

To: College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

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Re: New course prefix: BME

A Major Authorization proposal for a new comprehensive major in biomedical engineering was approved by UW-Eau Claire's University Senate Academic Policies Committee on April 9, 2019 and by the full Senate thereafter. The Board of Regents approved the development of the major on July 12, 2019. Thereafter, the Office of Academic Affairs at UW-Eau Claire conveyed to UW System that the major will begin on Sept. 2, 2021.

There are at least five (5) new courses that will need to be developed as part of the biomedical engineering major. These courses will be specific to this major and should not be cross-listed or considered as part of another department's or program's course array. As a result, a new course prefix specific to biomedical engineering is needed.

We therefore propose the course prefix "BME" (i.e., Biomedical Engineering). The Materials Science Program will be the administrative home for the new course prefix.