COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
COURSE AND CURRICULUM CHANGES

To be considered at the College of Engineering
Course and Curriculum Meeting

February 5, 2015
Edwards Conference Room
9:00

Undergraduate/Graduate

EXPEDITED

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Units that may be directly impacted by these changes:

Please provide the sponsors of a proposal change with any information regarding fiscal or
programmatic impact on your department, program or students
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4. Courses at the 600–level may be included in the Program of Study, but 500–level courses in the student’s major area are expected to have been completed as undergraduate prerequisites to graduate study or as undergraduate deficiency courses assigned upon admission. The use of 500–level supporting courses in master’s programs is therefore restricted as follows:

(a) No course in the student’s major area may be at the 500 level
and
(b) normally no more than 6 credit hours may be at the 500 level

5. A minimum of 18 credit hours of graded coursework (i.e., courses in which a letter grade is assigned)

6. The graded coursework should include at least one 3 credit hour course in engineering mathematics or applied mathematical analysis. Courses that may be used to meet this requirement are:

- Math 616
- MATH 632 – Elementary Partial Differential Equations Credits: (3)
- MATH 713 – Advanced Applied Matrix Theory Credits: (3)
- MATH 740 – Calculus of Variation Credits: (3)
- MATH 745 – Ordinary Differential Equations Credits: (3)
- MATH 855 – Methods of Applied Mathematics I Credits: (3)
- MATH 856 – Methods of Applied Mathematics II Credits: (3)
- MATH 864 – Theory of Ordinary Differential Equations I Credits: (3)
- Math 865
- Math 866
7. A student obtaining Nuclear Master Degree must take the following core courses.

- **NE 620 Introduction to Nuclear Engineering** Fall/Spring
- **NE 612 Principles of Radiation Detection** Fall
- **NE 630 Nuclear Reactor Theory** Fall
- **NE 690 Radiation Protection and Shielding** Fall
- **NE 830 Nuclear Reactor Engineering** Spring (course number change pending from NE 699).

**Options for Completing 30 Credit Hour Requirement**

In addition to the minimum graded coursework requirement (18 credit hours) and the minimum Master’s Thesis Research requirement (6 credit hours), the candidate must complete 6 more credit hours to meet the minimum credit requirement of 30 credit hours. This can be done through any combination of the following:

- Up to 2 additional credit hours of Master’s Thesis Research (ME899 or NE899)
- Up to 3 credit hours of ME 800 Seminar/Research Paper (refer to ME800 course requirements)
- Up to 3 credit hours of independent study
- Up to 6 credit hours of additional coursework

**Report Option**

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• In addition, items (2), (3), (4), and (6) from the MS Thesis requirements above apply directly to the MS Report Option Program of Study.
• The MS Report Option must culminate in a successfully defended report.

Coursework Option

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• Items (2), (4), and (6) from the MS Thesis requirements above apply directly to the MS Course Work Option Program of Study.
• The MS Course Work Option must culminate in a final oral examination.

Note

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Bettis Reactor Engineer School (BRES) graduates who enter the Nuclear Master program may transfer up to 4 courses (12 credits) toward fulfillment of degree requirements. The department maintains a list of course equivalencies. Naval Nuclear Power School graduates may be awarded transfer credits for Introduction to Nuclear Engineering (NE 620). Applicants with an undergraduate degree in NE may have this requirement waived.

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Rationale: The Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering (MNE) at Kansas State University (KSU) has developed a Master of Science (MS) in Nuclear Engineering (NE) program specifically tailored to the needs of working Navy personnel with previous NE training. This program builds on the currently-administered undergraduate minor in NE and other distance education efforts in NE. The flexibility of this new MS-NE program also makes it well-suited for professionals in a wide variety of disciplines outside the Navy.

Impact: None outside of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering

Effective Date: Fall 2015