

## UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: February 1, 2021

From: Joel Quintana, Research Assistant Professor Mechanical Engineering

Through: Jack Chessa, Chair of Mechanical Engineering

Through: Louis Everett, Chair of Curriculum Committee,  
College of Engineering

Through: Norman Love, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and  
Undergraduate Studies, College of Engineering

Through: Patricia Nava, Interim Dean College of Engineering

To: Art Duval, Chair of University Curriculum Committee

Proposal Title: New Course: MECH 4328 - Intro to LabVIEW

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The Mechanical Engineering department has updated their BS degree plan taking effect in Fall 2019. The new degree plan creates more flexibility for students to adjust the education to suit their ambitions. Students are able to take courses in several "track" or emphasis areas. One of these tracks is called Electro-Mechanical. In this track students gain knowledge and practice in applying sensors and actuators to Mechanical Systems allowing them to be controlled.

National Instruments LabVIEW and its various data logging and control hardware packages are ubiquitous within the aerospace industry including notable examples such as NASA, Blue Origin, Raytheon, and Lockheed Martin. It is important for those Mechanical and Aerospace engineering students to be able to learn how to develop test and evaluation programs on the perform. This includes simple programs enabling rapid development of research experiments to complex control and data acquisition algorithms and architectures for ongoing academic and research projects. Proposed, is the development of a LabVIEW course that prepares students for the Certified LabVIEW Associate Developer (CLAD) level certification. National Instruments states "The CLAD is the entry-level LabVIEW certification, and it demonstrates a broad understanding of LabVIEW core features and functionality."

# CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

## APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: MECH 4328 - Introduction to and Certification in LabVIEW

College: Engineering      Department: Mechanical

**DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Jack Chessa**

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I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.

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Signature

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Date

**COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Louis Everett**

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I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.

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Signature

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Date

**COLLEGE DEAN – Patricia Nava**

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I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

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Signature

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Date

**From:** [Granda, Virginia D](#)  
**To:** [Rivera, Julie A](#)  
**Cc:** [Everett, Louis](#); [Love, Norman D](#)  
**Subject:** FW: UG Proposals Approved by COECC  
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Good afternoon Julie,

Attached are the approved UG Proposals that have been approved by our college.

I know you mentioned they will be in the March 1, 2021 UGCC agenda.

Best Regards,

Virginia



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**From:** Nava, Patricia A.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:04 PM  
**To:** Love, Norman D <[ndlove@utep.edu](mailto:ndlove@utep.edu)>; Granda, Virginia D <[granda@utep.edu](mailto:granda@utep.edu)>  
**Subject:** RE: UG Proposals Approved by COECC

These are approved.



**Patricia A. Nava, Ph.D.**  
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**From:** Love, Norman D  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2021 10:04 AM  
**To:** Nava, Patricia A. <[pnav@utep.edu](mailto:pnav@utep.edu)>; Granda, Virginia D <[granda@utep.edu](mailto:granda@utep.edu)>  
**Subject:** FW: UG Proposals Approved by COECC

Dear Virginia,

I approve of the attached proposals.

I'm forwarding these proposals to Dr. Nava for her review and approval (or denial).

Norman



**Norman Love, Ph.D.**

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**From:** "Granda, Virginia D" <[granda@utep.edu](mailto:granda@utep.edu)>  
**Date:** Friday, February 12, 2021 at 5:07 PM  
**To:** Norman Love <[ndlove@utep.edu](mailto:ndlove@utep.edu)>  
**Subject:** FW: UG Proposals Approved by COECC

Dr. Love,

Please find attached the UG proposals that were approved by our COECC and its chair.

Can you please reply letting me know if you approve them?

If you would, can you please forward them to the Dean for her approval?

Best Regards,

Virginia



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**From:** Everett, Louis

**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2021 5:05 PM

**To:** Granda, Virginia D <[granda@utep.edu](mailto:granda@utep.edu)>

**Subject:** Re: UG Proposals Approved by COECC

I approve them. Thank you.

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**From:** Granda, Virginia D <[granda@utep.edu](mailto:granda@utep.edu)>

**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2021 4:58:37 PM

**To:** Everett, Louis <[leverett@utep.edu](mailto:leverett@utep.edu)>

**Subject:** UG Proposals Approved by COECC

Good afternoon Dr. Everett,

Attached are the UG proposals that were approved by our COECC this month.

Please reply if you approve these proposals as the COECC chair.

Best Regards,

Virginia



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## COURSE ADD

All fields below are required

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College : Engineering

Department : Mechanical

Rationale for adding the course:

LabVIEW is a valuable tool for Aerospace and Mechanical engineering students wanting to conduct controls and data acquisition in research and test and evaluation of electro-mechanical systems.

All fields below are required

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Subject Prefix and # MECH

Title (29 characters or fewer): Intro to LabVIEW

Dept. Administrative Code : 1920

[CIP Code](#) 14.1901.00

Departmental Approval Required Yes No

Course Level UG GR DR SP

Course will be taught:  Face-to-Face  Online  Hybrid

How many times may the course be taken for credit? (Please indicate 1-9 times): 3

Should the course be exempt from the "Three Repeat Rule?" Yes No

Grading Mode: Standard Pass/Fail Audit

Description (600 characters maximum):

Students will have completed the course with broad working knowledge of LabVIEW environment, a basic understanding of coding, & the ability to read & interpret existing code.

Contact Hours (per week): 3 Lecture Hours      Lab Hours      Other

Types of Instruction (Schedule Type): Select all that apply

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Lecture | <input type="checkbox"/> H Thesis                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B Laboratory         | <input type="checkbox"/> I Dissertation                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C Practicum          | <input type="checkbox"/> K Lecture/Lab Combined                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D Seminar            | <input type="checkbox"/> O Discussion or Review (Study Skills) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E Independent Study  | <input type="checkbox"/> P Specialized Instruction             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F Private Lesson     | <input type="checkbox"/> Q Student Teaching                    |

**Fields below if applicable**

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If course is taught during a part of term in addition to a full 16-week term please indicate the length of the course (ex., 8 weeks): 8 weeks

TCCN (Use for lower division courses) :

Prerequisite(s):		
Course Number/ Placement Test	Minimum Grade Required/ Test Scores	Concurrent Enrollment Permitted? (Y/N)
MECH3352 - Engineering Analysis 2	C	N

Corequisite Course(s):
N/A

Equivalent Course(s):
N/A

Restrictions:	
Classification	N/A
Major	N/A



# Degree Plan

Required Credits: 128

Code	Title	Hours
<b>University Core Curriculum</b>		
<a href="#">Complete the University Core Curriculum requirements.</a>		42
<b>Mechanical Engineering Designated Core (All courses require a grade of C or better.)</b>		
<p><a href="#">CE 2326</a> Econ for Engrs &amp; Scientists is a designated core course. It is required for graduation even if other course is used to fulfill the core. All Mechanical Engineering majors are encouraged to take <a href="#">CE 2326</a> to fulfill the core.</p>		
Required Courses:		
<a href="#">CE 2326</a>	Econ for Engrs & Scientists	3
<a href="#">CHEM 1305</a> & <a href="#">CHEM 1105</a>	General Chemistry and Laboratory for CHEM 1305	4
<a href="#">MATH 1508</a>	Precalculus (Listed if completed, but not required)	3-5
or <a href="#">MATH 1310</a>	Trigonometry and Conics	
<a href="#">PHYS 2420</a>	Introductory Mechanics	4
<b>Mechanical Engineering (Other Requirements) (All courses require a grade of C or better.)</b>		
Required Courses:		
<a href="#">MATH 1411</a>	Calculus I	4
<a href="#">MATH 1312</a>	Calculus II	3
<a href="#">MATH 2313</a>	Calculus III	3

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<a href="#">MATH 2326</a>	Differential Equations	3
<b>Science Elective</b>		
Select one of the following options:		4
<a href="#">BIOL 1305</a> & <a href="#">BIOL 1107</a>	General Biology and Topics in Study of Life I <sup>c</sup>	
<a href="#">CHEM 1306</a> & <a href="#">CHEM 1106</a>	General Chemistry and Laboratory for CHEM 1306 <sup>c</sup>	
<a href="#">PHYS 2421</a>	Introductory Electromagnetism	
<b>MATH/Science Elective</b>		
Select one of the following:		
<a href="#">BIOL 1306</a>	Organismal Biology	
<a href="#">MATH 3323</a>	Matrix Algebra	
<a href="#">MATH 3335</a>	Applied Analysis I	
<a href="#">MATH 4329</a>	Numerical Analysis	
<a href="#">MATH 4336</a>	Applied Analysis II	
<a href="#">PHYS 2325</a>	Survey of Modern Physics	
<a href="#">PHYS 3351</a>	Analytical Mechanics I	
<a href="#">STAT 3320</a>	Probability and Statistics	

Code	Title	Hours
<b>MATH Elective</b>		

Select one of the following:

<a href="#">MATH 3323</a>	Matrix Algebra	
<a href="#">MATH 3335</a>	Applied Analysis I	
<a href="#">MATH 4329</a>	Numerical Analysis	
<a href="#">MATH 4336</a>	Applied Analysis II	
<a href="#">STAT 3320</a>	Probability and Statistics	

### **Mechanical Engineering Major**

Required Courses: <sup>1</sup>

<a href="#">MECH 1305</a>	Graphic & Design Fundamentals <sup>c</sup>	3
<a href="#">MECH 1321</a>	Mechanics I- Statics <sup>c</sup>	3
<a href="#">MECH 2103</a>	Engineering Computations <sup>3</sup>	1
<a href="#">MECH 2311</a>	Intro to Thermal-fluid Sci <sup>c</sup>	3
<a href="#">MECH 2322</a>	Mechanics of Materials <sup>c</sup>	3
<a href="#">MECH 2331</a>	Matl & Manufacturing Processes <sup>c</sup>	3
<a href="#">MECH 2340</a>	Mechanics II - Dynamics <sup>c</sup>	3

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<a href="#">MECH 2342</a>	Electro Mechanical Systems <sup>c</sup>	3
<a href="#">MECH 3312</a>	Thermodynamics <sup>3</sup>	3
<a href="#">MECH 3314</a>	Fluid Mechanics <sup>3</sup>	3
<a href="#">MECH 3334</a>	Mechanical Design <sup>3</sup>	3
<a href="#">MECH 3345</a>	System Dynamics <sup>3</sup>	3
<a href="#">MECH 3352</a>	Engineering Analysis II <sup>3</sup>	3
<a href="#">MECH 4315</a>	Heat Transfer <sup>3</sup>	3
<a href="#">MECH 4366</a>	Senior Design Project <sup>2,3</sup>	3

**Select one of the following:**

<a href="#">MECH 2131</a>	Manufacturing Engineering Lab <sup>c</sup>
<a href="#">MECH 2132</a>	Additive Manufacturing Lab <sup>c</sup>
<a href="#">MECH 2133</a>	Metal Casting Lab <sup>c</sup>
MECH 2134	Intelligent Manufacturing

**Select two of the following:**

<a href="#">MECH 3103</a>	Mechatronics Lab <sup>3</sup>
<a href="#">MECH 3113</a>	Thermo-fluid Lab <sup>3</sup>

Code	Title	Hours
<a href="#">MECH 3123</a>	Solid Mechanics Lab <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Select one of the following:</b>		
<a href="#">MECH 4326</a>	Finite Element Analysis <sup>3</sup>	
<a href="#">MECH 4328</a>	<a href="#">Intro to LabVIEW</a>	
<a href="#">MECH 4330</a>	Dynamic Systems Simulation <sup>3</sup>	
<a href="#">MECH 4392</a>	Special Topics in Computation <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Select five of the following (minimum of one from each area):</b>		
Solid Mechanics Area		
<a href="#">MECH 4336</a>	Principles of Engr Design <sup>3</sup>	
<a href="#">MECH 4395</a>	Special Topics in Mech. Engr. <sup>3</sup>	
Thermal Fluid Area		
<a href="#">MECH 4316</a>	Thermal System Design <sup>3</sup>	
<a href="#">MECH 4394</a>	Special Topics in Therm Fluid <sup>3</sup>	
Electro-Mechanical Area		
<a href="#">MECH 4346</a>	Mechatronics <sup>3</sup>	
MECH 4332	Mechanical Sys Computations	
MECH 4334	Mechanical Sys Control	

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**Course Adds for MECH 4332, 4334, 4345 approved at 02.01.21 UGCC meeting**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hours</b>
MECH 4345	Mechanical Sys Comm and Sensing	
<a href="#">MECH 4393</a>	Special Topics in Elect-Mech <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>128</b>

Course List

C Course require a grade of C or better.

<sup>1</sup> All institutional courses appearing in this area count towards the major GPA with a minimum of 2.0

<sup>2</sup> Must be in the last full semester and have a 2.0 GPA or better in major.

<sup>3</sup> Course requires grade of D or better