

TO: The Faculty of the College of Engineering
FROM: The Faculty of the Department of Engineering Education and
the First-Year Curriculum Committee
DATE: December 7, 2006
SUBJECT: Revision to class hours – ENGR 103

The Faculty of the Department of Engineering Education and the First-Year Curriculum Committee have approved the revision of class hours for ENGR 103, an elective first-year engineering course. This action is now submitted to the Engineering Faculty with a recommendation for approval.

Current:

ENGR 103 Introduction to Careers in Engineering

Sem. 1. class 2, credit 1

Weekly small group seminars led by faculty, supplementing First-Year Engineering Lectures (ENGR 100), enabling a broader understanding of engineering as a career, and providing skills for academic success.

Proposed:

ENGR 103 Introduction to Careers in Engineering

Sem. 1. class 1, credit 1

Weekly small group seminars led by faculty, supplementing First-Year Engineering Lectures (ENGR 100), enabling a broader understanding of engineering as a career, and providing skills for academic success.

Reason:

The current class hours includes concurrent attendance with the large ENGR 100 lectures and is an optional self-selected course. The combining of these classes was done to encourage students to enroll (and to remain registered) in the seminar classes. However, the combined registration causes numerous problems with registration, scheduling, grading, learning communities, and overall student confusion. Thus, it is desirable to schedule and grade ENGR 103 independently of ENGR 100, eliminating the aforementioned problems. This action does not change the current requirement for students to take/complete ENGR 100. Nor, will ENGR 103 be considered a suitable substitute for ENGR 100.

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