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- Circuits & Electronics
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### JAN-APR

- Freshmore Subject
- Core Subject
- Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) Subject
- Elective
- Capstone

### MAY-AUG

- Y1
- Y2
- Y3
- Y4

### SEP-DEC

**TERM 1**

- Modelling & Analysis
- Physical World
- Computational Thinking for Design
- Social Science: Understanding Behaviour, Culture & Society (HASS)

**TERM 2**

- Modelling Space & Systems
- Technological World
- Science for a Sustainable World
- Design Thinking & Innovation

**TERM 3**

- Modelling Uncertainty
- Global Humanities: Literature, Philosophy, and Ethics (HASS)
- Any Two Electives*

**TERM 4**

- Computational & Data-Driven Engineering
- Circuits & Electronics
- Structures & Materials
- HASS

**TERM 5**

- Systems & Control
- Fluid Mechanics / Electromagnetics & App
- Engineering Design Innovation
- VACATION/INTERNSHIP/EXCHANGE

**TERM 6**

- Elective
- Elective
- Elective
- HASS

**TERM 7**

- Capstone
- Elective
- Elective
- HASS

**TERM 8**

- Capstone
- Elective
- Elective
- HASS

### MINOR PROGRAMMES

Our range of minors offers you more choices and flexibility in pursuing your broader interests.

- Minor in Analytics*
- Minor in Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Minor in Computer Science (CS)
- Minor in Design Innovation, Ventures and Entrepreneurship (DIVE)
- Minor in Design, Technology and Society (DTS)
- Minor in Digital Humanities (DH)
- Minor in Engineering Systems (ES)^
- Minor in Healthcare Informatics (HI)
- Minor in Sustainability by Design (SD)

*For students enrolled from AY2022 onwards.
^For students enrolled before AY2022.

Students will indicate their choice of minor before the start of Term 4.

Information is subject to change. Visit sutd.edu.sg/minors for latest updates.

### I chose SUTD mainly because of its interdisciplinary and project-based approach. Theoretical teaching is often accompanied by projects that require you to apply your learning from class to something that must work in real life. I enjoyed this because it provided direct and unbiased feedback on whether I understood a concept. The curriculum has also taught me how to scope a problem, deconstruct it into smaller manageable parts, and chart a path towards a possible solution. I learnt how to look at the practical points of implementation, how and when to pivot projects since things always turn out different from first conceptualisation.

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### Leong Hei Kern
Engineer, EMA Singapore
Class of 2019, Valedictorian, EPD Alumnus

Meiban is a full turnkey contract manufacturer for global brand owners. We need engineers who have innovative thinking, passion for excellence and giving value-added engineering. SUTD’s engineering students have the adaptive engineering mindset that makes them versatile in various problem-solving skillsets. In addition, they are also strong in communication and presentation skills. We believe they will fit well into our engineering precision industry and smart digital factory.

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### Carol Goh
Deputy Chair,
Meiban Corporation Pte Ltd

I have had the fortune to work closely with SUTD students since the first graduating batch of 2015. SUTD students, both during their internships and their employment, show a remarkable curiosity and willingness to innovate. Resilience and practical approach to solve problems, together with their ability to self-learn and research topics that may be new to them are attributes that make it enjoyable to have them on my teams.
CAREERS
EPD graduates are prepared for a wide range of engineering, design and management careers. Your skills and capabilities for leading the development of new products, systems, processes or methodologies prepare you for both the private and public sectors, including healthcare, consumer electronics, robotics, future transportation, semiconductors, information communication technology, IoT, aerospace, defence, and energy and power.

EXAMPLES OF EPD GRADUATES’ JOB TITLES:
- Design engineer
- Management consultant
- Project engineer
- Product engineer
- Research engineer
- Technical consultant

EXAMPLES OF EPD GRADUATES’ EMPLOYERS:
- 3M
- AMD
- Apple
- DSO National Laboratories
- Dyson
- GE Aerospace
- IBM
- Lionbot
- National Instruments
- NVIDIA
- Rolls-Royce
- Vivo Surgical

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES
TRAILBLAZING A BETTER WORLD BY DESIGN

ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Adept at working on cross-discipline projects and bringing tech out of the lab into the real world, an EPD graduate is well-prepared to initiate start-up ventures.

START-UPS BY EPD GRADUATES:
- (these/abilities) designs inclusive products to ‘Disable Disabilities’ such as Keyguard 2.0 which makes any keyboard accessible. (these/abilities) has worked with Grab to simplify the ride-hailing process for hearing and visually impaired users and also helped Japan’s Nippon Closures explore inclusive bottle packaging designs for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.
- Lord of the Chords is a card game that sprung from the difficulties of learning music theory. Initially launched on Kickstarter, Lord of the Chords reached their goal of $19,000 in just 75 minutes. At the end of the campaign, they raised a total of $333,494, with over 4,000 backers from around the world.

GRADUATE SCHOOL
The rigorous technical training from EPD will also prepare you for various post-graduate programmes. Our EPD graduates are enrolled at top universities including:
- Cornell University
- ETH Zürich
- Imperial College London
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- University of California, Berkeley

PREPARE TO TAKE ON THE WORLD
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Be equipped with mechanical concepts, thermal fluid systems, materials science, principles of design and control, and apply them to creative solutions for modern mechanical systems.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
The study, application and product design of electrical, digital, and electromagnetism in the field of analogue and digital electronics, power engineering, communication systems, control systems, signal processing, and wireless technology.

COMPUTER ENGINEERING
Apply mathematical and scientific principles to the analysis, design, configuration and operation of computer-related systems.

7 SPECIALISATIONS
HAVING THE FLEXIBILITY TO CUSTOMISE YOUR CURRICULUM WITH ONE OR MORE SPECIALISATIONS*. YOUR SPECIALISATION WILL BE REFLECTED ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT SO THAT EMPLOYERS RECOGNISE YOUR ADDITIONAL EXPERTISE. FIND OUT MORE AT EPD.SUTD.EDU.SG/SPECIALISATIONS

*Specialisations offered in a given year are subject to change. Choosing a specialisation is optional.

HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING DESIGN
Apply the design concepts and principles of engineering to healthcare products and applications.

SELF-DIRECTED SPECIALISATION
Option to design a personalised study plan that will arm you with the necessary knowledge (e.g., Alternative Energy Systems, Materials Science) and skills to pursue unique or non-traditional careers centred around your personal interests.

BEYOND INDUSTRY 4.0
Combines traditional manufacturing processes and technology to improve automation, communication and use of real-time data. It merges transformational innovations of the manufacturing sectors — from advanced robotics to Industrial Internet of Things — to enable a new, powerful way of organising global operations.

ROBOTICS
Gain knowledge of robotics fundamentals, skills in the modelling, design and development of robotic platforms, insights into their theoretical essentials and the expertise to apply these methods to real-world problems.
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