

Department of Systems Engineering United States Military Academy West Point, New York



Department of Systems Engineering Course Catalog 28 Courses

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COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
EM381 2017-1	ENGINEERING ECONOMY	3.0 (BS=0.0, ET=3.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
SCOPE This course prepares cadets to consider the economic dimension in the evaluation of engineering alternatives; a consideration vital to the Systems Decision Process, engineering management, systems acquisition and many other application areas. While emphasis is on the analytical consideration of money and its impact on the areas above, the course also incorporates professional ethics in the engineering economic analysis process. The course is taught in four lesson blocks. The Time Value of Money (TVM) block -includes the quantitative methods for economic analysis of engineering alternatives by introducing cost concepts, interest concepts, the cash flow diagram and developing interest formulas. The Analysis Methods block develops techniques for project evaluation and comparison and ways to account for risk and		2024 1 2024 2 2025 1 2025 2 2026 1 2026 2 2026 3 2027 1 2027 2

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
EM384 2020-2	ANYL METH FOR ENGR MANAGEMENT	3.0 (BS=0.0, ET=3.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
SCOPE EM384 focuses on the application of deterministic and probabilistic models		2023 8
	by analysts to make engineering and management decisions. Cadets learn to	
apply various modeling techniques to represent and solve real-world organizational problems in the military and industry. Topics include: linear and integer programming,		2024 2
network modeling, decision making under uncertainty, and simulation modeling. Cadets		
	Is using Microsoft Excel in a variety of computing environments.	2025 1
The techniques taught in this course have been applied to an increasingly wide variety of complex problems in business, government, military, health care, and education. Ethical responsibilities in describing the results of analyses to decision makers are		2025 2
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	ne course. Cadets make innovative use of spreadsheets to	2025 4

develop and analyze models. Cadets are tested on the application of course concepts	
from the five blocks of instruction during four graded labs, four problem sets, and a comprehensive term-end exam.	2026 1
osmprenensive term end exam.	2026 2
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COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
EM402 2019-1	ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT DSN I	4.0 (BS=0.0, ET=4.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
SCOPE This is the first course in a two-semester capstone design for EM majors. EM402 integrates the principles, concepts and models explored in previous core and engineering topic courses. The course applies the principles of systems design, engineering management, and/or reengineering to a real-world system. Cadets work		2024 1 2025 1 2026 1 2027 1

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
EM403 2019-2	ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT DSN II	4.0 (BS=0.0, ET=4.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
SCOPE Engineering Management Design II is the second course in a two-semester capstone experience for EM majors. EM403 integrates the principles, concepts and		
models explored in previous core and engineering courses. The course applies the principles of systems design, engineering management, and/or reengineering to a real-		
world system. Cadets work under the supervision of a faculty mentor to continue work on the same project begun in EM402, culminating the integrative experience in their education.		2027 2

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
EM411 2019-2	PROJECT MANAGEMENT	3.5 (BS=0.0, ET=3.5, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
SCOPE This course deve	2023 8	
of their objectives through implementing and controll	2023 9	
course focuses on the Imp	2024 1	
Topics include project selection, roles and responsibilities of the project manager,		

planning the project, budgeting the project, scheduling the project, allocating resources to the project, monitoring and controlling the project, evaluating and terminating the	2024 2 2024 8
project, risk assessment and management, organizational structure and human resources. Case studies illustrate problems and how to solve them. Course assignments	2024 9
are designed to help students learn and apply project management techniques taught in	2025 1
the course. The class design project will provide students with the opportunity to	2025 2
integrate project management software, Microsoft Project, into the preparation of an Engineering Management Project Plan.	2025 3
Engineering Management Project Plan.	2025 4
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COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
EM420 2020-1	PRODUCTION OPERATIONS MGMT	3.0 (BS=0.0, ET=3.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
SCOPE This course deals with the quantitative aspects of design and analysis of production operations management. Emphasis is on identification, analysis, and solution of production problems using applied quantitative techniques. Practical exercises reinforce the problem-solving techniques necessary for today's successful military and		2024 1 2025 1 2026 1 2027 1

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS			
EM481 2020-2	SYSTEMS SIMULATION	3.5 (BS=0.0, ET=3.5, MA=0.0)			
Scope		Offerings			
SCOPE Cadets learn and explore discrete event simulation techniques and tools used					
to analyze and improve complex systems. Applications include operations, transportation, manufacturing and logistics systems. Topics include functional modeling with functional flow diagrams, simulation theory, the modeling process, input data analysis, generation of random numbers, verification and validation of simulation models, experimental design, output analysis, and application using simulation software. The course concepts provide cadets the tools to evaluate military and civilian systems. Emphasis is placed on using simulation in the Systems Decision Process (SDP). Cadets					
			Emphasis is placed off using simulation in the systems becision Flocess (obr.). Cadets		2026 2

demonstrate proficiency and develop communication skills through design projects and briefings. Cadets spend several lessons in a computer lab environment.

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
EM482 2020-2	SUPPLY CHAIN ENG & INFO MGMT	3.0 (BS=0.0, ET=3.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
SCOPE This course teaches cadets the strategic importance of supply chain design, planning, operation, business processes, and information management systems. Cadets will become familiar with engineering a supply chain networkfrom conducting		2024 2 2025 2 2026 2 2027 2

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
SE301 2020-2	FNDTN ENGIN DSGN & SYS MGMT	3.0 (BS=0.0, ET=3.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
SCOPE SE301 serves as Management, Systems Er all cadets enrolled in the Comethodological framework reengineering complex sy engineering management and system life-cycles. Caillustrate mastery of cours and analyzing design alterincorporating material from modeling and decision massystems Engineering cout to learn engineering design level so that each Cadet was management.	the "roadmap" course for all cadets taking the Engineering agineering, or Systems & Decision Sciences majors as well as Core Engineering Sequence. This course presents the and techniques for designing, implementing, managing and stems or processes. Cadets learn engineering design and processes and gain an appreciation for future environments adets analyze case studies and complete practice problems to e topics. Cadets also use spreadsheet software for modeling matives. SE301 introduces a Systems Decision Process while in courses in the USMA core curriculum and also previews the aking tools that cadets will learn in follow-on Department of reses. The course is designed to allow Cadets the opportunity and engineering management processes on an individual will have the experience necessary to succeed in future reses. Cadets will spend a number of lessons in a computer lab	2023 5 2023 7 2023 8 2024 1 2024 2 2024 8 2025 1 2025 2 2025 3 2025 8 2026 1 2026 2 2026 5 2026 8 2027 1 2027 2

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
SE302 2020-2	FUNDAMENTALS OF SYSTEMS ENG	3.0 (BS=0.0, ET=3.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
SCOPE SE302 prepares a complex, interdisciplinary, implement effective solution requirements management testing, cost estimation, an including IDEFφ modeling Department of Defense Alis used as a framework the Model-Based Systems Enthis course have been approblems in business, gowdevelopment. Ethical responses are integrated through written reports an apply their modeling and a second solution.	students to effectively model, analyze, and understand and ill-defined problems as systems so they can design and ons. The course covers principles and methods for nt, functional and nonfunctional analysis, risk management, and technical system architecture from industry and DoD, the Systems Modeling Language (SysML), and the rehitectural Framework (DoDAF). The Engineering Vee model roughout the course. The course also includes a review of agineering (MBSE) methodologies. The techniques taught in colied to an increasingly wide variety of complex, ill-defined vernment, military, health care, and national capacity consibilities in describing the results of analyses to decision oughout the course. Cadets develop communication skills d presentations. A course project will challenge cadets to analysis skills to a real world complex, ill-defined problem in c, social, cultural, and informational contexts.	2024 1 2025 1 2026 1 2027 1

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
SE370 2020-2	COMPUTER AIDED SYSTEMS ENG	3.0 (BS=0.0, ET=3.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
decision-making. They lead a computer language (R) to types of exploratory data at Cadets learn how to manawell as the tradeoffs associated developed through both with the computer of the co	to use information and technology in support of systems in how to manipulate data in spreadsheets as well as through to support decisions. The course introduces cadets to several analysis to include numeric, text, relational, and geospatial. The ge analysis in both the traditional and cloud environments, as ciated with working in each. Communication skills are ritten and oral projects and development of interactive addets will spend most lessons in a computer lab environment.	2023 9 2024 2 2024 8 2024 9 2025 2 2025 8 2026 1 2026 2 2026 8 2027 2 2027 9
COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS

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Scope	Offerings
SCOPE This course is an integral part of the Systems Engineering major that	2023 8
emphasizes both the statistical analyses of data and a statistical methodology important to systems analysis and design. The over-arching course goal is to develop cadets into	2024 1
critical consumers and providers of statistical information as it relates to the techniques,	2024 2
activities, and modeling applications that typify systems engineering concerns The	2024 8
course builds on the core probability and statistics course and introduces statistics	2025 1
applications fundamental to the design and analysis of simulations and engineering systems. Specific topics include point and interval estimation, parametric and non-	2025 2
parametric tests of hypotheses, analysis of variance, linear regression, and survey	2026 1
design of experiments, specifically analysis of power and determination of sample size.	2026 2
The course emphasizes the importance of knowing and understanding the assumptions	2027 1
associated with the use of inferential statistics as well as the usefulness of statistical software packages. The basic principles learned in this course will facilitate data	2027 2
analysis in support of Army acquisition and system redesign decision-making. Ethical	2027 8
implications in the analysis and presentation of experimental results, as well as	
interactions with decision makers, are addressed.	

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
SE385 2020-2	DECISION ANALYSIS	3.0 (BS=0.0, ET=3.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
both theoretical and mode engineers who can integra multiple objective environing Decision Process (SDP). Uncertainty, risk and prefer mathematical foundations trees, simulation, sensitivity information, classification focused thinking to suppose environments. A series of between the mathematical	ents basic techniques of decision-making concentrating on sling aspects. This course develops innovative systems atte the art and science of decision making for single and ments to support the Decision Making phase of the Systems The focus of the course is modeling problem structure, where in the context of decision-making. Topics include and axioms of decision analysis, influence diagrams, decision ty analysis, subjective probability assessments, value of of risk attitude given uncertainty. Cadets will also use value and decisions in multiple objective and resource allocation several computer laboratory exercises provides a key bridge I theory and the application of skills to open-ended decision a skills are developed with both written reports and oral	2023 8 2024 2 2025 2 2026 2 2027 2 2027 8

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
SE387 2020-2	DETERMINISTIC MODELS	3.0 (BS=0.0, ET=2.5, MA=0.5)
Scope		Offerings

SCOPE This course is the first of a two-course sequence that emphasizes modeling and 2023 8 analysis of real-world systems. This course focuses on techniques without consideration 2024 1 of uncertainty or probabilistic effects. The course introduces modeling concepts, scale

and measurement principles, mathematical analysis methods, and computational	2025 1
approaches used by systems engineers, operations researchers, and management	2025 2
professionals to support systems design and the Systems Decision Process (SDP). Emphasis is placed on creative application of these topics including system	2026 1
representations, problem formulation, solution methods, analysis of results, and	2027 1
interpretation. Topics include axiomatic design, modularity, value function creation, linear programming, sensitivity analysis, networks, transportation models, and human-	2027 8
systems integration assessment. Cadets will spend several lessons in a computer lab environment.	

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
SE388 2020-2	STOCHASTIC MODELS	3.0 (BS=0.0, ET=2.5, MA=0.5)
Scope		Offerings
and analysis of real-world introduced in SE387, this operameter estimations, an used by systems engineer capture and describe quarand on decision-making as stochastic value modeling updating, conditional probfor the quantitative reason	second of a two-course sequence that emphasizes modeling systems. Building on the systems modeling approaches course introduces uncertainty into design, modeling, d data as they effect many of the classical stochastic models is, operations researchers and management professionals to intitative effects of uncertainty on systems design and analysis, is part of the Systems Decision Process (SDP). Topics include includes, flaw of averages, reliability, realization analysis, Bayesian ability models, and simulation. This course prepares cadets ing and analysis techniques required in follow-on courses, SE485 and SE402/403. Cadets will spend several lessons in the course of the systems of the sy	2024 2 2025 2 2026 2 2027 2

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
SE400 2020-2	PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SEMIN	1.0 (BS=0.0, ET=1.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
	rse for SE and EM majors meets to discuss important aspects	2024 2
	ion to include engineering ethics, licensing procedures, and plans. The seminar also includes presentations by guest	2025 2
	DoD industrial base, and academic communities. Further, this	2026 2
	dets for the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam.	2027 2

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
SE402 2020-1	SYSTEMS DESIGN & MANAGEMENT I	4.0 (BS=0.0, ET=4.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
capstone experience for S	and Management I is the first course in a two-semester Systems Engineering, Systems and Decision Sciences, and ors. SE402 integrates the principles, concepts and models	2023 8 2024 1

explored in previous core and engineering topic courses. The course applies the principles of systems design, engineering management, and/or reengineering to a real-world system. Cadets work under the supervision of a faculty member to address a problem presented by a real-world client, providing them an integrative experience for their education in engineering design.

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COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
SE403 2019-2	SYSTEMS DESIGN & MANAGEMENT II	4.0 (BS=0.0, ET=4.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
	and Management II is the second course in a two-semester	2024 2
capstone experience for Systems Engineering, Systems and Decision Sciences, and Operations Research majors. SE403 integrates the principles, concepts and models		2025 2
	and engineering courses. The course applies the principles of	2026 2
systems design, engineer of direct concern to a real-	ing management, and/or reengineering to a real-world system- world client. Cadets work under the supervision of a faculty on the same project begun in SE402, culminating the	2027 2

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
SE450 2020-2	APPLIED SYS DSGN/DECISN MAKING	3.0 (BS=0.0, ET=3.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
	third course of the three-course systems engineering	2024 1
	ves as the culminating systems engineering experience for nd integrates the principles, concepts, and models explored in	2024 2
	apply the Systems Decision Process to devise problem	2025 1
solutions that are effective	and adaptable. Cadets work in groups to complete a	2025 2
	esign experience involving the solution of an incompletely	2026 1
	ingle correct answer. Cadets must consider the economic, I constraints of the system and use creativity to generate	2026 2
	es. Cadet groups will use models to analyze the alternative	2027 1
solutions and make a reco	ommendation based on economic analysis and system requires assessment of the recommended solution and a	2027 2

COURSE	Т	ITLE	CREDIT HOURS
SE485 2020-2	COMBAT MODELING		3.5 (BS=0.0, ET=3.5, MA=0.0)
Scope			Offerings

SCOPE This course explores the theoretical and practical issues in combat modeling and simulation - the study of combat systems, tactics, and the battlefield environment in conflicts between opposing forces. The course focuses on models and algorithms used in state-of-the-art combat simulations, and techniques for analyzing their effects. Major

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topics of investigation include the model development process, combat attrition models, 2027 1 combat methodologies, analysis of human performance data, verification and validation, and measures of effectiveness. Cadets learn to manipulate 3D visual and system characteristic databases to build and test virtual prototypes of new combat system designs. Application of design of experiments and statistical analysis methods assist cadets in assessing the effectiveness of weapons systems, doctrine, and tactics on the future battlefield. The cadet can apply the concepts learned in this course to evaluate potential new Army combat systems, force structures, or doctrinal changes. The techniques taught in this course are a significant part of the Systems Decision Process (SDP) as they encourage creative and independent thought that applies mathematical, physical, and computer sciences to solve future technological problems. Ethical implications in the development and use of combat models also are discussed.

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
SE489 2008-1	AD IND STY IN SYS ENG/ENG MGMT	3.0 (BS=0.0, ET=0.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
in depth an advanced topi the direct mentorship of a desires of the cadet(s) in a faculty mentor who has assist in scoping and deve	course in which an individual cadet or a group of cadets study it is systems engineering or engineering management under faculty advisor. The scope of the course is tailored to the consultation with a faculty advisor. Cadets will coordinate with an interest and background in the research area and who will eloping course content. Communication skills are developed the written reports and oral presentations.	2024 1 2024 2 2025 1 2025 2 2026 1 2026 2 2026 7 2026 9 2027 1 2027 2
COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
COURSE SE490 2008-2	TITLE AD TOPICS IN SYS ENG/ENG MGMT	CREDIT HOURS 3.0 (BS=0.0, ET=0.0, MA=0.0)
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SCOPE This course proviengineering or engineering. This course is intended to systems engineering or er Systems Engineering visit		3.0 (BS=0.0, ET=0.0, MA=0.0)

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Scope

SCOPE The cadet, or cadet team, integrates the concepts and techniques learned in previous Systems Engineering or Engineering Management courses to solve a current problem of interest to the Academy, the Department of the Army, or other agencies in the Department of Defense. Subject to approval from the course and program directors, cadets may select project topics which are follow-on research from their summer AIAD experience, a topic of interest to them, or one that is compatible with on-going research within the Department of Systems Engineering and/or the Operations Research Center of Excellence. Cadets will coordinate with a faculty mentor who has an interest and background in the research area and who will assist in scoping the project and directing the research effort. Cadets may work individually or in small teams, depending on the nature of the research. The course will culminate with a student presentation and a written report.

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SCOPE This course offers the opportunity for cadets to receive academic credit for study and/or work completed during the Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD) program. The content of the course and the nature of academic credit will be determined by the Head of Department in consultation with the cadet and the summer host agency. Communication skills are developed with both written reports and oral presentations.

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COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
SM484 2020-1	SYSTEM DYNAMICS SIMULATION	3.5 (BS=0.0, ET=3.5, MA=0.0)

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systems or processes, or evaluate the performance of new systems prior to their implementation. The techniques taught in this course are a significant part of the Systems Decision Process (SDP) as they introduce the concept of dynamic systems thinking and analysis. By their nature, large scale systems are dynamic. These systems involve complex cause and effect relationships that form feedback loops between the variables of interest. These systems produce outcomes that are not always intuitive. The cadets use the properties of dynamic systems and analytical techniques to design continuous models of complex systems or processes, implement these models, and

continuous models of complex systems or processes, implement these models, and perform an analysis of the results. Topics include applications of System Dynamics, client/modeler relationships, problem articulation, functional modeling through causal loop diagrams and stock and flow diagrams, modeling and simulation in a PC-based continuous event simulation package, policy design, policy testing, and policy implementation. These concepts and principles are applied to military and civilian

applications such as physical systems, human decision processes, population, and economic/business processes. Cadets develop communication skills by presenting their design results in both written reports and oral presentations. The course also addresses ethical implications in the development and application of dynamic models as well as interactions with decision makers. Cadets will spend several lessons in a computer lab environment.

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
XH102 2024-2	INTRO TO EXCEL SCHOLARS PROG	0.5 (BS=0.0, ET=0.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings
scope This course introc structured approach to de Military, Physical, and Cha USMA and to compete for accomplished through me and oral communication s discusses cadets? practic This course also facilitates program participation. A to final pass/no-credit grade	2024 2 2025 2 2026 2 2027 2	

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
XH201 2024-1	FOUNDATIONS OF EXCEL PROGRAM	0.5 (BS=0.0, ET=0.0, MA=0.0)
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SCOPE This course further develops cadets in each of the four programs: Academic, Military, Physical, Character to prepare them for future leadership opportunities at USMA and to compete for post-graduate scholarship opportunities. This approach is accomplished through a series of meetings that focus on mentorship, research opportunities, written and oral communication skill development, and leadership development. Although this course has no pre- or co-requisites, it reinforces XH102 and focuses on improving cadets' interviewing, writing, testing, and research skills. Cadets will have classes on topics such as speed reading, test preparation strategies, resume development, and interview skills to enhance their personal and professional goals. Additionally, this course will seek opportunities for the cadets to participate in experiential learning trips to various national labs. A final pass/no-credit grade determination is recorded on the cadet transcript.

COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
XH301 2024-1	INTERMEDIATE EXCEL PROGRAM	0.5 (BS=0.0, ET=0.0, MA=0.0)
Scope		Offerings

SCOPE This course further develops cadets in each of the four programs: Academic,
Military, Physical, Character to prepare them for future leadership opportunities at
USMA and to compete for post-graduate scholarship opportunities. This approach is
accomplished through a series of meetings that focus on mentorship, research
opportunities, written and oral communication skill development, and leadership
development. Although this course has no pre- or co-requisites, it reinforces
XH102/XH201 and encourages cadets to apply for XH Programs and develop their
personal life stories to create personal statements tied to their research interests. A twopage reflective essay is completed by the course's end. Further, an application to the
West Point Graduate Scholarship Program will be developed. A final pass/no-credit
grade determination is recorded on the cadet transcript.