

FAQ: Technology & Engineering Education is a four-year program

With a minimum requirement of 130 credits—ten more than most other CCSU students—being a teaching major is demanding. But it does not need to take more than four years. Here are some real questions TE majors ask.

Q. Do I need to attend summer classes to graduate in four years?

A. No.

Q. Do I need to take 18 credits every semester to graduate in four years?

A. You will need three semesters of 18 credits (see sample schedule).

Q. Can I work and still graduate in four years?

A. That depends on you and your job. If you work a lot of hours at a demanding job, probably not.

Q. I've been placed in MATH 099. Can I still graduate in four years?

A. Yes. But your schedule will vary from the one shown here.

Q. I met my Foreign Language requirement in high school. Do I still need 130 credits to graduate?

A. Yes. But you're not required to take foreign language courses at CCSU.

Q. I have community-college (or AP credit, UConn credit, etc.) from high-school. Do I need to take 130 credits at CCSU?

A. No. See your advisor for details.

Q. If I do take summer classes, can I graduate in three and a half years?

A. Yes. This plan requires you to take a total of four summer classes during your time at CCSU.

sample schedule					
B.S.Ed. in Technology & Engineering Education (130 credits)					
fall			spring		
first year					
ENG 110	3		HIST 161/162	3	
ENGR 150	3		STAT 104	3	
MATH 115	3		MFG 121	3	
TE 110	3		MFG 216	3	
TE 115	3		PE 144	2	
total	15 credits		TE 155	3	
			total	17 credits	
sophomore year					
COMM 115/140	3		CHEM 111	3	
elective	3		elective	3	
PHYS 111	3		elective	3	
PSY 236	3		ET 241	3	
TE 215	3		TE 221	3	
TE 299	3		TE 245	3	
total	18 credits		total	18 credits	
junior year					
CET 223	3		EDSC 425	3	
EDTE 314	3		elective	2	
elective	3		SPED 315	3	
elective	3		TE 310	3	
elective	3		TE 330	3	
TE 399	3		TE 400	3	
total	18 credits		total	17 credits	
senior year					
EDF 415	3		student teaching:		
elective	3		EDSC 414	6	
RDG 440	3		EDSC 415	6	
TE 417	3		total	12 credits	
TE 498	3				
total	15 credits				

For more information about **your** program, see your advisor.

Q. Can I take other classes while I student-teach?

A. No. This is university policy.

Q. Why don't all students graduate in four years?

A. There are several reasons:

- 1. Low G.P.A.** Technology and Engineering Education is a professional curriculum. Some students have to spend one or more semesters increasing their grade-point averages before being qualified to take the final three semesters of the program.
- 2. A part-time job.** These are students who qualify for (and often receive) financial aid, and in many cases they pay some or all of their own tuition. However, these students choose to work to earn money beyond that which they need for school. This does **not** include students who **must** work full-time (these are usually part-time students anyway).
- 3. Student status.** Transfer students and those who changed majors after their first year often graduate with more than 130 credits. Part-time students, who by definition take fewer than 12 credits per semester, will also take longer to graduate.
- 4. The five-year assumption.** Some students assume that graduating with a teaching degree **must** take five years, so they take fewer courses per semester.

The Technology and Engineering Education program at Central Connecticut State University offers programs leading to K-12 teacher certification in Connecticut, including programs for college graduates. For more information, visit www.teched.ccsu.edu, call 860-832-1850, or write James DeLaura, chair, Technology and Engineering Education, CCSU, New Britain, CT 06050.