

**TO:** The Faculty of the College of Engineering

**FROM:** The Faculty of the School of Engineering Education

**RE:** Update to degree requirements: BSE degree in Multidisciplinary Engineering (MDE)

The Faculty of the School of Engineering Education has approved the attached revised degree requirement, and program grade acceptance clarification. This action is now submitted to the Engineering Faculty with a recommendation for approval.

**Summary of Proposed Changes:**

This EFD seeks to accomplish three actions:

- 1) Establish use of [EPCS 41200 - Senior Design Participation In EPICS](#) (2cr) as the approved first occurrence EPICS Capstone Design Preparation course for the EPICS Capstone design option. **1 credit variations are ineligible.**
- 2) Establish a minimum acceptable grade (C- or better) for any MDE approved Capstone Design preparation course (i.e. [IDE 48400 - Multidisciplinary Engineering Design Methodology](#), [EPCS 41200 - Senior Design Participation In EPICS \(1<sup>st</sup> occurrence\)](#), or others approved.) to be allowed to advance to the senior sequence Capstone Design course such as, [IDE 48500 - Multidisciplinary Engineering Design Project](#), or other EPICS options or approved alternatives.
- 3) Establish a minimum acceptable grade (C- or better) for any eligible MDE Capstone Design course option, (i.e. [IDE 48500 - Multidisciplinary Engineering Design Project](#), [EPCS 41200 - Senior Design Participation In EPICS \(2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence\)](#), etc.) to qualify for meeting MDE degree requirements for graduation.

**Detailed Degree Requirements:**

See attachment.

**Current Requirements:**

Based on EFD 20-20. See attachment.

**Effective Date:**

Effective for all students entering Purdue Fall 2021.

**Reasons:**

In support of the first action, the established use of EPCS 41200 (2cr.) as the approved Capstone Design preparation course for the EPICS Capstone option (2cr), creates earned credit parity with the primary MDE Capstone Design course sequence (IDE 48400 1cr + IDE485 3cr).

In support of the second action, the IDE48400 course (and other preparatory courses for capstone design) reinforces key capstone design methods, actions and reflections necessary to successfully contribute to a senior capstone design team. As such, a minimum threshold of performance is called for to improve student success in their capstone design course progression. Without achieving the minimum acceptable grade for these pre-capstone design courses, students run a risk of not sufficiently demonstrated senior level achievement of key ABET outcomes (1,2(analysis),3,6,7) which are assumed and drawn upon in depth within the second semester MDE capstone design course options.

In support of the third action, establishing a minimum acceptable grade of C- or better for all MDE Capstone Design course options (i.e. IDE48500, EPCS 41200, etc.), aims to ensure students have sufficiently demonstrated expected senior level achievement of all ABET outcomes, and can successfully contribute to their design teams, as well as the profession of engineering.

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Donna Riley, Kamyar Haghghi Head  
Professor of Engineering Education

**EXISTING**

**120 credit Degree Requirements for Bachelor of Science in Engineering (BSE) Degree  
 in Multidisciplinary Engineering**

Definition		Credits
<b>First-Year Engineering Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the common first-year program in engineering is changed, the BSE requirements will be changed to reflect these changes.</li> </ul>		29-33
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<b>Sophomore Science selective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENE approved selective.</li> </ul>		3-4
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<b>Accreditation Requirement for Mathematics and Basic Sciences</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There must be a minimum of 30 credits of ENE approved mathematics and basic sciences (biological, chemical and physical).</li> </ul>		minimum of 30
<b>Oral Communication</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Com 11400 or equivalent course taken to meet Engineering's General Education Program requirements.</li> </ul>		3
<b>Written Communication</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENGL 106 or 108 or equivalent course taken to meet Engineering's General Education Program requirements.</li> </ul>		3 or 4
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<b>Engineering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Credits at 20000 + levels, of which <i>at least 18 credits are at 30000+ levels and 6 credits of the 18 must be at 40000+ level.</i></li> <li>Maximum number of credits from any engineering discipline is 24.</li> </ul>		minimum of 45
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Statics and Dynamics	(ME 27000 + 27400), A&AE 20300, (CE 29700 + 29800) or equivalent	3/6

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Engineering Economics	IE 34300 (3 cr) or IDE 48300 (1 cr) or equivalent	1 or 3
Major Design Experience	EPCS 41100 & 41200, IDE 48400 & 48500, or other approved major design experience courses.	3 or 4
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<b>Typical Engineering Core Total Credits</b>		
<b>Most Common Core</b>		<b>22</b>
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<b>Total Credits Engineering Selectives</b>		<b>8 engr + 1 cr lab</b>
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