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ENGR 0081/0181: Freshman Engineering Seminar

Fall 2101 Syllabus

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND MEETING INFORMATION

Freshman Seminar is designed with the needs of first-year engineering students in mind. The main objectives are to:

1. Help ease the transition from high school to college by helping you to discover new information, plan for future goals, and act upon those plans to achieve success in your first year and beyond.
2. Familiarize you with the different fields of engineering study and work.

There are two components to Freshman Seminar in the Fall term:

- **Engineering 0081/0181 Large Group Informational Presentations: Tuesdays (21226/20764) or Thursdays (20666/20680), 1:00-1:50 PM, 120 David Lawrence Hall**

Students must attend the large group meeting for which they are registered. (That is, if you are enrolled for the Tuesday class, you must attend on Tuesdays. If you are enrolled for Thursday, you must attend on Thursday.) These meetings are designed to help you gain a better understanding of each engineering department and to gain information about the academic options in engineering that are available to you. The large group meetings will also provide information and resources to help you with certain Engineering 0011/0711 assignments.

- **ENGR 0081/0181 Recitation: see your schedule for days, times, and locations.**

The small group Peer Advisor-led recitation sections will help you connect to others in your engineering class with at least one interest similar to yours and will also put you in touch with a successful upperclassman who has completed the Freshman Engineering Program (called a Peer Advisor). The recitations will focus on acquainting you with local and campus resources and provide you with tips and tools for academic success.

GRADES AND ATTENDANCE

Grades for Freshman Seminar are issued on the S/U policy (satisfactory/unsatisfactory) and are based solely on your attendance. To receive a passing grade, you may miss no more than two meetings of the auditorium presentations and no more than two meetings of the recitation section. **If you are sick, it will count as an absence.** In order to receive a passing grade in Freshman Seminar, you must receive a passing grade in BOTH the auditorium presentations and the individual recitation section. Attendance for the auditorium presentations will be taken at the start of each presentation. If you are late or are not in your seat when attendance is taken, you will be marked absent.

COURSE GUIDELINES/COURTESY

You are expected to give presenters your courteous attention. As such, please observe the following:

- Arrive and be seated in your assigned seat on time.
- Refrain from disruptive behavior.
- Refrain from personal conversations during presentations.
- Turn off all cell phones. Taking calls, making calls, and texting are not permitted during Seminar.
- No laptops. Please do not bring computers to Seminar.
- MP3 players and other audio devices are not permitted during Seminar.
- Do not use Seminar time to do homework/read for other classes.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND STUDENT CONDUCT

Freshman engineering students are expected to uphold all tenets of the University's academic integrity policy. The full Academic Integrity Policy can be found at: <http://www.pitt.edu/HOME/PP/policies/02/02-03-03.html>.

**ENGINEERING 0081/0181 SCHEDULE
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TUES 9/1 or THURS 9/3	Introduction to Freshman Engineering Seminar and Freshman Writing Assignments
TUES 9/8 or THURS 9/10	Chemical Engineering
TUES 9/15 or THURS 9/17	Civil Engineering
TUES 9/22 or THURS 9/24	Bioengineering
TUES 9/29 or THURS 10/1	Spring Registration Information
TUES 10/6 or THURS 10/8	Computer and Electrical Engineering
TUES 10/13 or THURS 10/15	No Seminar
TUES 10/20 or THURS 10/22	Dr. Budny: Learning Styles
TUES 10/27 or THURS 10/29	Spring Registration Update & Real World Engineering Panel
TUES 11/3 or THURS 11/5	Mechanical Engineering, Materials Science & Engineering, Engineering Physics
TUES 11/10 or THURS 11/12	Industrial Engineering
TUES 11/17 or THURS 11/19	TENT: Using an Engineering Degree in the Military
TUES 11/24 or THURS 11/26	Thanksgiving Week: NO SEMINAR
TUES 12/1 or THURS 12/3	Plus 3
TUES 12/8 or THURS 12/10	Freshman Conference Information
TUES 12/15 or THURS 12/17	Final Exams: NO SEMINAR

ENGINEERING 0081/0181 RECITATION SCHEDULE FALL, 2101

Week 1 (8/31-9/4)	Intro to Seminar/Your Peer Advisor/Your Classmates
Week 2 (9/7-9/11)	Getting Familiar with Pitt
Week 3 (9/14-9/18)	Managing Your Time
Week 4 (9/21-9/25)	Spring Course Registration and Using Peoplesoft
Week 5 (9/28-10/2)	Your First Exams
Week 6 (10/5-10/9)	Working Effectively with Professors and Advisors
Week 7 (10/12-10/16)	One on One Meetings with Peer Advisor
Week 8 (10/19-10/23)	Career Services: Skill Scan
Week 9 (10/26-10/30)	The Party Scene
Week 10 (11/2-11/6)	Students' Choice
Week 11 (11/9-11/13)	Reviewing Your Goals: A Look Forward
Week 12 (11/16-11/20)	Students' Choice
Week 13 (11/23-11/27)	No Seminar: Thanksgiving Recess
Week 14 (11/30-12/4)	Preparing for Final Exams
Week 15 (12/7-12/11)	ENGR 0011 Presentations
Week 16 (12/14-12/18)	FINALS WEEK!!!! Good luck on your exams!!!