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ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Memorandum

WatPD Changes Information Release

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Forward

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Overview

- Students who have passed both PD20 and PD21 (and all other PDs taken) on first attempts can take multiple PD's in one term, removing a PD course from another term
- Students can defer PD courses to future PD terms
- To do this, students **must talk with their academic advisor or the doubling up or deferral will be denied**

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What change are we making?

As of Fall 2018, Engineering students who have been successful in their PD courses will be allowed to take two elective PD courses in a single work term and/or defer an elective PD course to a future work term.

Why are we making this change?

Allowing students more flexibility in their path through WatPD satisfies one of the recommendations in the ECC's student survey report.

Who will be eligible for doubling up and/or deferring PD courses?

Students can double up and/or defer PD courses as long as they meet the following conditions:

- They've successfully completed PD20 and PD21 on their first attempts;
- They've earned a credit in all of the PD courses they've attempted;
- They've taken a PD course in each of their previous work terms, unless they've received permission to defer an elective from their academic advisor.

How many times can students double up and/or defer?

Students can defer a PD course once and can take two PD courses in a term once

What will happen if students try to double up and/or defer on their own?

If students try to double up and/or defer courses without meeting with their academic advisor, they'll receive emails from WatPD instructing them to return to a "normal" progression through their PD courses. If they don't heed these instructions, they may be removed from extra PD courses (or sent further emails).

When and how do we want to share this with students?

Open enrolment begins on July 23-24, so we want to make sure students have enough time to consult with their academic advisors and make plans if they want to take advantage of these options for Fall