

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

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

**RE:** ME 19900 How Stuff Works Description Change

The Faculty of the School of Mechanical Engineering has approved the following change in ME 19900. This action is now submitted to the Engineering Faculty with a recommendation for approval.

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**ME 19900 How Stuff Works**

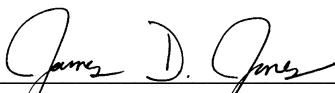
Credit Hours: 1.00. An introduction to Mechanical Engineering for First-Year Engineering students interested in exploring a career in ME. The course is student led and involves a mix of presentations from successful alumni about their chosen careers coupled with fun hands-on experiences related to the invited industries leading to a better understanding of the broad career opportunities available to students with an ME degree. Little or no mechanical experience is required. A variety of common products are dissected to learn the underlying engineering design and fabrication fundamentals. Students are also introduced to the standard engineering terminology used in common products. Typically offered Fall Spring. 0.000 OR 1.000 Credit hours

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**Reason:** The rationale for the description change is to better reflect the current practices. In most cases the hands-on projects are not tied to the alumni presentations.

  
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