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Mark A. Emmert, President

June 20, 2007

Dean Matthew O'Donnell College of Engineering Box 352180

Dear Matthew:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering degree and the revised requirements for the Hardware specialization and the Software specialization. A copy of the changes is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the College of Engineering is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2007.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

Mark A. Emmert

President

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Justification of Change to Computer Engineering Program

This proposed change strengthens the engineering component for the Computer Engineering degree so that the degree more clearly meets the ABET requirements for engineering content. In the Hardware track this includes an additional course, CSE 471, a course in computer architecture that is fundamental to this area. In the Software track the optional courses will now be specified in terms of total credits (18) rather than the old version which was a mix of number of courses and number of credits (which totaled between 13 and 15 credits). A new proposed course, CSE 464 Computer Security, is being added as one of the core courses among these options. This will increase the number of optional courses required for the software track from 4-5 courses, depending on credits, to 5-6 courses with the number of core courses among these options being raised from 2 to 3. Most of our majors are already taking many more courses than the minimum requirements.

Old Computer Engineering Graduation Requirements

180 credits as follows:

General Education Requirements (81-84 credits)

- 1. Written and Oral Communication (12 credits): 5-credit course in English composition from the University-approved list; T C 231; T C 333, or department-approved alternative.
- 2. Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts (VLPA) and Individuals and Societies (I&S) (30 credits): A minimum of 10 credits in each required area.
- 3. Natural World (39-42 credits):
 - a. *Mathematics (19-22 credits):* MATH 124, MATH 125, MATH 126 (or MATH 134, MATH 135, MATH 136); MATH 308 or MATH 318 (waived if MATH 136 taken); MATH/STAT 390 or STAT 391.
 - b. Science (20 credits): PHYS 121, PHYS 122, and 10 additional credits from the list of approved natural science courses in the CS&E Handbook. Courses that meet the department's science requirement include any course in biology, chemistry, physics, earth and space sciences, astronomy, or atmospheric sciences that requires PHYS 121 or CHEM 142/CHEM 145 as a prerequisite.

Major Requirements (69-71 credits)

- 1. Required Courses (47 credits): CSE 142, CSE 143, CSE 303, CSE 321, CSE 322, CSE 326, CSE 341, CSE 370, CSE 378, CSE 451, CSE 461; E E 215
- 2. Either a hardware or a software specialization
- 3. a. Hardware Specialization (24 credits): E E 233; CSE 466, CSE 467; CSE 477 (hardware capstone); and 6 credits from courses on the approved senior elective course list in the CS&E Handbook.
- 4. b. Software Specialization (22-24 credits): CSE 403; two from CSE 401, CSE 421, CSE 444, CSE 466, CSE 471; software capstone; and 7 credits from courses on the approved senior elective course list in the CS&E Handbook.
- 5. Transfer students must earn a minimum of 24 graded credits toward the major at the UW.

Proposed Computer Engineering

Graduation Requirements

180 credits as follows:

General Education Requirements (81-84 credits)

- 1. Written and Oral Communication (12 credits): 5-credit course in English composition from the University-approved list; T C 231; T C 333, or department-approved alternative.
- 2. Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts (VLPA) and Individuals and Societies (I&S) (30 credits): A minimum of 10 credits in each required area.
- 3. Natural World (39-42 credits):
 - a. *Mathematics (19-22 credits):* MATH 124, MATH 125, MATH 126 (or MATH 134, MATH 135, MATH 136); MATH 308 or MATH 318 (waived if MATH 136 taken); MATH/STAT 390 or STAT 391 (or STAT 394, STAT 395).
 - b. Science (20 credits): PHYS 121, PHYS 122, and 10 additional credits from the list of approved natural science courses in the CS&E Handbook. Courses that meet the department's science requirement include any course in biology, chemistry, physics, earth and space sciences, astronomy, or atmospheric sciences that requires PHYS 121 or CHEM 142/CHEM 145 as a prerequisite.

Major Requirements (74-75 credits)

- 1. Required Courses (47 credits): CSE 142, CSE 143, CSE 303, CSE 321, CSE 322, CSE 326, CSE 341, CSE 370, CSE 378, CSE 451, CSE 461; E E 215
- 2. Either a hardware or a software specialization
- 3. a. Hardware Specialization (28 credits): E E 233; CSE 466, CSE 467, CSE 471; 5-credit course chosen from the list of CSE hardware capstone courses in the CS&E Handbook; and 6 credits from courses on the approved Computer Engineering senior elective course list in the CS&E Handbook.
- 4. b. Software Specialization (27 credits): CSE 403; 18 credits from the approved Computer Engineering senior elective course list in the CS&E Handbook, including at least three courses from CSE 401, CSE 421, CSE 444, CSE 466, CSE 471; 5-credit course chosen from the list of CSE software capstone courses in the CS&E Handbook.
- 5. Transfer students must earn a minimum of 24 graded credits toward the major at the UW.

A minimum grade of 2.0 is required in any course applied to Major, Natural World, or Written and Oral Communication requirements.

Free Electives (21-25 credits)