



**TERMINATION OF DEGREE PROGRAM FROM USF INVENTORY ONLY**

This is the form to be used to request closure a degree program type from the USF Degree Inventory. It should be used when, following the termination, additional programs of the same degree level will still be active. Information and forms for the removal of a degree program from the SUS Degree Inventory are available on the Office of Institutional Effectiveness website.

**USF INSTITUTION:** USF Tampa, College of Engineering

**PROGRAM NAME:** Master in Mechanical Engineering (M.M.E.)

**DEGREE LEVEL(S):** MS  
(BS, MA, Ph.D., etc.)

**CIP CODE:** 14.1901  
(Classification of Instructional Programs)

**LIST DEGREE PROGRAMS THAT REMAIN UNDER THIS CIP:**

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (B.S.M.E.);  
Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering (M.S.M.E);  
Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering (Ph.D.).

**CURRENT ENROLLMENT FOR PROGRAM BEING TERMINATED:** 104

**ANTICIPATED TERMINATION DATE:** Fall 2018  
(Last date that students will be accepted into program)

**ANTICIPATED PHASE-OUT DATE:** Spring 2020  
(Last date that data will be submitted for this program)

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**TERMINATION OF DEGREE PROGRAM FORM (PARTIAL CIP CLOSURE)  
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**1. Provide a brief narrative rationale for the request to terminate the program.**

The department currently offers two MS degrees: Master in Mechanical Engineering (M.M.E), which is the non-thesis option; and Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering, which is the thesis option. The department proposes to offer a single Master degree (M.S.M.E.) degree with the options of thesis and non-thesis by terminating the M.M.E degree. The department gathered data from peer and aspirational institutions and almost all institutions offer a single Master degree (M.S.M.E) with coursework only and thesis options. Also, many of the departments in the College of Engineering at USF offer single MS. Degree. Offering two Masters Degrees puts our M.M.E. graduates at a disadvantage in the job market when compared to our peer and aspirational institution graduates and necessitates transferring of students from one degree to another during their studies which has the potential of unnecessarily delaying graduation. Additionally, fellowship of some international students from their home countries do not support students to earn M.M.E. degree, only M.S.M.E. degree, which adds complications and conflicts with the department's recruitment efforts. This proposal has been presented during Mechanical Engineering faculty meeting on Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and the motion has been approved unanimously among mechanical engineering faculty.

**2. Provide an explanation of the manner in which the University intends to accommodate any students or faculty who are currently active in the program scheduled to be terminated. State what steps have been taken to inform students and faculty of the intent to terminate the program?**

The proposed termination of M.M.E. degree will not impact any of the 104 students currently enrolled in the degree as they will be allowed to stay in the program and graduate with the M.M.E degree. The termination will impact students starting the Master Program in Fall2018 semester as students will only accepted to M.S.M.E degree. The department will offer an orientation the week before the first week of classes to clarify the students of the change. The proposed termination has no impact on the faculty in the department.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

*R. Guldin*

Requestor/Initiator

*3/9/18*

Date

*[Signature]*

Department Chair/Director

*3/9/18*

Date

*Sanjivka Bhargava*

College Dean

*3/13/18*

Date

Undergraduate Council  
OR Graduate Council

Date

Office of Institutional Effectiveness

Date