

## Elimination of Materials Science and Engineering Undergraduate Program (BS-MSE)

1. In our faculty retreat on 1/26/2024, MMAE faculty voted on the elimination of the BS-MSE program, keeping in consideration all arrangements to graduate current MSE students. Voting results:

17 votes to support the motion

1 vote to abstain

No votes against

2. There are 9 MSE specific courses, which are MMAE 365, 370, 373, 463, 465, 372, 476, 485 and 472. However, MMAE 372 and 485 are also required for AE and ME programs, respectively. So, we will keep offering them. This means the elimination of the remaining 7 courses. We don't need to keep any of these courses for students coming to the MSE graduate program from non-MSE backgrounds (such as Chemistry and Physics) because there are graduate level MSE courses that they can take to make up for the difference.
3. We also have a minor in Materials Science, which typically requires taking 5 MSE courses (MMAE 365, 370, 463 and two more elective MSE specific courses). Currently, we are working on revising its requirements to see if we can retain it.

- There are only 2 students (BS-ME) pursuing a minor in Materials Science (80% completed).

4. Current students enrolled in BS-MSE program:

Status	U1	U2	U3	U4	U5
Enrolled	1	3	-	7	4

5. For the current students enrolled in BS-MSE program, we will offer the options of
  - continuing their degree program during the "phasing out" period (we are committed to offer all the required courses until the last student graduates), or
  - switching to ME or AE program where they can count the MSE specific courses they have already taken so far
    - o towards the technical electives in their new program, or
    - o towards a minor in Materials Science provided that they can satisfy all the requirements during the "phasing out" period.
6. For newly admitted students (Fall 2024):
  - We've already contacted the Admissions Office to stop any new admissions to BS-MSE program for Fall 2024. We are working in coordination with the Admissions Office to switch the major of "already admitted students" to BS-ME, BS-AE or any other engineering program they are interested in.