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Plan to address the Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies, Resolution 2017-18A

Resolution to Incorporate an Inclusion and Diversity Education Component
into Graduate Education

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The Materials Science and Engineering Department will incorporate an Inclusion and Diversity Education Component (IDEC) into its graduate curriculum (per Resolution 2017-18A of the Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies) through the following mechanisms:

1. All **incoming graduate students** will be required to complete within their first two semesters in residence the Engineering Education course, ENGE 5304 - “Graduate Student Success Multicultural Environments.” This is a one credit P/F course that is currently offered every Fall and Spring. **Continuing students** who already had an approved Plan of Study in place prior to Spring 2022 but need a new Plan of Study due to a change in degree type will meet this requirement by completing the mandatory University training module on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. They must provide a certificate of completion to the MSE Graduate Coordinator, who will indicate the completion of the IDEC Requirement on the student’s new Plan of Study.
2. As an alternate to mechanism 1, students may take GRAD 5214 - “Diversity for Global Society,” a three credit course.

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