Frequently Asked Questions About Major Form Preparation

What new changes to the program have been approved?

- Engr 10 now covers GE area E. This was effective Fall 2013. If you took Engr 10 before Fall 2013, it will not cover area E.

- KIN is waived for engineering majors, effective Fall 2014. Spring or Summer 2014 grads still need two units of KIN.

- Only 6 units of electives (two classes) are required instead of 10-12 (four classes).

- We are tentatively replacing SJSU Studies areas S and V with two 1-unit seminars (Engr 195a and b). Final approval is pending. For now on your major forms, assume that approval will be granted, effective Fall 2014.

- CE 95 (3 units) is now required instead of CE 99 (2 units).

What catalog year should I put down on my major form?

Technically, you can either put down the catalog for the year that you entered SJSU or the year you are finishing. If you wish to take advantage of any of the new changes, you’ll need to put down the year you are finishing, if you’re graduating in Fall 2014 or later (for example, put down “14-15” if you’re graduating in Fall 2014 or Spring 2015).

What are Engr 195a and b on the revised major form? Do I need them?

These are two 1-unit classes that can be used to replace SJSU Studies areas S and V when taken in conjunction with ME 195a and b, effective Fall 2014. If you have taken or are currently taking S and V courses, you can just cross those two classes out on your major form. The Engr and ME 195a and b classes MUST be taken together, and all four classes are needed to replace S and V. Final approval is still pending. Stay tuned for further information.

When does the drop to two electives go into effect?

Technically this is effective for Fall 2014 graduates and later only. If you are graduating in Summer 2014 we will grandfather you in.

I already turned in my major form, and I have four electives listed. How can I drop that to two?

If you are graduating in Summer 2014 or later, you can take advantage of this by turning in a substitution form, available on the registrar’s website, after the Spring 2014 semester has concluded. On the bottom, there’s a spot where you can delete electives. In addition, your advisor will need to add a note approving you to graduate with fewer than 132 units (the old unit requirement). Turn the form in to Lilly at the ME front desk.
I’m using the revised major form, but I took CE 99, not 95. Is this a problem?

No, as long as you have at least a total of 120 units by the time you graduate. Strike through CE 95 on the revised major form. Underneath write CE 99, its name, number of units, and your grade.

Can I still take CE 99 instead of 95 if I want?

Effective Fall 2014, you need to take CE 95. If you took/are taking statics in Spring 2014 or earlier, either CE 99 or 95 is fine. If you have a special situation and really need to take CE 99 instead of 95, see an advisor for approval. This change was made to hopefully prepare students better for ME 101 and CE 112, which are typically difficult classes that require a lot of knowledge of statics.

I took an Intro to Engineering course at a community college. Will it count for GE area E?

No. Instructors had to add new material into Engr 10 to get it to count for E, and that material is not included in equivalent courses at community colleges.

I applied for graduation in Fall 2014 or Spring 2015 with the old major form, but I want to take advantage of the new changes (reduced electives, no KIN, etc.). What do I need to do to make that happen?

To make changes to your major form, fill out a substitution form, available on the registrar’s website, after the Spring 2014 semester has concluded. This will typically be to reduce the number of electives from four to two. On the bottom of the form, there’s a spot where you can delete classes. In addition, your advisor will need to add a note approving you to graduate with fewer than 132 units (the old unit requirement). Turn the form in to Lilly at the ME front desk.

If you want to take advantage of the new GE requirements (in particular, the waiver of KIN effective Fall 2014), your advisor can write a memo for you to take care of this.

I took a bunch of classes at other schools. How do I put those down?

Strike through the class number and name. Right underneath put the name of the class you took along with the number of units and grade, something like this:

Phys 50: Gen Physics: Mechanics  4
Phys*4a Physics for Scientists & Engineers  4  B+

Then at the bottom where it says “Course taken at”, you’ll put this down:

*Course taken at Fresno City College

You can use multiple symbols if you took classes at more than one other school, such as

Course taken at *Fresno City College ** Mission College ^DeAnza College