

**DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING**  
**PETITION TO WAIVE PREREQUISITES**

The entrance requirements for the graduate program in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Michigan include biological courses for applicants with backgrounds in engineering or physics, and engineering courses for applicants with backgrounds in non-engineering programs. Requests to waive these prerequisites must be outlined on this form and approved by the Graduate Education Committee (GEC) of the Department of Biomedical Engineering.

- Students may elect to waive 1 of their prerequisites (at their own risk) without a petition being required. If the student receives less than a B in a course requiring the waived prerequisite, they will be required to take the prerequisite and retake the course.
- Students must attach the syllabus for all courses referred to on the petition and transcripts (U of M excluded) to this form. Although the department staff does not need a copy of the student's U of M transcript when submitting the petition, the student will need to provide their advisor(s) with a copy when discussing the petition.
- Students must explain in detail how their request is a sensible substitution given their educational objectives.
- **Incomplete petitions will be returned to students, which will cause delays in receiving a decision.**

Outline and provide support for your request below.

Student's Signature/Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Student's UMID \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Advisor's Signature/Name Printed\* \_\_\_\_\_

Research Advisor's Signature/Name Printed\* \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required if you are working in a laboratory)

\* I have met with the student to discuss this petition. My signature indicates that what the student requests appears to be a reasonable approach. I leave it to the GEC to determine if it is consistent with department policy.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE GEC**

\_\_\_\_\_ approved                      \_\_\_\_\_ not approved

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Chair's Signature \_\_\_\_\_