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Jessica Cross has submitted a request for a major curricular change. His/her email address is: j.cross@wsu.edu.

Requested change: Revise or Drop Graduate Plan

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Title: Ph.D. Electrical & Computer Engineering

Requested Effective Date: Fall 2022

Revise plan requirement: Yes

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Chair: Pande, Partha – Director – Electrical Engineering and Computer Science,

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Both Chair and Dean approval is required to complete the submission process. Please indicate that you have reviewed the proposal by highlighting one of the statements below and **reply all** to this email. (curriculum.submit@wsu.edu.) [Details of major change requested can be found in the attached supplemental documentation]

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We are requesting to update the total graded credits required for the current Electrical & Computer Engineering Ph.D. program as well as the content of those required classes. The reduced overall number of credits allows students to focus more extensively on their research while still allowing them to take relevant classes prior to their qualifier and preliminary exams. This change will also put us in the range of required courses currently used by comparable programs in the U.S.

The change to the content of the required courses reflects updates to the course offerings that are available on the Pullman and Tri-Cities campuses which will better serve the availability of these courses to all students in the program. These courses also more directly guide students toward appropriate courses for their chosen focus areas within the degree.

Electrical and Computer Engineering PhD:

- ~~Core: 3 course minimum:*~~
 - ~~CPT_S 516, CPT_S 555 or E_E 555**, CPT_S 561, E_E 501, E_E 503**, E_E 507, E_E 518, E_E 521, E_E 523, E_E 524, E_E 571, E_E 582, E_E 586, E_E 596~~
 - ~~*Note: A grade of B or higher is required on all courses used for this requirement.~~
 - ~~**Note: Only one course from E_E 503 and E_E 555 may count in this requirement.~~
- ~~Minor Area – Systems:~~
 - ~~Select 2 courses in consultation with your committee and pass each with a grade of B+ or higher.~~
- ~~Minor Area – Power:~~
 - ~~Select 2 courses in consultation with your committee and pass each with a grade of B+ or higher.~~
- ~~Minor Area – Microelectronics:~~
 - ~~Select 2 courses in consultation with your committee and pass each with a grade of B+ or higher.~~
- ~~Minor Area – Electrophysics:~~
 - ~~Select 2 courses in consultation with your committee and pass each with a grade of B+ or higher.~~
- ~~Minor Area – Computer Engineering:~~
 - ~~Select 2 courses in consultation with your committee and pass each with a grade of B+ or higher.~~
- Focus Areas:
 - Computer Engineering
 - Core Courses
 - Take at least two of the following courses; must be completed w/ B or better
 - E E 524/CPT S 561 – Advanced Computer Architecture
 - E E 586 – VLSI Systems Design
 - NOTE: If E E 586 is not available, E E 466 (VLSI Design) may be substituted
 - E E 587 - System on Chip Design and Test
 - NOTE: If E E 587 is not available, E E 434 (ASIC and Digital Systems Design) may be substituted
 - Take at least one additional course from the following list; must be completed w/ B or better
 - E E 501 – Linear System Theory
 - E E 503 – Structure, Dynamics, & Control of Large-Scale Networks
 - E E 507 – Random Processes in Engineering
 - E E 518 – Advanced Electromagnetic Theory I
 - E E 521 – Analysis of Power Systems
 - E E 523 – Power Systems Stability & Control
 - E E 524/CPT S 561 – Advanced Computer Architecture
 - E E 555 – Computer Communication Networks

- E E 571 – Advanced Wireless Integrated Circuits & Systems
 - E E 582 – Advanced Topics: Cyber Security
 - E E 586 – VLSI Systems Design
 - E E 587 - System on Chip Design and Test
 - E E 596 – Advanced Analog Integrated Circuits
 - CPT S 516 – Algorithmics
- Electrophysics
 - Core Courses
 - Take at least two of the following courses; must be completed w/ B or better
 - E E 518 – Advanced Electromagnetic Theory I
 - E E 535 – Numerical Solutions to EM Problems
 - E E 571 – Advanced Wireless Integrated Circuits & Systems
 - Take at least two additional courses from the following list; must be completed w/ B or better
 - E E 501 – Linear System Theory
 - E E 503 – Structure, Dynamics, & Control of Large-Scale Networks
 - E E 507 – Random Processes in Engineering
 - E E 518 – Advanced Electromagnetic Theory I
 - E E 521 – Analysis of Power Systems
 - E E 523 – Power Systems Stability & Control
 - E E 524/CPT S 561 – Advanced Computer Architecture
 - E E 535 – Numerical Solutions to EM Problems
 - E E 555 – Computer Communication Networks
 - E E 571 – Advanced Wireless Integrated Circuits & Systems
 - E E 582 – Advanced Topics: Cyber Security
 - E E 586 – VLSI Systems Design
 - E E 587 – System on Chip Design and Test
 - E E 596 – Advanced Analog Integrated Circuits
 - Any further courses as determined by your committee chair/faculty
- Microelectronics
 - Core Courses
 - The following courses must be taken at WSU (cannot be transferred in) and must be completed with a B or better
 - E E 571 – Advanced Wireless Integrated Circuits & Systems
 - E E 596 – Advanced Analog Integrated Circuits
- Power
 - Core Courses
 - The following courses must be taken at WSU (cannot be transferred in) and must be completed with a B or better
 - E E 521 – Analysis of Power Systems
 - E E 523 – Power Systems Stability & Control OR E E 582 Cyber-Power Systems
 - One additional 500-level course in the Power area

- One additional core course from another focus area (not in Power)
- Systems
 - Core Courses
 - The following courses must be taken at WSU (cannot be transferred in) and must be completed with a B or better
 - Systems Core
 - E E 501 – Linear System Theory
 - E E 503 – Structure, Dynamics, & Control of Large-Scale Networks
 - E E 507 – Random Processes in Engineering
 - Minor Areas – two 500-level courses in a breadth area, must be completed with a B or better:
 - Power
 - E E 521
 - E E 523
 - Microelectronics
 - E E 571
 - E E 576
 - Electrophysics
 - E E 518
 - E E 535
 - Computer Engineering (any two of the following)
 - E E 524/CPT S 561
 - E E 586
 - E E 587
 - Computer Science (any two of the following)
 - CPT S 534 – Neural Network Design & Application
 - CPT S 540 – Artificial Intelligence
 - CPT S 570 – Machine Learning
 - CPT S 577 – Structured Prediction
 - CPT S 415 – Big Data
 - CPT S 571 – Computation Genomics
 - CPT S 575 – Data Science
 - CPT S 580 – Special topics on Data Science related topics
 - CPT S 591 – Elements of Network Science
 - CPT S 411 – Introduction to Parallel Computing
 - CPT S 483 – Special topics course (Intro to Compilers & LLVM)
 - CPT S 527 – Computer Security
 - CPT S 542 – Computer Graphics
 - CPT S 561 – Computer Architecture
 - CPT S 566 – Embedded Systems
 - CPT S 580 – Advanced GPU Programming and other topics related to topics in computer systems

- CPT S 484 – Software Requirements
 - CPT S 543 – Human-Computer Interaction
 - CPT S 580 – Special topics on Software Engineering topics
 - CPT S 581 – Software Maintenance
 - CPT S 582 – Software Testing
 - CPT S 583 – Software Quality
 - CPT S 587 – Software Design & Architecture
- One additional 500-level course from the following list or the previous breadth areas, must be completed with B or better. This course cannot be used to fulfill a previously listed requirement.
 - E E 501 – Linear System Theory
 - E E 503 – Structure, Dynamics, & Control of Large-Scale Networks
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 - CPT S 516 – Algorithmics
- One additional 500-level Systems course, must be completed with B or better.
- Two additional 3 credit courses, which may be any combination of 5xx, 4xx, or 595, must be completed with B or better.
- *Research Credits: ~~30~~ 42 credits minimum:*
 - E_E 800
- *Total Graded Credits: ~~34~~ 24 credits minimum*
- *Total Credits: 72 credits minimum*

**Note: A grade of B grade or higher is required on all graded courses*

Applicable Graduate School Requirements:

- *Graded Credits: 34 credits*
- *Research Credits: 20 credits*
 - E_E 800
- *Total Credits: 72 minimum*

Hi Praveen,

They are meant to just be minimums for the degree requirements, so students could do more graded courses or more research credits as desired to reach the Grad School requirement of 72. Please let me know if this is something we will need to update.

Thank you!

On behalf of the catalog subcommittee, i am reviewing the request for updating the total graded credits for PhD CS and EE programs.

I see you are increasing the research credits from 30 to 42 minimum towards thesis and decreasing graded credits from 34 to 24 minimum (approx 8 courses).

But, the total of $42+24 = 66$ minimum does not add upto 72. Am i missing something?

Regards,

Praveen