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Policy on Course Prerequisite and Co-requisite Override

It is normal for course prerequisites and co-requisites to change. This usually happens as the result of continuous program assessment, changes in course offerings (such as course discontinuance), changes in what topics are covered in prerequisite courses from other departments, such as Mathematics or Chemistry, quarter-to-semester transition, etc. So, prerequisite changes are commonplace. This document establishes a process to be followed to override prerequisites and co-requisites for Physics (PHYS) and Engineering (ENGR) courses.

- Course prerequisite or co-requisite override will only be allowed in special circumstances, and will always be properly explained and well documented.
- Course pre-requisite or co-requisite override will only be allowed when a student is able to document very good performance in a related course. For example, a student wanting Physics II, which has Calculus II as a prerequisite, might be allowed to take the Physics class concurrently with Calculus II if s/he received at least a B in both Calculus I and Physics I, and s/he is able to document it.
- The override must be recommended by the course instructor (after evaluating the merits of the request) and approved by the chair of the Department of Physics & Engineering.