

TO: The Engineering Faculty

FROM: The Faculty of the School of Mechanical Engineering

DATE: August 23, 2000

RE: ME 497 Course Description Changes

The Faculty of the School of Mechanical Engineering has approved the following changes in course title and description effective Spring Semester 2001. This action is now submitted to the Engineering Faculty with a recommendation for approval.

FROM:

ME 497 Selected Topics in Mechanical Engineering Sem. 1 and 2. SS. Cr. 1-6 (el.). (May be repeated for credit.)

Available upon arrangement with the head of the school.

TO:

ME 497 Mechanical Engineering Projects Sem. 1 and 2. SS. Cr. 1-6. (May be repeated for credit.) Junior standing or higher required.

Projects or special topics of contemporary importance or of special interest that are outside the scope of the standard undergraduate curriculum can be studied under the Mechanical Engineering Projects course. Interested students should seek a faculty advisor by meeting with individual faculty members who work in their area of special interest and prepare a brief description of the work to be undertaken in cooperation with their advisor.

REASON: The revised text and title change provides a more descriptive and accurate narrative of the course. Most students who take this course are conducting project work. The changes also make this course more consistent with similar 497 project courses in other Schools. Also, junior standing is being added because this course is being used as a technical elective. This is consistent in how we treat other project courses. The elective course designation "(el.)" will also be deleted because it is inconsistent with the rest of the Undergraduate Catalog.

APPROVED FOR THE FACULTY
OF THE SCHOOLS OF ENGINEERING
BY THE COMMITTEE ON
FACULTY RELATIONS

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Date 10/11/00

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