



College of Engineering
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

MEMORANDUM

To: John Karl Scholz, Provost

CC: Jocelyn Milner, Vice-Provost of Academic Affairs and Director, Academic Planning and Institutional Research

From: David Noyce, Executive Associate Dean, College of Engineering

Date: January 16, 2020

Subject: Establish an Official Course Subject Listing ENGINEER

This memo is to request official governance approval of the course subject listing “Engineering,” with the abbreviation ENGINEER under the UDDS A19 for the maintenance of the status quo in transfer credit processing.

[insert APC approval]

Rationale: ENGINEER is in current use but is scheduled for deactivation as part of an effort to clean up the academic structure. However, the listing fulfills a specific purpose serving the interest of students, advisors, credit services staff, and our ABET accreditors.

ENGINEER has been used for transfer credit processing for more than a decade for courses that are not easily equated to UW-Madison courses. Credit is assigned as ENGINEER X10 for about 100 students per year. This speeds the initial processing of transfer credits for a positive transfer student experience; students may later request that a course be equated to fulfill requirements.

Use of the ENGINEER listing helps to distinctly identify these courses on the student’s credit evaluation and DARS report for both advisors and students. Moreover, it is critical to maintain the distinction between courses that are approved as fulfilling Engineering requirements and those that are not, for ABET accreditation purposes.

The proposed alternative of using GEN ELCT X20 fails to address these concerns. Therefore, we propose the official establishment of ENGINEER as a governance-approved subject listing.

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