

**SIBLEY SCHOOL OF MECHANICAL & AEROSPACE  
ENGINEERING**

**ADVISOR APPROVED ELECTIVES FORM**

*Approval must be received by April 15 (if graduating in May or August)  
or November 15 (if graduating in January).*

**Advisor Approved Electives (minimum 2 courses and 6 credits):** These courses must be an appropriate part of an overall educational plan or objective and approved by the faculty advisor. To maximize flexibility (i.e. the option for study abroad, COOP, Internships, pre-med, and flexibility during the upper class years), the Sibley School Faculty recommends that students delay use of Advisor Approved Electives until after Term 3. Students must seek the consent of their advisor for an advisor approved elective before taking the course. If electives are approved before M.E. affiliation, students must submit documentation of approval from the advisor who approved the courses, within one month of affiliation. Up to six credits of Advisor Approved Electives are allowed for ROTC courses at the level of 3000 or above, or if they are co-listed in an academic department.

**Because these courses should help develop and broaden the skills of the engineer, advisors will generally accept the following as approved electives:** One introduction to engineering course, engineering distribution courses, courses stressing oral or written communication, upper-level engineering courses, advanced courses in mathematics, and rigorous courses in the biological and physical sciences. Advisors are likely to approve courses in business, economics, and language that serve the student's educational and academic objectives. In other cases, a student's interests might be better served by approved electives that expand the Major or other parts of the curriculum, including the liberal studies requirement.

**YOUR FACULTY ADVISOR MAY APPROVE YOUR APPROVED ELECTIVES USING EITHER OF  
THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:**

**1. Your advisor electronically approves your advisor approved elective selections.**

*Instructions:* E-mail your faculty advisor with the following course information and request that your advisor copy Emily at [eft24@cornell.edu](mailto:eft24@cornell.edu) with their approval of your selections.

*Dear Professor \_\_\_\_\_:*

*I intend to graduate in (choose one): (Fall 20XX) (Spring 20XX), and, as we discussed, I would like to use the following courses to fulfill the advisor approved electives requirement:*

*(a) Course Number, Title, Term Taken*

*(b) Course Number, Title, Term Taken*

*Please e-mail me and copy Emily, [eft24@cornell.edu](mailto:eft24@cornell.edu), with your decision.*

**OR**

**2. Your advisor signs this form after approving your course selections—you then submit the completed form to 125 Upson Hall.**

**The following courses meet the intent of the Advisor Approved Electives requirement of the College of Engineering:**

1)

2)

**Name of Student (print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advisor Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_