

## ***EE:Systems* - EQUIVALENCY**

If a student has taken a course at another university that is "substantially equivalent" to a course in the major or minor kernels, it is not necessary to retake the course provided the student is awarded equivalency for the course. Equivalency is recognition that the student has learned the course material and permits him/her to "move on" to a higher level class.

Students entering the EE:S Graduate Program with a Bachelor's degree may petition for equivalency if graduate level classes were taken as an undergraduate. Most often equivalency is sought by students entering the EE:S Program with a Master's Degree. Those students begin research immediately and usually enroll in fewer courses during the first year, sometimes making it difficult to complete the Quals 1 course requirements by the Quals 1 deadline. Equivalency solves this problem.

A student seeking equivalency should note: Quals 1 exams will cover courses deemed equivalent. It is the student's responsibility to be sure he/she understands the course material as it is taught in the EE:S program.

***To be granted equivalency, the course(s) or parts of courses used for equivalency must have an intellectual and content level commensurate with the courses in the corresponding EECS programs, and must be of similar duration and intensity. The student must have earned a grade judged to correspond to a B or higher in the equivalent EECS course.***

***No credit hours are given for equivalency.***

### Requesting Equivalency:

Obtain a Request for Equivalency from 3404 EECS. Requests should be submitted early to allow time to take additional course work in the event equivalency is not approved.

Provide as many of the following materials as possible:

1. The course title, where and when elected, and grade earned.
2. Number of weekly meetings, course duration.
3. Course outline or syllabus.
4. Catalog course description.
5. Name of texts used; if the texts are not universally available, a copy of the text itself.
6. Lecture notes, homework problems, and tests.
7. Any other material indicative of the coverage and level of the course.

It is recognized that a student may not have all the above materials conveniently available. However, it is the responsibility of the student to present sufficiently convincing evidence to justify approval of his/her equivalency petition.