



**SUMMER  
SPRINGBOARD**  
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# AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING INFOSHEET

**New student admissions for  
Summer 2026 are open.**

**2-Week Course**

This is a two-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.

## Program Highlights

- Collaborate in teams to design and construct a miniature vehicle that meets specific performance criteria, applying key principles of engineering and physics to solve real-world challenges.
- Discover career paths in electric vehicles and digital technology through immersive simulations.
- Hear from Mechanical, Robotics, and Automotive engineers, and other industry professionals.

## 2026 Dates

[University of Michigan](#)

- Session 1: July 19 - July 31



## Academic Program Overview

In this program, students will focus on the design, development, and production of vehicles. This two-week program, held in Michigan—America's automotive capital—offers students the chance to understand the fundamentals of automotive projects, from concept to creation. Using cutting-edge tools and technologies, ranging from self-driving cars to aerospace-inspired design, students will explore cross-disciplinary topics, including mechanical and electrical engineering.

By the end of the program, students will have built a functional model, deepening their knowledge of vehicle technology.



## Excursions

Students will have the opportunity to visit the Ford Robotics Building, which features a three-story fly zone for autonomous aerial vehicles and a high-bay garage for self-driving cars, among other advanced technologies. They will also explore engineering labs and engage with simulations that highlight the future of automotive design.

## Instructors

**Troy Hyde** aka. **Mr. Mustang** - Worked for Ford Automotive for 40 years, specializing in engineering the Ford Mustang. Now, he is an Associate Professor of Automotive Engineering at the University of Michigan.

## Tuition Information:

### Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes:** optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price:** \$5,698

### Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
  - Weekend excursions can be added on for \$125 per day
- **Price:** \$2,998

## Supplements:

- **Application fee:** Starting at \$99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Course Supplement:** \$250 tuition (mandatory)
- **Tuition Protection Plan:** Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click [here](#) for more info

[More info on Airport Transfer](#)

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## Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday. During week two students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).



## Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast	
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival	
12PM	Lunch	
1:30PM	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity	
3:30PM	College Readiness Workshop or True You	
5PM- 6:30PM	Commuter Student Departure	
6PM	Dinner	
7PM	Clubs	
10:30PM	Night Checks	

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