

Notes for ISP students receiving degrees from McCormick

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Students entering the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science as first-years may major in Integrated Science, provided that they have been accepted during the university application process by ISP as well as McCormick. In addition to the McCormick B.S. degree they have chosen to pursue, these students will simultaneously be pursuing the ISP major in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences (WCAS). They will follow McCormick curriculum requirements rather than Weinberg College B.A. degree requirements. In the rare case where a McCormick/ISP student wishes to obtain both McCormick and WCAS bachelor's degrees, all the requirements of both schools must be completed.

Undergraduate degrees in McCormick, with the exceptions of industrial engineering, computer science, applied math, and integrated engineering, are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET. ABET dictates that at least 18 units of credit be in Engineering Topics and at least 12 units of credit be in Math and Basic Science Topics. A McCormick/ISP student will have more than enough Math and Basic Science Topics credit, but needs to ensure that his or her curriculum carries enough Engineering Topics credit. No WCAS course carries Engineering Topics credit. Many, but not all, McCormick courses carry Engineering Topics credit. The [distribution of these two categories of credit](#) for engineering courses (course partitioning) is relevant to the discussion that follows. Students should refer to the [ABET course partitioning](#) page for details on partitioning of a specific McCormick class.

First year courses:

McCormick/ISPs will take *Design Thinking and Communication* during their first year. However, rather than the four course *Engineering Analysis* sequence, McCormick/ISPs will take ISP courses in math and physics, and a COMP_SCI course in computing. Any student who does not take the *Engineering Analysis* sequence must have five courses to replace it. For ISP students, four required courses (COMP_SCI 111, Physics 125-1, Math 281-2, and Math 281-3) accomplish most of this. McCormick/ISPs therefore need one additional course, taken any time during their four years, to complete this portion of their McCormick requirements. This additional course must also be in the ABET Engineering Topics category rather than the Math and Science Topics category. Some McCormick departments require completion of EA 2 even in cases where they are satisfying the remainder of the EA sequence with the component courses outlined above. Students should consult with their McCormick adviser regarding whether they should take EA 2 or may petition an alternative course.

Engineering Analysis also covers MATLAB, which is not covered by any ISP course. McCormick/ISP students may have to learn MATLAB on their own so that they can use it in upper-level engineering classes.

Overlap between ISP and engineering requirements:

Many McCormick majors require students to take statistics and/or physical chemistry/thermodynamics. ISP requires that students complete the ISP version of these courses, such as statistics (Stat 383) or physical chemistry (Chem 348) courses. McCormick/ISPs should [petition](#) McCormick to request that these courses be counted toward major requirements. Petitions should be submitted before courses have been completed.

If the student is in an ABET accredited major, then the petition will need to show that the student's curriculum overall contains at least 18 units of Engineering Topics. **On these petitions, it is vital that students state that they are aware of the 18 units of engineering requirement and that they will make course selections to ensure they meet the requirement.** In some McCormick majors, this may mean that the student needs to take an additional Engineering Topics course beyond those in the standard departmental curriculum (e.g. as an unrestricted elective). Students should work this out before approaching their advisers for a signature on the petition.

Biology:

McCormick/ISP students who have a requirement for biology in their McCormick major may replace CHEM

ENG 275 or BIOL SCI 201with BIOL SCI 240 or BIOL SCI 241 by petition.

Courses not needing a petition:

All McCormick/ISPs will take certain courses that will be recognized automatically, and do not require a petition.

ISP course	McCormick accepts in place of
Math 281-1	Math 228-1
Math 282-2	Math 228-2 (part of EA replacement)
Math 283-3	Math 250 (part of EA replacement)*
Exempt (no course is necessary)	Math 240*
Physics 125-1	Physics 135-1 (part of EA replacement)
Physics 125-2	Physics 135-2
Physics 125-3	Physics 135-3
Chem 212-1	Chem 215-1
COMP_SCI 111	Part of EA replacement

*Note, Computer Science does not require Math 250/EA 4. For McCormick Computer Science/ISP students, Math 283-3 will be accepted in place of Math 240.