

REQUEST TO DISESTABLISH/MERGE A DEGREE PROGRAM

Program Name	International Engineering Certificate
CIP Code	
College	Engineering and Natural Sciences
University	Northern Arizona University
Date of Request	October 16, 2006

Background	<i>The International Engineering Certificate program was established in the old College of Engineering and Technology (CET) in 2000 to encourage students to pursue international experience and training within their undergraduate curriculum. It has been in place ever since, and about a dozen certificates have been granted.</i> <i>This request is part of a revamping process in which we would like to disestablish the old International Engineering and International Construction Management certificates, and replace them with a single improved and revised CENS International Engineering and Natural Science certificate program.</i>
Rationale	<i>The combination of Engineering and Natural Sciences into a single unit has created the desire to expand our successful certificate program in International Engineering to extend this great opportunity to students in Natural Science disciplines as well. In addition, administering the International Engineering Certificate program over the years has revealed weaknesses in its design that we would like to remedy.</i> <i>Considering all the factors, the best way to address all issues is to discontinue the (identical except in name) existing certificate programs in International Engineering and International Construction Management, replacing these two with a single uniform "International Engineering and Natural Science" certificate that will serve all CENS disciplines.</i>
Review process	N/A
Numbers of Students Affected/ Plans for Current Students	<i>Because students simply apply for the certificate as an addendum to their degree (rather than formally enrolling in a "program") it is difficult to guess how many are "in the program" currently. The point is moot, at any rate, as all students pursuing the current certificates will be able to transition seamlessly to the new certificate program that is replacing this one. The requirements for the new program are nearly identical to the existing one; any small discrepancies that might arise for in-progress students can be easily remedied by minor course substitutions.</i>
Impact on Department/Institution	<i>N/A. There were no specialized courses taught only for this certificate program. Rather this program was based on requiring students to take a particular constellation of existing courses centered around international themes, language, and international experience.</i>
Budgetary Impact	<i>N/A. The certificate program never had a budget; deleting it will merely serve the purpose of administrative house-cleaning.</i>

