PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GRADUATION SECTION IN THE COCKRELL SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING CHAPTER IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG 2018-2020

Dean Sharon L. Wood in the Cockrell School of Engineering has filed with the Secretary of the Faculty Council the following proposal to change the Graduation section in the Cockrell School of Engineering chapter in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2018-2020. The Degrees and Courses Committee approved the proposal on May 24, 2017; the Dean and the College faculty approved it on September 18, 2017. The Secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of exclusive interest to one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the proposal on December 5, 2017, and forwarded it to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with the Provost on behalf of the President.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by December 12, 2017.

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TYPE OF CHANGE:  ☑ Academic Change  
☐ Degree Program Change (THECB form required)

PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION:  ☑ Exclusive  
☐ General  
☐ Major

1. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, THE COLLEGE MUST CONSULT LINDA DICKENS, DIRECTOR OF ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT, TO DETERMINE IF SACSCOC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.
   • Is this a new degree program?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No
   • Is this program being deleted?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No
   • Does the program offer courses that will be taught off campus?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No
   • Will courses in this program be delivered electronically?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No

2. EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHANGE:
   1. Applying for graduation – University has implemented auto-grad procedures which voided current graduation language.
   2. Final degree audit – The University has implemented auto-grad procedures which voided current graduation language.
   3. Commencement – The Cockrell School will no longer participate in fall (December) commencement.

3. THIS PROPOSAL INVOLVES: (Please check all that apply)
   ☐ Courses in other colleges  ☐ Courses in proposer’s college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges  ☐ Flags
   ☐ Course in the core curriculum  ☐ Change in course sequencing for an existing program  ☐ Courses that have to be added to the inventory
   ☐ Change in admission requirements (external or internal)  ☐ Requirements not explicit in the catalog language (e.g., lists of acceptable courses maintained by department office)

4. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE:
   a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No
      If yes, then how would you do so?
   b. Do you anticipate a net change in the number of students in your college?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No
      If yes, how many more (or fewer) students do you expect?
   c. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from outside of your college taking classes in your college?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No
      If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.
   d. Do you anticipate a net increase (or decrease) in the number of students from your college taking courses in other colleges?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No
      If yes, please indicate the number of students and/or class seats involved.

If 4 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions:
If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.
   How many students do you expect to be impacted?
   Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:
      Person communicated with:
PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

GRADUATION

Special Requirements of the School

All University students must have a grade point average of at least 2.00 to graduate. Students in the Cockrell School must also have an in residence grade point average of at least 2.00 in all courses applicable to the degree, the major area of study and required technical courses. “Major area of study” and “required technical courses” are defined in the section “Academic Standards.”

A candidate for a degree in engineering must be registered in the Cockrell School either in residence or in absentia the semester or summer session the degree is to be awarded. No later than the date given in the official academic calendar, the candidate must complete an online application form for graduation or graduation in absentia at /www.engr.utexas.edu/graduation/application/apply.

All individual degree programs must include at least forty-eight [48] semester hours of engineering coursework.

Residence Rules

All University students must complete in residence at least sixty [60] semester hours of the coursework counted toward the degree. In the Cockrell School, thirty [30] of these sixty [60] hours must be in the major field or in a field closely related to the major as approved by the major department and the dean.

At least the last twenty-four [24] hours of technical coursework counted toward an engineering degree must be taken while the student is registered as an undergraduate engineering major at the University. A student seeking an exception to this requirement must obtain written approval in advance from the dean. Information about the petition process is available in the Engineering Student Services Office, located in the Engineering Student Services Building (EER[68]).

Degree Audit

{No change to this section}

Applying for Graduation
Students must apply for graduation the first semester they are eligible to graduate. Failure to do so will jeopardize the student’s future registration in the Cockrell School. Any subsequent registration must be recommended by the undergraduate adviser and approved by the dean. A student is eligible to graduate if their engineering degree audit is 100 percent complete. If a student fails to submit an application for degree by the deadline given in the academic calendar, an application for degree may be submitted by his or her academic Dean or designee. An application submitted under these circumstances cannot be canceled without a successful appeal to the Office of the Provost (Student Success Initiatives). Please refer to the Graduation Appeal Application for further information.

A student is eligible to graduate if he or she can complete all remaining course requirements by registering for 12 semester hours or fewer.

Any student who does not graduate when eligible must please contact the Engineering Student Services Office, located in the Engineering Education and Research Center (Student Services Building) or by phone at (512) 471-4321 for further questions. The degree auditor will advise the student what steps are needed for future registration and graduation.

Nonresidence Coursework

{No change to this section}

Final Degree Audit

[The student must complete all procedures associated with the final degree audit.

Second Degrees

A student who completes a bachelor’s degree in engineering may receive a second bachelor’s degree in a second engineering discipline if the student meets all the requirements of the second degree that he or she did not meet in completing the first degree. This process is subject to approval by the Engineering Student Services Office. No student may receive two bachelor’s degrees in the same discipline of engineering, even if the technical area options are different. For example, a student may receive the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and that of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering but may not receive two Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering degrees. A student may not receive bachelor’s degrees in both architectural engineering and civil engineering.

Commencement

In addition to the University commencement ceremony held each spring, the Cockrell School holds graduation ceremonies in December and a commencement ceremony in May. Degree candidates who have completed a degree audit and online graduation application may participate in the May commencement ceremony. Information about graduation and commencement is available at http://www.engr.utexas.edu/graduation.

Registration as a Professional Engineer

{No change to this section}