



**ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
PROPOSAL TO DISESTABLISH AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM
(Degree, concentration, minor or certificate)**

This proposal template should be completed and submitted to the University Provost's Academic Council [[mailto: curriculumplanning@asu.edu](mailto:curriculumplanning@asu.edu)]. The disestablishment **may not** be implemented until the Provost's Office notifies the academic unit that the disestablishment proposal has completed the approval process.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Name of program to be disestablished: Master of Science in Engineering (MSE) in Mechanical Engineering

PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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DEAN APPROVAL

This proposal has been approved by all necessary unit and College/School levels of review. I recommend implementation of the proposed program disestablishment. (Note: An electronic signature, an email from the dean or dean's designee, or a PDF of the signed signature page is acceptable.)

College/School Dean name: Fulton Schools of Engineering/Jim Collofello

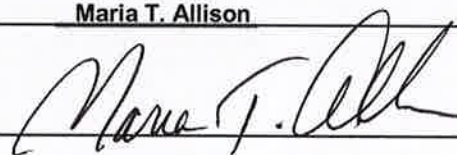
College/School Dean signature: 

Date: 2/17/12

**Executive Vice Provost for
Academic Affairs and
Graduate College Dean Name:** _____

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**Executive Vice Provost for
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 Date: 3/26/2012



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Plan code(s) for the program (If a degree program is being disestablished that has multiple concentrations, list all plan codes impacted): ESMEMSE

Projected effective term: Semester: Fall and year: 2012

Check type of program to be disestablished:

Program Type (Please mark one; submit a separate form for each program to be disestablished)	Degree Type (Please mark one; submit a separate form for each program to be disestablished)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Degree/major Please indicate degree type (e.g., BA, BA/BS, PhD): MSE/Mechanical Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graduate
<input type="checkbox"/> Concentration for an existing degree program Please indicate degree/major:	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate

Briefly describe the rationale for disestablishment:

This degree is being disestablished in order to consolidate virtually identical degrees into one degree with culminating experience options (thesis and non-thesis). Additionally, by having one degree with multiple options allows the students more flexibility to move between the different culminating experiences without any barriers.

Impact on other existing programs: Could include availability of course content for students in other majors who may need it; other.

The only program that will be impacted is the Master of Science (MS) in Mechanical Engineering degree program with increased number of non-thesis students. There is no negative impact on any programs as this change does not impact course offerings.

Impact on current students: Estimate number of students still enrolled; anticipated date of last graduates; arrangements for continuing students and students in articulated transfer pathways (ex. MAPP, TAG).

There are currently 117 students enrolled in the MSE in Mechanical Engineering program. All of them were given the opportunity to switch to the MS in Mechanical Engineering, non-thesis track. All students would be completed with the program by Spring 2018. Although the MSE in Mechanical Engineering degree option is going away, the degree requirements will not change, and thus the impact upon the current students would be minimal. Anyone who wanted to stay in the MSE in Mechanical Engineering and complete their degree as such was allowed to do so.



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Additional information: Provide any relevant information not required above that will assist in evaluating the proposal.

The School for Engineering of Matter, Transport, and Energy has already done this practice for the other graduate degree programs it houses (Aerospace, Chemical, and Materials Science and Engineering). Therefore, allowing Mechanical Engineering to move also to one degree with multiple culminating experiences would allow for consistency in the School.