ECE Undergraduate Newsletter
Summer 2015 Edition
3rd & 4th Year Students

We hope that you are enjoying your summer vacation! The ECE Undergraduate Office would like to inform you of important information that you need to know before school starts again in September. This is in addition to the email sent out by the Registrar’s Office.

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN SUMMER SCHOOL
• July 6 Deadline to enrol in S Session Summer Courses (Engineering electives and A&S)
• July 19 Deadline to drop Summer Y courses or mark as Extra
• July 27 Deadline to drop Summer S courses or mark as Extra
• August 11 – 17 Final exams for S and Y courses (A&S courses)
• August 17 – 21 Final exams for S and Y courses (Engineering courses)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT FALL DATES/DEADLINES
Make sure to bookmark the Sessional Dates section of the 2015–2016 Academic Calendar for a listing of ALL important dates/deadlines.
• July 15 – 21 Personal timetables will be uploaded to ACORN. Keep checking ACORN that week if you don’t immediately see your schedule. IMPORTANT: Only valid Main Profiles were uploaded to ACORN. Please refer to the various newsletters sent out for reasons why courses *may not* have been uploaded (Nov & Dec 2014 and Jan 2015 editions). **If your timetable is not uploaded or if you notice that some courses do not appear, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to add them on ACORN.**
• July 22 Fall/Winter registration for Engineering courses (including JRE & APS courses) – 6 am ACORN
• July 22 First day to add specific Arts & Science courses that have reserved seating – 6 am ACORN

A listing of these courses will be found in the 2015-2016 Fall & Winter Enrolment and Registration Guide (scroll down to “Enhanced Enrolment in Select Faculty of Arts & Science Courses”) NOTE: You will be able to enrol in the rest of the A&S courses on August 12th
• August 12 First day to add all other Arts and Science courses (CS & HSS) – 6 am ACORN
• Aug 6 /11 /13 Arts & Science course registration closed temporarily
• August 19 Deadline to pay/defer fees
• September 2 Non-registered students will be removed from their courses
• September 10 Engineering lectures in F and Y session courses begin
• September 11 Arts & Science course registration closed temporarily
• September TBA Last day for Engineering students to in enroll in A&S courses with reserved seating
• September 20 Waitlists will be dissolved for F and Y courses
• September 27 Last day to add/modify sections for F and Y courses
• October 1 Deadline to re-enroll for Winter 2016 Session

ACORN: ACORN was launched on June 22! For several months, both ACORN and ROSI will be available to use before ACORN replaces ROSI as your student information service at U of T. Check out the Introducing ACORN site to learn what to expect in the new system.

SUMMER TUTORING: The Engineering Communication Program is now offering summer tutoring! Check out the new ECP weblink at http://ecp.engineering.utoronto.ca/ to book an appointment.

ENROLMENT AND REGISTRATION
Click here for the 2015-2016 Fall and Winter Enrolment and Registration Guide.
WAITLISTS: Again this year we are using waitlists for our ECE courses. If a course is full and you wish to take it, please add yourself to the waitlist. We will do our best to dissolve these waitlists sooner rather than later. We can’t guarantee that everyone gets off the waitlist but we will do our best. **Please note that we can only help with the ECE courses.**

RETAIKING FAILED COURSES? If you need to take a 1st or 2nd year course, or a course that you passed in a failed term, you cannot add this course to ROSI yourself. Please e-mail us (askece@ecf.utoronto.ca) with your name; student number; course code; as well as lecture, lab and tutorial sections. We will then add you to the course once registration opens on July 22nd.

ECE496Y1 Y: ECE496Y1 Y will **not be uploaded** to timetables. If you are a 4th year student eligible to take ECE496, you will need to add this course to your timetable on ACORN. This is in addition to you having to register on the ECE496 database.

**COURSE CHANGES:**
- ECE524H1 F – **CANCELLED**
- ECE525H1 S – **CANCELLED**
- ECE535H1 F – **CANCELLED**
- ECE540H1 S – **CANCELLED**

If you had planned on taking any of the above courses in 2015-2016, please ensure that you select an alternate course that will allow you to meet requirements to graduate. Remember to use Magellan first to test this out. **Note: These cancellations are for the 2015-2016 academic year only.**

- ECE568H1 is now offered in fall **and** winter terms.

**CREDIT/NO CREDIT:** Engineering students do **not** have the option of selecting Credit/No Credit (CR/NCR) for any of their courses. Due to the strike that occurred in the winter 2015 session, the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering made the special exception to allow students to decide if they would like to select a CR/NCR option for their winter 2015 Arts & Science courses. This was a one-time only occurrence and will no longer be allowed.

**MAGELLAN:** [Magellan Link](https://magellan.ece.toronto.edu/). **Log in with your UTORid and password.**

Main profiles are now unlocked. **Any changes made now on your main profiles will not be uploaded to ACORN.**

Please make sure that you **update your Magellan profile whenever you make changes** to your timetable on ACORN because Magellan and ACORN are two separate systems. Both systems will be open in July so you will be able to make changes to your timetable. Any course changes made (**including electives**) should be checked in Magellan first to ensure that both CEAB and ECE Program requirements are met. This is especially important for students entering fourth year. Your Magellan profile **MUST** accurately reflect all the upper year courses you are planning to take.

**REMEMBER! Please review your ACORN timetable!** Students who had valid Main Magellan profiles saved before the pre-registration deadline will notice that ECE lecture sections have been added to their ACORN timetables. **These students will still need to add** tutorial and/or lab sections to their ACORN timetables. Students are also responsible for adding any non-ECE technical electives (including JRE courses) and Arts & Science courses to ACORN themselves.

**TIMETABLE CONFLICTS:** **Pre-registration on Magellan DOES NOT guarantee a conflict-free timetable!** Here are some suggestions / recommendations on how to minimize timetable conflicts:

- Switch sections (if available)
- Look for courses that are offered in both terms (e.g., ECE472H1 and ECE311H1)
- If possible, move courses between third and fourth year provided that you still meet the pre-requisites
- Choose a different course that will still satisfy program and CEAB requirements
- You are allowed to have conflict(s). Ultimately it is your decision and you should be realistic about this decision. You do not want to put yourself at a disadvantage
LIST OF APPROVED CS/HSS COURSES: Click here for the Registrar’s Office’s most up-to-date list of approved CS/HSS courses. You must refer to it prior to selecting any Arts & Science courses. If you are interested in taking a course that is not listed, you can submit your request through the Registrar’s website link here. Proposing a course does not guarantee that the course will be added to the approved HSS or CS lists. Additionally, if you plan on taking an approved CS/HSS course that is not listed in Magellan, please let us know and we will add the course.

REMEMBER! It is your responsibility to ensure that the A&S courses you take are acceptable to use as CS/HSS electives to meet both program and CEAB requirements.

RETURNING FROM PEY? As you know, one of the ECE Program Requirements is to have practical work experience. If you were registered with the PEY program and have recently returned from your work placement, you must ensure that you submit your PEY report. Students who do not submit a final report to the PEY office will not receive Credit for PEY. Credit for PEY is required in order to be eligible for the Iron Ring Ceremony as well as Convocation. Please refer to the PEY website for information on what should be included on your final report and as well as how it should be submitted.

GRADUATING THIS YEAR? Here is what you need to make sure of:

1. Hand in your practical work experience forms:
   - PEY Final Report if you were registered with the PEY program for your work placement (see above) or
   - 600 hours form if you were not registered with the PEY program for your work experience.
   Failure to submit the appropriate report will result in you not being allowed to participate in the Iron Ring Ceremony and possibly Graduation.
2. Make sure you will be meeting all ECE program requirements. Refer to page 134 of the 2015-16 Academic Calendar
3. Make sure you meet CEAB requirements.

REMEMBER! Updating your Magellan profile on a regular basis assists with verifying if you are on track to graduate! As you make updates to reflect an accurate timetable, you will see whether or not you continue to meet CEAB and ECE program requirements.

USEFUL WEBPAGES: Bookmark our Useful Weblinks page to find lots of useful information on:

- 600 Hours
- Academic Calendars (Engineering and Arts & Science)
- Academic Success Centre
- Course Timetables
- CS & HSS Electives
- Fees
- Magellan
- Minors & Certificates
- ECE Newsletters
- Office of the Registrar
- PEY Office & Engineering Career Centre
- ROSI / ACORN
- Summer Research Awards
- Syllabi
- ECE UG Website

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS? Come by the Undergraduate Office in SFB600A and we will gladly help you out. You can send us an email at askece@ecf.utoronto.ca. Please include your full name and student number when sending emails to us.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you in September!

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