Summary of GCR and GCR15 Options for current COE students applying for Fall 2015 Departmental Admission

The regulations change in the General College Requirements may affect current COE first year students in two ways:

1) When students can apply to a department
2) Spring 2015 course selection

Current requirements:

Current students in the College of Engineering (COE) qualify to apply for admission to degree-granting programs by completing General College Requirements (GCR) outlined in the COE regulations (https://www.engr.wisc.edu/current/coe-egr-general-college-requirements.html). When there are more qualified applicants to a department than capacity allows, the selection process becomes competitive.

Current requirements allow that students remain as a pre-departmental, EGR/EGRT, student for up to 4 semesters. The COE wants to enable students to join departments earlier. Therefore, the COE is announcing new departmental admission and progression requirements.

New requirements:

1) In Fall 2015, new General College Requirements will take effect. These new requirements are called the GCR15.
2) Departments set core and cumulative GPA requirements for their programs.
3) Each COE department will admit EGR/EGRT students based on fulfillment of points 1 and 2 above.

Options for current EGR students:

Current EGR/EGRT students have the option to remain under the current GCR or change to the new GCR15.

1. Current students classified as EGR and EGRT, and who will complete the GCR15 during Spring 2015 semester, may take advantage of the GCR15 for admittance to a department.
2. Current students may remain under the current GCR for up to four semesters. Students must apply for admittance to a department no later than during their fourth semester.