COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
POLICY FOR CONCENTRATIONS  
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pending wording on the introductory matter

A Concentration within a program allows students to gain recognition for choosing a set of electives that make up a coherent area of study within their program. This takes advantage of the flexibility of elective choices to allow students to focus their educational experience in a way that prospective employers can more easily recognize. A department can create Concentrations within its programs as follows:

1) The term “Concentration in <identifier>” will appear in the student’s transcript, but not the Diploma.

2) It consists of an approved sequence of courses that are a minimum of 12 credit hours and count toward elective requirements of a program, including general electives. The 12 credit hours must include at least one course at the 300 or 400 level.

3) A student must earn an overall GPA of at least a 2.0 in courses taken to meet the requirements of a concentration.

4) The administrative responsibility for a concentration rests solely with the Program Advisor for the degree. The Program Advisor for the degree is responsible for advising and auditing the degree and concentration requirements.

5) The creation of a concentration is a program change, which requires the approval of the Faculty.

6) It is recommended that the number of credit hours to obtain a concentration be contained within a usual degree. A concentration that requires additional coursework requires justification.