: Fluid Systems: Energy and Power Technologies in Engineering	
Engineering and Design	Assignments
	1. Fluid Power Systems
	2. Fluid Power Devices
	3. Project: Researching a Fluid Power System Goal
	4. Designing Fluid Power Systems for Future Developments
	5. Project: Creating a Fluid Power System for the Future
	6. Quiz 1: Introduction to Fluid Power
	7. Common Applications for Fluid Power Systems
	8. Project: Identifying Fluid Power in Daily Life
	9. Efficient Fluid Power Designs
	10. Designing a Fluid Power Lifting System
	11. Project: Designing a Fluid Power Lift System
	12. Quiz 2: Fluid Power Applications and Capabilities
	13. Special Project*
	14. Test
	15. Course Project Part 2: Incorporating a Fluid Power System*
	16. Glossary and Credits

Unit 3: Modeling and Sketching		
Engineering and Design	Assignments	
	1. Introduction to Technical Sketching and Drawing	9. Project: Researching Model Uses in Remote or Dangerous Locations
	2. Project: Interview an Engineer About Sketching	10. Designing a Sketch Model
	3. Geometric Shapes and Solids in Engineering	11. Project: Presenting a Sketch Model of a Designed Pet Toy
	4. Drawing to Scale	12. Quiz 2: Sketch Modeling
	5. Project: Creating a Technical Sketch of an Everyday Object to Scale	13. Special Project*
	6. Quiz 1: Introduction to Design and Technical Sketches	14. Test
	7. The Applications for Modeling in Engineering	15. Course Project Part 3: Designing a Sketch Model*
	8. Modeling and Prototypes	16. Glossary and Credits
Unit 4: Reverse Engineering		
Engineering and Design	Assignments	
	1. Reverse Engineering: Visual Analysis	10. Calculating the Process: Materials, Time, and Cost for Improvement
	2. Reverse Engineering: Functional Analysis	11. Project: Researching Materials, Time, and Cost for Product Modifications
	3. Project: Creating a Function Structure Diagram or Product Teardown Chart	12. Quiz 2: Using Reverse Engineering for Product Improvement
	4. Reverse Engineering: Structural Analysis	13. Special Project*
	5. Project: Creating a Morphological Matrix	14. Test
	6. Quiz 1: Introduction to Reverse Engineering	15. Course Project Part 4: Calculating the Process: Materials, Time, and Cost Analyses*
	7. Finding the Product: The Reverse Engineering and Design Process Applied	16. Glossary and Credits
	8. Implementing the Procedure: Reverse Engineering a Product	
	9. Project: Reverse Engineering Documentation and Presentation	
Unit 5: Engineering to Improve Sustainability		
Engineering and Design	Assignments	
	1. Environmental Engineering Introduction	11. Project: Creating a Decision Matrix for an Environmental Issue
	2. Project: Researching a Local Sustainability Issue	12. Quiz 2: Environmental Life Cycle and Green Engineering Design
	3. Energy and Air Quality	13. Special Project*
	4. Green Buildings and Green Initiatives	14. Test
	5. Project: LEED Ratings for Building Construction	15. Course Project Part 5: Incorporating Green Engineering Principles*
	6. Quiz 1: Introduction to Environmental Engineering	16. Glossary and Credits
	7. Environmental Assessment and Impacts	
	8. Project: Researching Life Cycles for Assessment	
	9. Green Design Principles: Systems and Environment	
	10. Incorporating Green Engineering Principles	
Unit 6: Course Project, Review, and Exam		
E&D	Assignments	
	1. Course Project Part 6: Conducting a Life Cycle Analysis*	2. Review
		3. Exam

(*) Indicates alternative assignment