After the Foundational Studies Program has approved a course, departments will continue through the regular department and college procedures. The approved course should be submitted to the University Curriculum Committee by October 1, 2011.

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Instructions:

1. Complete one form per course.
2. Attach this Foundational Studies Course Application Form to the back of the University Curriculum Committee “Request for Curriculum Action” form. Both forms should be submitted to the Foundational Studies Program Office by August 19, 2011.

Part I. Course Information

Course Number and Title: ENGR 120/120L: Introduction to Engineering

Type of Foundational Studies Course – (Choose One):
[ ] DLS (Disciplinary Lens – Social Science)
[ ] DLL (Disciplinary Lens – Literature and Humanities)
[ ] DLV (Disciplinary Lens – Visual and Performing Arts)
[ ] DLM (Disciplinary Lens – Mathematics)
[x] DLN (Disciplinary Lens – Natural, Physical, and Applied Sciences)

   Includes Lab: [x] Yes [ ] No
[ ] CID (Communication in the Discipline)
[ ] FF (Finishing Foundations)

Delivery Format(s) – (Check all that apply):
[x] Face to Face
[ ] Fully Online
[ ] Hybrid
[x] Concurrent Enrollment
[ ] Other (briefly describe):
Part II. Syllabus Statement

Boise State's Foundational Studies Program provides undergraduates with a broad-based education that spans the entire university experience. ENGR 120/120L satisfies 3 credits of the Foundational Studies Program's Disciplinary Lens – Natural, Physical and Applied Science requirements. It supports the following University Learning Outcomes, along with a variety of other course-specific goals.

ULO 8. Apply knowledge and methods characteristic of scientific inquiry to think critically about and solve theoretical and practical problems about physical structures and processes.

ENGR 120/120L: Introduction to Engineering teaches students to use critical thinking and gain design-oriented engineering experiences by working through projects that expose them to the engineering disciplines. Professional skill development includes teamwork, oral and written communication, and professional/ethical responsibility. (PREREQ: MATH 143 or MATH 147 or satisfactory placement score.) This course helps to achieve the goals of the Foundational Studies Program by focusing on the following course learning outcomes.

After successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

• Using the project design specifications provided as a testable design goal, students, design, build and evaluate prototypes against these specifications.
• Compile, evaluate and present engineering data to inform decisions and plans.
• Produce a high-quality report, written or oral, which summarizes the pertinent project details and incorporates appropriate data to justify their decisions.
• Identify the contributions that engineers make to society, in general and by specific disciplines.

Note: students may not take both ENGR 120 and ENGR 130 for course credit.

Part III. Design for Accessibility

In the space below, briefly describe plans for providing access to course materials and activities (or equivalent alternatives) to all students in adherence with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Although these plans may vary from instructor to instructor, the descriptions provided below should be representative of intended departmental and instructor practices. (See example statements appended to this form.)

ENGR 120/120L: Introduction to Engineering: The laboratory for this course has been recently redesigned and meets ADA specifications for accessibility. In the lecture, the materials are provided in PowerPoint files. Instructors will be encouraged to provide files with a textual transcript of the lecture and / or narrated lectures combining PowerPoint with the instructor’s voice. Images used in the Blackboard site will have appropriate textual descriptions that can be read by screen reader software. In all sections, students will be able to submit assessments in a variety of formats, as needed, including written papers and oral presentations or podcasts. Extra time on tests and other accommodations will be provided to students as needed per the policies of the Disability Resource center.
Part IV. Evidence of Quality Course Design

Please use the table below (column headings for this table should not be changed) to provide evidence that the course has been carefully designed and is clearly aligned with Foundational Studies Program desired ULOs. All sections of the course should share similar student learning outcomes. Teaching and Learning Activities and Assessment Methods may vary from instructor to instructor. Please use the table to report representative strategies that may be used. Assessment activities used for reporting to the Foundational Studies Program should be consistent across different sections of the course.

Please see below.
Boise State University  
Foundational Studies Course  
Spring 2014

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| ULO 8.1: Process of Inquiry and Analysis in Response to Evidence or Observation | Skillfully and thoroughly formulates a research question or testable hypothesis.  
* Constructs a model to test evidence and observations  
* Skillfully uses model to either confirm existing explanations or formulate new hypotheses | Using the project design specifications provided as a testable design goal, students, design, build and evaluate prototypes against these specifications. | Students will self-evaluate their design/prototype to quantify how well it meets the specifications provided. This analysis will be included in their end-of-project summary report.  
Develop a rubric to analyze one or two project summary reports to assess student’s ability to design a solution per the given specifications. Reports for all lab sections will be evaluated and summarized. This is already done on a periodic basis as part of the engineering (ABET) accreditation process.  
High quality work will demonstrate a strong link between the design specifications / problem statement and decisions made throughout the design process. | Students will “learn by doing” in this project-based class. Most projects include a design, test, redesign step.  
Lab activities and homework assignments will guide students through steps in each project.  
The process for redesigning a mousetrap will be discussed in class to help students understand the steps in the engineering design process.  
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<td>Compile, evaluate and present engineering data to inform decisions and plans</td>
<td>Students will gather data as they test their products / designs. Product refinements or recommendations for future product refinements will be based upon analysis of their test data. The data summary and analysis will be included in the final project report. Develop a rubric to analyze one or two project summary reports to assess student’s ability to effectively use test data to inform product design refinements. Reports for all lab sections will be evaluated and summarized. This is already done on a periodic basis as part of the engineering (ABET) accreditation process. High quality work will demonstrate a strong, logical connection between the data and the product refinements / next steps.</td>
<td>Students will be presented several examples of data and will be asked to make recommendations or draw conclusions based upon the data through class discussions, homework and quizzes. Students will be required to collect and analyze data as part of their daily lab activities. Lab instructors will be available to assist them in analyzing data. One example is where student will calculate the standard deviation for mass and thickness of the peanut butter cracker sandwiches they manufacture compare results from each test run and use this data to inform their process changes.</td>
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Foundational Studies Program Director Signature  Date