

**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.