



## Memo

To: Randy Smith, Vice Provost for Academic Programs, Office of Academic Affairs  
From: Rosie Quinzon-Bonello, Assistant Dean for Curriculum and Assessment  
Date: September 4, 2025  
Re: Informational Item: Removal of Computer Science minor option for Integrated Business Engineering students in the Software Innovation (IBE-SI) Track

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Attached is a memo from Kristina Kennedy, Faculty Director for the Integrated Business and Engineering Program. The request is to eliminate the Computer Science Minor option from the Integrated Business Engineering students in the Software Innovation (IBE-SI) Track.

The elimination of the CS minor option for IBE-SI students occurred a semester or two after the program change *adding* the SI-Track was approved by CAA on July 12, 2023. IBE students were informed, but the college was not. There are currently three engineering IBE students in the SI track pursuing the CS minor. These students will not be negatively impacted by this program change, as they will be permitted to complete the minor.

The College Committee on Academic Affairs was informed of this action during a September 2, 2025, meeting. There were no questions or concerns, and a college-level record of this action was created.

Rosie Quinzon-Bonello

**From:** Kristina Kennedy, Faculty Director for the Integrated Business and Engineering Program.

**To:** Shannon Morrison, Chair, College Committee on Academic Affairs

**RE:** Removal of CS minor option for ENGR Majors enrolled in the Integrated Business & Engineering – Software Innovation (IBE-SI) Track

**Date August 20, 2025**

**Executive Summary of Revision:**

On behalf of the Integrated Business & Engineering (IBE) Honors program and faculty leadership team (Kristina Kennedy; ENGR & Michael Leiblein; BUS), we submit this revision to the original Integrated Business & Engineering Software Innovation (IBE-SI) track minor options. These changes have been reviewed and supported by administration in both colleges as well as partners in the Center for Software Innovation.

Change to IBE-SI Minor Option:

- (1) Removal of the Computer Science minor option for IBE-SI *Engineering Majors*.

Requesting approval for implementation from Autumn 2025.

**Rationale for Change:**

To maintain the spirit of the Integrated Business & Engineering program, and upon further discussion and reflection with the IBE leadership team and College leaders, our initial plan to offer a *choice* for IBE-SI engineering majors to opt into *either* business minor or computer science minor has been eliminated in favor of **all IBE-SI ENGR Majors will complete the business minor** with new / refreshed business coursework incorporating elements of software innovation and related case studies.

This will align with our IBE program requirements and reflect an appropriate blend of business and engineering coursework and requirements.

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<b>IBE</b>	ENGR	BUS
	BUS	ENGR Sciences
<b>IBE-SI</b>	ENGR	BUS
	BUS	Computer Science

**Transition Plan**

As the IBE Honors Program SI-track transitions to its updated minor requirement starting AU25, we are committed to ensuring a smooth transition for students who began the program prior to this change and have opted into the CS minor. We currently have (3) IBE-SI Engineering Majors who opted into this original CS minor option and will accommodate their plan and path forward.

**Course Credit Transfer for Students in the Prior Curriculum:**

Students who entered the IBE Honors Program before AU25 (pre-AU25) and completed courses under the previous curriculum will be allowed to apply these courses toward the updated degree requirements. These students will follow the updated academic trajectory, with courses from the prior curriculum counting toward their degree completion as they fulfill the updated program requirements.

This plan aims to provide continuity and support for all students as they adapt to the updated curriculum, ensuring that each student has the opportunity to pursue and complete the program.