

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 6, 2012

Dean Matthew O'Donnell College of Engineering Box 352180

Dear Matt:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised admission and program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics and Astronautics Engineering degree. 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 2011.

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,

Michael K. Young

President

#### Enclosure

cc: Ms. Marlo Anderson (with enclosure)

Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)

Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)

Ms. Virjean Edwards (with enclosure AA-20110525)



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May 25, 2011

Rationale for Proposed Change to Drop HCDE 231 as a Graduation Requirement

We are requesting that we be allowed to drop HCDE 231 as a graduation requirement. The University's writing requirement can be fulfill by other available means, as shown in our proposed catalog copy and this will remove the barriers that many students in our department as well as other departments in the College of Engineering.

As it currently stands, our students will have to wait until they are seniors before they can take HCDE 231. Taking this course that late in their academic careers doesn't help them acquire the necessary writing skills that are need in our junior lab sequence. By allowing W courses, students will be able to acquire those writing skills much earlier during the freshmen and sophomore years.

Without these changes being approved, the time to degree will be extended well beyond the current four years. In our current and yet unknown budget situation it is highly unlikely that additional resources will become available in the near future to allow HCDE to add sufficient sections of HCDE 231 to accommodate all the students who need them. Widening the selection or options for students to complete their University writing requirements will certainly remove some of the anxiety they will be encountering during the next year and beyond.

## **Current Catalog Copy**

## Department Admission Requirements

#### Upper-Division Admission

- Course Requirements: MATH 124, MATH 125, MATH 126, MATH 307, MATH 308, MATH 324, PHYS 121, PHYS 122, PHYS 123, CHEM 142, A A 210, AMATH 301, CEE 220, M E 230, CHEM E-260, HCDE-231, and 5 credits of English composition. (AMATH 301 and/or MATH 324 may be taken as late as the autumn quarter of admission but would create an extremely heavy course load if both are taken the same quarter.)
- 2. Grade Requirements: At least 75 credits completed, with a minimum GPA of 2.50 in courses required for admission and a minimum grade of 2.0 in each course required for admission consideration.
- 3. Completion of minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Students may also declare into the Aeronautical and Astronautical degree program through the College of Engineering Advanced Admission program (See College of Engineering section for entrance and continuation requirements.)

#### **Graduation Requirements**

180 credits, as follows:

- 1. General Education Requirements (85 credits)
- 2. a. Areas of Knowledge (49 credits):
  - Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts (VLPA) and Individuals & Societies (I & S) 24 credits, to include a minimum 10 credits in VLPA and a minimum 10 credits of I & S, plus 4 additional credits in either area.
  - Natural World 25 credits to include CHEM 142, PHYS 121, PHYS 122, PHYS 123, and an additional 5 credits of natural world courses (See department for list of approved courses.)
  - b. Mathematics (24 credits): MATH 124, MATH 125, MATH 126, MATH 307, MATH 308, and MATH 324.
- 3. Written and Oral Communication: (12 credits): One 5-credit English composition course from the University list; HCDE 231 and HCDE 333 or department-approved alternative).
- 4. Major Requirements (95 credits)
  - a. Engineering Fundamentals (16 credits): A A 210, CEE 220, M E 230, and Chem E 260.
  - b. *Professional Courses* (73 credits): Junior-year professional program courses (all required). Senior-year courses consist of A A 410-A A 411 (or A A 420-A A 421), A A 447 and 15 credits of senior technical electives. With approval, 3 credits of the latter may be chosen from another area of engineering.
  - c. Electives: 6 credits of free electives, used to meet the 180 credits required for graduation.

## **Proposed Catalog Copy**

### **Department Admission Requirements**

### Upper-Division Admission

- Course Requirements: MATH 124, MATH 125, MATH 126, MATH 307, MATH 308, MATH 324, PHYS 121, PHYS 122, PHYS 123, CHEM 142, A A 210, AMATH 301, CEE 220, M E 230, A A 260, and 5 credits of English composition. (AMATH 301 and/or MATH 324 may be taken as late as the autumn quarter of admission but would create an extremely heavy course load if both are taken the same quarter.)
- 2. Grade Requirements: At least 75 credits completed, with a minimum GPA of 2.50 in courses required for admission and a minimum grade of 2.0 in each course required for admission consideration.
- 3. Completion of minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

### **Graduation Requirements**

180 credits, as follows:

- 1. General Education Requirements (78 credits)
- 2. a. Areas of Knowledge (49 credits):
  - i. Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts (VLPA) and Individuals & Societies (I & S) 24 credits, to include a minimum 10 credits in VLPA and a minimum 10 credits of I & S, plus 4 additional credits in either area.
  - Natural World 25 credits to include CHEM 142, PHYS 121, PHYS 122, PHYS 123, and an additional 5 credits of natural world courses (See department for list of approved courses.)
  - b. Mathematics (24 credits): MATH 124, MATH 125, MATH 126, MATH 307, MATH 308, and MATH 324.
- 3. Written and Oral Communication: One 5-credit English composition course from the University list; and 7 additional credits of approved writing courses.
- 4. Major Requirements (102 credits)
  - a. Engineering Fundamentals (16 credits): A A 210, CEE 220, M E 230, and A A 260.
  - b. *Professional Courses* (73 credits): Junior-year professional program courses (all required). Senior-year courses consist of A A 410-A A 411 (or A A 420-A A 421), A A 447 and 15 credits of senior technical electives. With approval, 3 credits of the latter may be chosen from another area of engineering.
  - c. Electives: 13 credits of free electives, used to meet the 180 credits required for graduation.