

TO: The Engineering Faculty

FROM: The Faculty of the School of Mechanical Engineering

RE: New undergraduate course – ME 49701: Study Abroad Technical Elective

The Faculty of the School of Mechanical Engineering has approved the following new undergraduate course. This action is now submitted to the Engineering Faculty with a recommendation for approval.

ME 49701: Study Abroad Technical Elective

Offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer

Credit Hours: 1.00 to 3.00

Description: This course is used to assign credit for approved study abroad coursework that fulfills technical elective requirements in the Mechanical Engineering program. Credit hours and content correspond to the approved study abroad experience. Departmental approval is required.

Rationale: Beginning with the 2026–2027 catalog, course titles will no longer appear in the course catalog, degree requirements, or plans of study. As a result, when a variable title course is listed as a degree requirement or selective option, all versions of that variable title course will automatically count toward that requirement, regardless of the specific title used.

In Mechanical Engineering, students are required to complete two ME electives and three technical electives. Due to recent catalog changes, it has become challenging to accurately track and record study abroad courses that should be counted as technical electives.

This new course is being created to serve as a consistent mechanism for assigning and recognizing study abroad courses that fulfill technical elective requirements in BSME students' plans of study.

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Link to Curriculog entry: <https://purdue.curriculog.com/proposal:35113/form>



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