

Proposal 7-25

Proposal to Shelve the Master's Degree in Engineering Mechanics (EEM)

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There has been very little enrollment in the Master's Degree in Engineering Mechanics (EEM) in the past ten years. With plans to add an Aerospace graduate program to the MAE department soon, the EEM program should be shelved.

1) Full name of the program to be shelved

Master's Degree in Engineering Mechanics (EEM)

2) The final term program will be open for new admits.

The application portal for the EEM degree was closed during the summer 2024 semester, with the program to be shelved in Fall 2025.

3) Plan to complete all enrolled students and any returning students. For unshelving give an estimated enrollment.

At present, no individuals are enrolled in the EEM degree program. In August 2024, the final student in EEM consented to transfer to EME.

4) Reason for shelving or unshelving

Engineering Mechanics is a degree that is no longer in demand and is no longer recognized by many employers. Only four EEM degrees have been awarded since the 2017 academic year.

5) Financial impact (if any) to the department and university

The department and university will experience minimal consequences from shelving the EEM program. Eliminating oversight and assessment activities will improve administrative efficiency. Further, since so few students have enrolled in the program, shelving the degree will have minimal financial impact on the university.