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

**FROM:** The EPICS Curriculum Committee of the College of Engineering

**RE:** New Undergraduate Course, EPCS 12100 First Year Participation in EPICS

The curriculum committee of the EPICS program has approved the following new course. This action is now submitted to the Engineering Faculty with a recommendation for approval.

## **EPCS 12100 FIRST YEAR PARTICIPATION IN EPICS**

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Pre-requisite: EPCS 11100, Concurrent Pre-requisite: ENGR 13300

Description: Together, Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS) courses create a vertical project track under which students work in multidisciplinary teams on long-term engineering-based design projects. Projects of at least one year in duration are intended to solve real problems that are defined in consultation with "customers" from not-for-profit community and educational organizations. EPCS courses are open to students from all disciplines; each student contributes expertise in his/her academic discipline. Each team consists of a mix of first-year, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Students are encouraged to participate in an EPICS project for two or more semesters. First-year students participating in EPICS gain insight into the specific project, and more generally, into the design and development process. They attend planning and reporting meetings with the customer and are expected to attend all team meetings. Under mentorship from upper level students and instructors, they perform and report upon design tasks consistent with their level of discipline expertise.

Reason: This course will form part of the sequence of courses that uses two semesters of EPICS along with the companion course (ENGR 133) as option for the First-Year Engineering (FYE) curriculum Instead of ENGR 13100 and 13200, students may take ENGR 13300 and two semesters of EPICS (EPCS 11100 and this course). The course is identical in objectives and goals to the existing EPCS 10100 course; the new number will allow for tracking and auditing of whether students are using EPICS to meet FYE requirements or for other purposes (including elective credit). Typically, students will take EPCS 11100 and EPCS 11200 in subsequent semesters, along with ENGR 13300 in either semester. ENGR 13300 requires either EPCS 11000 or EPCS 12100 as a co-requisite, and this course requires ENGR 13300 as a concurrent prerequisite. Because of constraints on ENGR 13300, students must be in FYE, Pre-ABE, or be qualified Exploratory Studies students to register for this course.

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REQUEST FOR ADDITION, EXPIRATION, OR REVISION OF AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE (10000-40000 LEVEL)

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