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REQUEST FOR A NEW MINOR

SUBMITTED BY:

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See <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures/> for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

TITLE OF MINOR:	Aerospace Engineering		
*Number of credits required for completion (minimum is 15):			15
**Unless otherwise specified by the appropriate academic unit, a course may be used more than once toward fulfilling degree, certificate, major and minor requirements. Credit hours for these courses count only once toward total credits required for the degree or certificate. Certifying that [the student has] met all major and minor requirements is the responsibility of [the student's] department faculty, who notify the Registrar's Office." From the General University Requirements section of "How to Earn a Bachelor's Degree" in the UAF Catalog.			
Do all the required courses currently exist?			yes
<i>If not, list the corresponding New Course paperwork associated with this request:</i>			

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED MINOR. Include reasons justifying its creation; objectives of the minor and relationship of the required courses to those objectives.

Formalizing a minor in Aerospace Engineering leverages the interest by students and the community in aeronautics and space systems engineering, including very popular unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) efforts seen in the news. In addition, this program leverages the new UAS joint position between CEM and the GI's Remote Sensing Directorate/Alaska Center for UAS Integration (ACUASI), Dr Michael Hatfield/ECE. This minor will provide increased ability for UAF engineers to highlight their work in a critical engineering field, and will elevate the status of UAF by the aerospace community and potential students. The program will ensure a constant and growing stream of students for academics and research affiliated with UAF aerospace efforts, such as Alaska Space Grant Program (ASGP) and ACUASI. As a point of reference, this semester, a graduate course in UAS design was offered in ECE (EE493/693), which already has 10 students enrolled—a very solid turnout given the size of the ECE graduate program.

B. PROPOSED MINOR REQUIREMENTS AS THEY WILL APPEAR IN THE CATALOG:

See samples provided on page 3 of this form.

- 1. Complete the following:***
 - ME451, Aerodynamics—3 credits
 - ME452, Introduction to Astrodynamics—3 credits
 - 2. Complete three of the following:***
 - ME450, Theory of Flight—3 credits
 - ME453, Propulsion Systems—3 credits
 - ME408, Mechanical Vibrations—3 credits
 - EE434, Instrumentation Systems—4 credits
 - EE444, Embedded Systems Design—4 credits
 - EE471, Fundamentals of Automatic Control or ME409, Controls—3 credits
 - GEOS422, Geoscience Applications of Remote Sensing—3 credits
 - 3. Minimum credits required—15 credits**
- Note:** This minor may require substantial additional courses for non-ME and non-EE majors.
 *These courses have prerequisites that need to be taken into consideration. Students must earn a C grade or better in each course.

C. ESTIMATED IMPACT

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

No impact, no new courses involved.

D. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

*What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?
Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)*

No impact, no new courses involved.

F. PERSONNEL DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THE MINOR:

List faculty currently teaching the required and elective (if any) courses, with a brief statement of duties and qualifications.

ME408, Mechanical Vibrations—Dr. Lin Chuen-Sen, Professor
 ME409, Controls—Dr. Chen Cheng-fu, Professor
 ME450, Theory of Flight—Dr. Ed Bargar, Assistant Professor
 ME451, Aerodynamics—Dr. Ed Bargar, Assistant Professor
 ME452, Introduction to Astroynamics—Dr. Chen Cheng-fu, Professor
 ME453, Propulsion Systems—Dr. Deben Das, Professor
 EE434, Instrumentation Systems—Mr. Steve Stevens, Instructor
 EE444, Embedded Systems Design—Dr. Dejan Raskovic, Associate Professor
 EE471, Fundamentals of Automatic Controls—Dr. Seta Bogosyan, Professor
 GEOS422, Geoscience Applications of Remote Sensing—Dr. Anupma Prakash, Professor

G. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PROPOSED MINOR'S OBJECTIVES TO THE "PURPOSES OF THE UNIVERSITY".

Include additional justifying information to support creation of the minor such as projected and present enrollments; need or public demand for the minor; support of other programs by the minor's creation, etc.

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This minor supports the desires of UA President, and efforts of local and state leaders to develop a robust aerospace industry in Alaska. Complementary efforts include UAF's ACUASI program and its role as lead entity in the FAA's Pan Pacific UAS Test Range Complex (PPUTRC), as well as the ASGP, Kodiak Space Launch Facility, Poker Flat Research Range (PFRR), and the proposed Alaska UAS Technical Park being coordinated through the state & borough. These activities represent a significant number of highly skilled jobs for Alaska's economy and increasing focus on UAF programs.

This minor program is seen as an essential (and no-cost) step in gauging student interest and potentially developing an aerospace major and degree granting program in the future.

Minor program will be overseen by the College of Engineering & Mines. Dr. Michael Hatfield will act as minor coordinator. Dr. Hatfield has previous experience in administering space systems engineering degree at the US Air Force Academy.

APPROVALS:

[Signed copy on file at Faculty Senate Office]

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Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: Electrical and Computer Engineering

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Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: Mechanical Engineering

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Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for:

	Date	
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Signature, Dean, College/School of: College of Engineering and Mines

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites

ME408, Mechanical Vibrations

ES201
ES210
ES301

ME209, Controls

ES201
ES301

ME450, Theory of Flight

ES346

ME451, Aerodynamics

ES301
ES341
ES346
ME313(c)

ME452, Introduction to Astrodynamics

ES208 or ES210
Math302

ME453, Propulsion Systems

ES341
ME313(c)

EE434, Instrumentation Systems

COMM131X or COMM141X
EE334
EE343
EE354
ENGL111X
ENG211X or ENGL 213X

EE444, Embedded Systems Design

COMM131X or COMM141X
EE343 or EE341
EE354
EE443
ENGL111X
ENG211X or ENGL 213X

EE471, Fundamentals of Automatic Controls

EE353
Math302