

2014-2015 Instructional Program Review

Program Name: **Engineering**

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1. Description of Program

Provide a brief description of the program and how it supports the college's **College Mission and Diversity Statements, Institutional Priorities, 2013/14-2015/16, 5 in 5 College Strategies, Spring 2011**, and other **Institutional Program Planning** as appropriate.

The engineering program provides the lower division engineering classes necessary for transfer to baccalaureate programs in various engineering fields. Though occupational demand in specific fields fluctuates over time, engineers and the problem-solving skills developed through an engineering education are considered critical to the region's economic development.

The engineering program supports the college's mission of providing a comprehensive curriculum, as not all community colleges offer engineering. The program supports Institutional Priority 2: Promote Academic Excellence by providing transfer into baccalaureate programs that lead to employment in high demand, high wage occupations. The program also supports Institutional Priority 3: Develop Responsive, High-quality Program and Services, by preparing students for high-demand careers and by offering classes in both on-campus and hybrid modes. The program's full-time faculty member also serves as a faculty advisor, a role that enhances communication between instructional programs and student services, and has been actively involved in participatory governance, supporting Institutional Priority 6: Enhance Institutional Dialog.

Engineering students typically take Math (251, 252, 253, 270, 275), Chemistry (210, often 220), and Physics (250, 260, 270). Depending on transfer school and major, students also take 0-6 engineering classes and 0-3 CIS classes along with general education requirements. Due to the continued diversification of lower division transfer requirements and the increased popularity of majors such as bio/biomedical engineering and environmental engineering, some students who transfer in engineering may not take any engineering courses. However, the presence of an engineering program may be part of what initially draws these students to CSM.

Although the program offers an A.S. degree in engineering, the B.S. degree is considered necessary for work in the field and most students do not take classes beyond the many required for transfer. The program also offers an A.S. degree in engineering technology, which allows students to focus on a particular technical area.

The engineering program resides in the basement of Building 19, one of the few remaining spaces on campus that has not yet been updated with bond measure funds. The planned demolition of Building 19 and the construction of a new Center for Innovation and Emerging Technologies presents a near term challenge for the program in terms of disruption but an exciting longer term opportunity for modern facilities designed to support a project-based approach to learning.

2. Student Learning and Program Data

A. Discuss Student Learning Outcomes Assessment

1. Reflect on recent SLO assessment results for courses offered by the program. Identify trends and discuss areas in need of improvement.

The program's 80% threshold for success is met for most SLOs. Teaching "soft skills" such as teamwork and communication and assessing the associated SLOs continues to be a challenge, one that will be addressed in part by modifying the instructional methods and assessment tools used in Engineering 100 to provide better alignment with the recently approved (2/22/2015) C-ID descriptor for Engineering 110 Introduction to Engineering.

2. Comment on the success rates in the program SLOs that are aligned with specific course SLOs. What do the program SLO and course data reveal about students completing the program? Identify trends and discuss areas in need of improvement. Is the alignment between course and program SLOs appropriate and informative? See **course-to-program SLO alignment mapping**.

The small number of students completing the AS degree exit survey (6) and the lack of knowledge as to which engineering classes these students took at College of San Mateo makes it difficult to draw conclusions based on the exit survey (see the response to the next question also). However, the alignment between course and program SLOs seems reasonable. Each program SLO is supported by SLOs in more than one course:

Work effectively in teams - ENGR 100 and ENGR 270

Communicate the results of design and analysis orally and through text and graphics - ENGR 100, ENGR 210, ENGR 215, ENGR 260, ENGR 270

Use math, science, and engineering concepts to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems - ENGR 100, ENGR 210, ENGR 215, ENGR 230, ENGR 260, ENGR 270

Use the techniques and tools of engineering at an elementary level to design a device, program, or process to meet specified requirements - ENGR 100, ENGR 210, ENGR 215, ENGR 260, ENGR 270

3. Evaluate the program SLOs in relation to survey data from the degree and certificate award earners survey. What does the survey data reveal about the effectiveness of the program SLOs? Identify trends and discuss areas in need of improvement.

The Engineering AS degree SLO survey results show that six students completed the survey between Summer 2012 and Spring 2014, an increment of only one student over the results reported in Fall 2013 and discussed in the Spring 2014 program review cycle. As was the case last year, all respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they could "use math, science, and engineering concepts to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems" and could "communicate the results of design and analysis orally and through text and graphics." Also as was the case last year, all but one of the respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they could "use the techniques and tools of engineering at an elementary level to design a device, program, or process to meet specified constraints" and could "work effectively in teams."

The Engineering AS degree major requirements currently include math, science, and CIS courses in addition to engineering courses. With current residency requirements, it is possible to earn the degree without completing engineering courses at CSM. In fact, one of the students whose responses were reported last year (and therefore included in this year's data as well) noted that s/he had taken engineering courses at Canada College, but not at CSM. While the program SLOs are appropriate for an Engineering AS degree, without knowledge of the CSM engineering courses completed by respondents the exit survey results should not be the primary driver of changes in instruction.

4. Describe any additional methods used to assess program SLOs and reflect on the results of those assessments.

No additional methods are currently used to assess program SLOs for the relatively small number of students who complete an associate degree. Students who transfer without an associate degree are assessed at the course level only.

5. For any courses in the program that satisfy a GE requirement, which GE SLOs are supported or reinforced by the course SLOs? What do assessment results for the course SLOs reveal about student attainment of the GE SLOs? See **GE SLO Alignment Summary Report** or **All Courses GE SLO Alignment Data**.

ENGR 100 Introduction to Engineering satisfies the AA/AS General Education Requirement in Career Development and Self Exploration (Area E5d). In fall 2013, SLOs for this course were assessed using an end-of-semester student survey. Several ENGR 100 course SLOs are aligned with GE SLOs.

Effective Communication is supported by a student's ability to "communicate orally and through text and graphics." and to "work in teams on in both highly specified and open-ended projects."

Quantitative Skills is supported by a student's ability to "begin to use the techniques and tools of engineering practice, including problem solving strategies, analytical skills, and standard software."

Critical Thinking is supported by a student's ability to "design a device or process to meet desired needs within specified constraints."

Social Awareness and *Ethical Responsibility* are supported by a student's ability to "begin to understand the impact of engineering solutions on society and the corresponding need for ethical professional behavior."

Assessment results for course-level SLOs are above the program's target of 80%, indicating that students are able to demonstrate these GE SLOs in the context of Engineering 100.

B. Student Success Indicators

1. Review **Student Success and Core Program Indicators** and discuss any differences in student success indicators across demographic variables. Also refer to the **College Index** and other relevant sections of the **Educational Master Plan: Update, 2012**, e.g., Student Outcomes and Student Outcomes: Transfer. Basic Skills programs should also refer to **ARCC** data.

In 2013-14, student success rates in engineering courses increased to 76% (from 63% in 2011-12 and 70% in 2012-13), close to longer term historical levels of around 75%. Retention rates in 2013-14 increased to 84.5% (from 74% in 2011-12 and 75% in 2012-13). Success and retention are above the division averages, which is to be expected given that engineering courses have fairly advanced math prerequisites and are taken primarily by students who plan to major in an engineering field.

Engineering enrollments remain heavily male; the percentage of women students (16%) remains slightly lower than the national average for undergraduate engineering programs (18.6% in 2011, http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/wmpd/2013/pdf/tab2-10_updated_2014_05.pdf). However, the national average includes bioengineering and environmental engineering, which have larger fractions of women but typically do not require many lower division engineering courses for transfer. In 2013-14, women in engineering classes succeeded at a slighter higher rate than men (79.3% vs. 75.8%).

Like other community college programs, the engineering program at CSM serves as a gateway for traditionally underrepresented students. At CSM, 75% of engineering enrollment is from students who identify as other than white, compared with 46% nationally for all schools and 49% nationally for 2-year schools (2012, derived from http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/wmpd/2013/pdf/tab2-5_updated_2014_10.pdf and http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/wmpd/2013/pdf/tab2-3_updated_2014_10.pdf). In 2013-14, success rates for students who identify as Filipino and Hispanic were higher in engineering (86% and 79%) than in the math/science division (68% and 55%) or the college as a whole (69% and 63%), a significant improvement from prior years.

Success rates for 20-24 year-olds, the largest age group, increased to 82% (from 59% in 2011-12 and 65% in 2012-13). Success rates for students under 19 remain high (77%); this is not surprising, as those who have completed the math and science prerequisites and are ready for engineering courses at a young age have the ability and skill-set required to be successful students. The number of engineering students who are 30 or older is small. Students in the 25-29 and 30-34 age categories succeed at lower rates (64% and 40%) than younger students.

2. Discuss any differences in student success indicators across modes of delivery (on-campus versus distance education). Refer to **Delivery Mode Course Comparison**.

Enrollment in the hybrid cross-listed offerings of ENGR 215 and ENGR 230 remains low, so changes in percentages should be viewed with caution.

In fall 2013, enrollment in the hybrid cross-listed offering of ENGR 215 increased from 8 to 15 and success rates increased from 50% to 66.7%, within 4 percentage points of the success rates for the on-campus section. Retention rates improved slightly, but remain 18% below those of the on campus section.

In fall 2013, enrollment in the hybrid cross-listed offering of ENGR 230 increased slightly (from 7 to 8). Success rates increased from 42.9% to 62.5%, within 7 percentage points of the success rates for the on-campus section. Retention rates improved slightly, but remain 14% below those of the on campus section.

The cross-listed hybrid sections are offered as online courses with on-campus exams and have been taught on a no-load basis in parallel with the traditional on-campus section. During the years that they have been offered, all but a very few students have been local and simultaneously enrolled in on-campus classes in the district. As discussed in the additional factors section, beginning in Fall 2015 the parallel sections will be replaced with a single section in consisting of both on-campus and online instruction in either web-assisted or hybrid format.

C. Program Efficiency Indicators. Do we deliver programs efficiently given our resources?

Summarize trends in program efficiency as indicated in the **Student Success and Core Program Indicators** (LOAD, Full-time and Part-time FTEF, etc.)

The reported LOAD for 2013-14 is 492, roughly the same as the Math/Science Division LOAD (490) and slightly below the college LOAD of 504. This is a decrease from 520 in 2012-13 but still reasonable given the extensive math and science prerequisites of all but the introductory-level engineering courses.

The decrease in load is due in part to the addition of a second lab section of ENGR 100 in fall 2013 and a second lab section of ENGR 210 in spring 2014 in response to increased demand for these courses. The added lab sections did not reach the enrollment limit of 30 students (dictated by lab facilities). However, they did allow the program to serve more students than would otherwise have been possible, students who may continue into advanced math, physics, and engineering courses.

3. Additional Factors

Discuss additional factors as applicable that impact the program, including changes in student populations, state-wide initiatives, transfer requirements, advisory committee recommendations, legal mandates, workforce development and employment opportunities, community needs. See **Institutional Research** as needed.

Demand: The Bureau of Labor Statistics projections for 2012-2022 show employment increase in the 5-8% range for most of the traditional engineering disciplines, below the 10.8% projected average for all occupations. The projected increases for civil engineering, 20%, and environmental engineering, 15%, are above the projected average. The projected increase for biomedical engineering, 27%, is significantly higher than the projected average, but – due to the small base – the projected increase in the number of jobs in the field, 5,200, is lower than that for mechanical engineering, 11,600 [Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition*; links to specific disciplines at <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/architecture-and-engineering/home.htm>]. There has been an increase in the number of transfer schools offering programs in bioengineering and biomedical engineering and an increase in the number of our students seeking to transfer in these majors.

Students who transfer and complete a B.S. degree in engineering continue to find high-paying jobs that make visible contributions to society (for an interesting graphical display of college majors and employment, see <http://www.census.gov/dataviz/visualizations/stem/stem.html> including the “hover over” instructions at the bottom). Given the regional emphasis on STEM fields and the increased inclusion of engineering in the Next General Science Standards [<http://www.nextgenscience.org>], it is likely that interest in engineering will remain strong. However, for the large fraction of students who arrive at CSM in need of remedial math, it may be difficult to persevere through a course of study that requires completion of precalculus and then 2 ½ to 3 years of additional study prior to transfer.

Transfer requirements: The move away from a common lower division engineering core curriculum has continued. The divergence across majors can be seen in the work of the engineering FDRG, which had developed four Model Transfer Curricula: Civil Engineering, Computer/Software Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical/Aerospace/Manufacturing Engineering. The divergence of requirements across transfer schools has increased as well; most significant for CSM's program are changes at U.C. Berkeley, which has combined topics in a way that is very different from traditional offerings (and from the Model Transfer Curricula). The lack of coherence in lower division programs at transfer schools means that each engineering course is required by fewer programs than in the past.

Curricular changes: For several years, the full time faculty member has taught cross-listed hybrid sections of ENGR 215 and 230. These sections are listed as hybrid, but meet on-campus only for exams; proctored options are available for students who cannot come to campus. These sections have been taught on a no-load basis (e.g. for free) in parallel with the traditional on-campus section. Students in the on-campus sections have found the material posted for the hybrid section (notes and videos) to be a helpful reinforcement of lecture content. During the years that the hybrid sections have been offered, all but a very few students have been local and simultaneously enrolled in on-campus classes in the district. Anecdotal reports from these students indicate that they choose the hybrid section due to conflicts with other classes or to reduce travel time. It is already difficult to schedule engineering courses around other major requirements and other departments' lab use; the upcoming demolition/construction of building 19 will make scheduling even more difficult. For all these reasons (load, support provided by online material, local enrollment, availability of facilities), in Fall 2015 the engineering program will replace the parallel on-campus and crosslinked hybrid sections with a single section consisting of both on-campus and online instruction in either a web-assisted or “true” hybrid format. If this change is successful for ENGR 215 and 230, it may be expanded to other engineering courses in the future, especially during the demolition/construction of building 19.

Facilities: There has been a major push toward project-based learning in engineering education (historically at Cal Poly SLO and Stanford and more recently in a broad range of universities. Over the past few years, project work for ENGR 100, ENGR 210, and ENGR 270 has been supported on an ad hoc basis in the Engineering Materials Lab (19-040). However, this lab does not have sufficient project workspace for a class of 30 nor is it staffed other than by the full time engineering instructor during extended office hours. The engineering program is enthusiastic about the opportunity to include collaborative workspaces within the new Emerging/Innovative Technologies Building.

Competition: The strong foundation provided by CSM's math and physics programs continues to result in students who are well prepared for engineering courses. However, our sister colleges to the north and south both have active MESA programs. Incoming students interested in math, science, and engineering may be drawn to Skyline or Cañada for the added support provided by MESA and the high visibility of STEM majors. Skyline College, which has not offered engineering courses in the past, will offer ENGR 100 - Introduction to Engineering in fall 2015 (the same semester that the course is offered at CSM; Canada College offers ENGR 100 in the spring).

4. Planning

A. Results of Program Plans and Actions

Describe results, including measurable outcomes, from plans and actions in recent program reviews.

2014 Plan 1: Peer support for engineering courses

To improve success and retention, the program will investigate the implementation of support strategies such as individual tutoring, small group tutoring, and supplemental instruction. No additional resources are required for this plan.
 Status: postponed to summer 2015; loss of adjunct instructors (one to a full time position at Santa Clara University; the other to a new industry position) resulted in an unanticipated overload for the full time engineering faculty member responsible for this project.

2014 Plan 2: Engineering transfer planning support

Review engineering articulation agreements and submit additional articulation requests as appropriate. Update the engineering transfer guide to reflect changes in transfer requirements and the availability of specialized courses through distance education. No additional resources are required for this plan.

Action(s)	Status	Measurable Outcome(s)
Review engineering articulation agreements and submit additional requests as appropriate	Completed in Fall 2014 for core transfer schools; extended to Summer 2015 for other schools	Gaps in articulation identified; list of gaps and supporting information provide to articulation officer.
Update engineering transfer guide	Postponed to Summer 2015	Updated transfer guide is posted on engineering website and distributed to counselors.

B. Program Vision

What is the program's *vision* for sustaining and improving student learning and success over the next three years? Make connections to the

College Mission and Diversity Statements, Institutional Priorities, 2013/14-2015/16, and other **Institutional Program Planning** as appropriate. Address discussion in the Student Learning and Program Data section: SLO assessment results and trends in student success indicators.

[Note: Specific plans to be implemented in the next year should be entered in C of the Planning section.

CTE programs must address changes in the context of completion and employment rates, anticipated labor demand, and any overlap with similar programs in the area as noted in D1 and D2 of the Career Technical Education section.]

The engineering program's vision is to continue to provide to students the coursework and support needed to successfully transfer to the variety of engineering majors available at CSU, UC, and private universities. The vision supports the college's mission of providing a comprehensive curriculum and Institutional Priority 3: Develop Responsive, High-quality Program and Services. To improve retention and student success, the program will continue to increase its emphasis on project-based learning.

The introduction of an electromechanical design component to ENGR 100, the use of a 3-D printer by the engineering club and ENGR 210, the engineering club's solar boat project, and imminent arrival new materials testing equipment have helped modernize and generate enthusiasm for the program. A design project has been added to ENGR 260 and the use of software tools has been increased in ENGR 230 and ENGR 260. However, current facilities in building 19 are insufficient -- in terms of space, equipment, and supervision -- to support projects of greater scope.

The demolition of building 19 and the design and construction of a new Center for Innovation and Emerging Technology provides a unique opportunity to create multidisciplinary shared workspaces – for example, a “design space” equipped with whiteboards, multi-purpose computer labs, and a “tech shop” to support prototyping. These workspaces could support project work outside of lecture and lab hours, allowing students to work in interdisciplinary teams and extend what they learn in the classroom to more advanced projects. Students would gain hands-on experience as they prepare for internships and transfer. Projects could go beyond what is currently possible in a single course, making it easier to attract support from local businesses and industry. The full-time engineering faculty member is eager to participate in the planning of the new building and looks forward to working with faculty in other disciplines to develop a physical and curricular infrastructure that will allow students to thrive in new multidisciplinary shared workspaces.

1. To guide future faculty and staff development initiatives, describe the professional activities that would be most effective in carrying out the program's vision to improve student learning and success.

Professional enrichment activities that are most needed are 1) activities that address the use of peer support in small programs, 2) activities that address project-based learning, and 3) activities that support effective use of hybrid, online, and other non-traditional delivery models.

2. To guide future collaboration across student services, learning support centers, and instructional programs, describe the interactions that would help the program to improve student success.

The continued interaction with student services provided through the full-time instructor's role as faculty advisor is critical to promoting student success. In addition, it would be helpful to work with learning center staff on approaches to peer support for advanced classes. Students typically transfer the year that they complete these courses, so there are few “peers” available on campus to serve as tutors.

3. To guide the **Institutional Planning Budget Committee (IPBC)** in long-range planning, identify any major changes in resource needs anticipated during the next three years. Examples: faculty retirements, equipment obsolescence, space allocation.

See the Resource Requests section below to enter itemized resource requests for next year.

Leave sections blank if no major changes are anticipated.

Faculty

The recent loss of adjunct engineering faculty (one to industry; the other to a full time university position) means that all engineering courses are currently taught by a single instructor. Because students benefit from a variety of faculty teaching styles, the full time faculty member may seek load outside of engineering to provide an opportunity to bring in at least one new adjunct faculty member.

Equipment and Technology

Instructional Materials

Increased use of group design projects in several classes will lead to a modest increase in the instructional materials and supplies funds needed to support the program.

Classified Staff

An instructional aid may be needed to supervise students working in an interdisciplinary project space in the new Center for Innovation and Emerging Technologies.

Facilities

Depending on the timing of building 19 demolition and contraction, access to the following types of facilities may be needed for at least one academic year: a computer lab for ENGR 100, ENGR 210, and ENGR 215; an electronics lab (or alternative; see 2015 Plan 3) for ENGR 260; materials testing equipment for ENGR 270.

C. Program Plans and Actions to Improve Student Success

Prioritize the plans to be carried out next year to sustain and improve student success. Briefly describe each plan and how it supports the **Institutional Priorities, 2013/14-2015/16**. For each plan, list actions and measurable outcomes. (Plans may extend beyond a single year.)

2015 Plan 1: Peer support for engineering courses (postponed from 2014)		
To improve success and retention, the program will investigate the implementation of support strategies such as individual tutoring, small group tutoring, and supplemental instruction. No additional resources are required for this plan.		
Action(s)	Completion Date	Measurable Outcome(s)
Engineering faculty will meet with learning center staff and with programs using supplemental instruction to determine whether peer support is likely to be feasible for engineering courses.	Summer 2015	A "peer support plan" will be developed outlining appropriate strategies and the resources required for implementation.
Proposals will be developed to request any supplemental funding needed to implement peer support plan.	Fall 2015	Proposal for supplemental funding will be submitted.
2015 Plan 2: Engineering transfer planning support (continued from 2014)		
Review engineering articulation agreements and submit additional articulation requests as appropriate. Update the engineering transfer guide to reflect changes in transfer requirements and the availability of specialized courses through distance education. No additional resources are required for this plan.		

Action(s)	Completion Date	Measurable Outcome(s)
Review engineering articulation agreements and submit additional requests as appropriate (core transfer schools already completed; continue with other schools)	Summer 2015	Gaps in articulation identified; list of gaps and supporting information provide to articulation officer.
Update engineering transfer guide	Summer 2015	Updated transfer guide is posted on engineering website and distributed to counselors.

2015 Plan 3: Evaluate USB multi-function instrumentation for interim use during construction.

USB-connected electronic instrumentation such as the Analog Discovery by Diligent, <http://www.digilentinc.com/Products/Detail.cfm?NavPath=2,842,1018&Prod=ANALOG-DISCOVERY>, may be able to serve as a substitute electronics lab for ENGR 260 during construction of the new building 19. This device is currently used by students in the online lab section of the comparable course at Monterrey Peninsula College.

Action(s)	Completion Date	Measurable Outcome(s)
Review available USB multi-function instrumentation and purchase two or three units to evaluate	Fall 2015	Two or three devices are acquired
Use devices in parallel with equipment in 19-042 during Spring 2016 offering of ENGR 260	Spring 2016	Feasibility of use as a substitute lab during construction is evaluated
Based on evaluation, purchase devices for use during construction and set up portable labs for use starting Spring 2017 (or later, if construction on B19 is delayed)	Fall 2016 (for use Spring 2017)	ENGR 260 lab can be run in any available computer lab during demolition and construction of B19.

5. Resource Requests

Itemized Resource Requests

List the resources needed for ongoing program operation.

Faculty

NOTE: To make a faculty position request, complete **Full-time Faculty Position Request Form** and notify your Dean. This request is separate from the program review.

Full-time faculty requests	Number of positions

Equipment and Technology

Description	Cost

Instructional Material

Description	Cost
Replacement for worn/torn Arduino components in ENGR 100	\$300
MATLAB license renewal for ENGR 215	\$400
Annual contribution to Bus/Tech division's renewal of licenses for Solidworks and AutoCAD for ENGR 210	\$500
Purchase additional objects for mechanical dissection projects in ENGR 100 and ENGR 210	\$400
Replace worn/torn electrical components in ENGR 260	\$300
Tension and impact specimens for ENGR 270	\$400
Polishing and mounting supplies for heat treated specimens in ENGR 270	\$500
USB-multifunction instrumentation - 2 or 3 types (to test suitability for use a an alternate electronics lab during demolition and construction of B19; see 2015 Plan 3	\$500

Classified Staff

Description	Cost

Facilities

For immediate or routine facilities requests, submit a CSM Facility Project Request Form.

Description	Cost

6. Program Maintenance

A. Course Outline Updates

Review the **course outline update record**. List the courses that will be updated in the next academic year. For each course that will be updated, provide a faculty contact and the planned submission month. See the **Committee on Instruction website for course submission instructions**. Contact your division's **COI representatives** if you have questions about submission deadlines.
Career and Technical Education courses must be updated every two years.

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Courses to be updated	Faculty contact	Submission month
No updates will be required in 2015-16. ENGR 100 will be reviewed in the context of the recently approved C-ID ENGR 110; an update may be required to facilitate C-ID articulation	Laura Demsetz	August 2015

B. Website Review

Review the program's website(s) annually and update as needed.

Faculty contact(s)	Date of next review/update
Laura Demsetz	July 2015

C. SLO Assessment Contacts

Faculty contact(s)	Date of next review/update
Laura Demsetz	June 2015
