

The “Excellence in STEM” Designation for BSE STEM majors!

Distinguish yourself from your peers and demonstrate your leadership potential with this noteworthy and resume-worthy special designation.

Students majoring in BSE STEM who accumulate **45 points** before graduating will be eligible for the Excellence in STEM designation. Those who qualify may choose to wear an Excellence in STEM graduation cord as part of their Commencement attire. This distinction is intended to acknowledge the professional development participation of BSE STEM majors, as supported by submitted documentation.

Point System:

- 1 Point – Attend a guest speaker/presentation in a STEM field
- 1 Point – Attend a STEM field colloquium [maximum of 2 points per semester]
- 2 Points – Attend a STEM workshop
- 2 Points – Volunteer at an Open House event for a STEM or education department
- 2 Points – Judge at a STEM-related competition
- 3 Points – Co-teach a pre-planned STEM activity with children (outside of curricular requirements)
- 3 Points – Attend a local/day STEM conference
- 3 Points – Attend/Volunteer at a STEM-related event/field trip
- 5 Points – Present (and attend) at a local STEM conference (e.g., Made in Millersville)
- 5 Points – Attend a national/large regional STEM conference (more than 1 day)
- 5 Points – Plan/lead a formal STEM activity with children (outside of curricular requirements) *Note: this is not intended for spontaneous activities such as babysitting.
- 8 Points – Present (and attend) at a national/large regional (not a single day) STEM conference



Note: You will need to provide some form of documentation (ticket, receipt, photograph, etc.) for each event. Additionally, other activities and point adjustments may be made at the discretion of the program director.

Eligibility for Graduation cords will be determined 2 weeks prior to Commencement.

Submissions should only be made after the event has occurred but must be submitted within one month of the event.