

BME 3440/3980/4050 Mentored Research and Design Project Credit Policy

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BME or SME elective

Mentored research credit (BME 3440 or BME 3980, honors) or Design Projects in BME (BME 4050) may count for a maximum 3 hours of BME elective OR a maximum of 3 hours Science, Math, Engineering elective credit for a maximum total of 3 hours of research/project credit counting toward the degree.

To count as a BME elective, mentored research must be completed under the mentorship of either an SBME faculty member, IBEST faculty member, or BME RM3+ graduate faculty member. BME 4050 projects are counted only as a BME elective.

Mentored research in other departments may be applied toward a Science, Math, Engineering Elective with advisor approval.

For research credit outside of SBME/IBEST/BME RM3+ status, in the areas of science, engineering, or math, enrollment in a designated 'SME' section of BME 3440/3980 will be required. Students with external research advisors will provide written feedback as a 1-page summary to the BME 3440/3980 section advisor for official grade entry. Grading will be on an A/B/C/D/F scale as opposed to Pass/Fail.

An SBME faculty member shall be the instructor of record for students enrolling in BME 3440/3980 to perform research for a primary advisor in another department. In those cases, in addition to the 1-page summary, a written statement (e.g., email) from the primary advisor to the SBME faculty instructor to assess the student's performance will be required.

The responsibility for identifying and documenting the primary advisor of each student enrolled in BME 3440/3980/4050 and accurate recording of BME vs. SME credit will reside with the Undergraduate Studies Chair with the assistance of the Student Program Coordinator and will be documented in Degree Navigator.