Welcome from the ECE Chair and ECE Undergraduate Office

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Professor & Chair
• Professor **Deepa Kundur**

• **ECE Chair**
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  - B.A.Sc., 9T3 (EE)
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  - Chair of Engineering Sciene
The Strength of ECE is in Our People

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The Strength of ECE is in Our People
What is **Special** about ECE at U of T?

- Excellence
- Innovation
- Diversity
- Scale
What is **Special** about **ECE** at U of T?

- Considered the best economy for young people
- 3rd largest ICT cluster in North America
- 3rd largest design industry in North America
- "to live and work in tech"
Prof. Deepa’s DOs and DON’Ts
DOs

Treat people with respect

• Refer to your professors as “Professor [LastName]”

• Be polite to staff members

• Respect people’s time, space and values

• Respect yourself
DOs

Focus on Competence NOT Confidence

- Competence can protect you from getting voted off the island, but confidence will not.
DOs

Value Your Mistakes

One of the best things ever said:

“Good judgement comes from experience and experience comes from bad judgement.”

• Learning happens through failure
• Overcoming obstacles leads to resilience
• Take risks
**DOs**

**Manage Your Time**

Procrastination → Wasted Time → Stress
DON’Ts

Don’t Take Things Personally

• What happens academically or professionally is often not personal

• Taking this personally leads to “drama” and stress

• Understand that what someone does is because of them, not you
DON'Ts

Don’t Give Up

• Don’t give up on yourself; if you give up, you will surely fail!

• Pick yourself up and try to see things differently

• Quick starts vs. Late bloomers – both good

“It ain’t over till it’s over.”

-- Yogi Berra
DON’Ts

Don’t Worry about Conflict

• Conflict is natural; conflict is healthy

• Avoid dysfunctional conflict/situations/people

• Choose your battles

• “politics”/”backstabbing” occurs when at least one party is fearful
DON’Ts

Don’t be Fearful

• 6 cancers (by Stephen R. Covey):
  – Cynicism
  – Criticism
  – Comparing
  – Competing
  – Complaining
  – Contending

“Fear is the path to the dark side. Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to suffering.”

-- Yoda, Star Wars

• How do I overcome fear? COMMUNITY
WE ARE ECE CLUB

- Representation of Electrical and Computer Engineering Student Body
  - Representation of Student Body in Faculty Meetings
  - Works with Faculty to address Academic Issues (Class Sizes, Exams, Midterms)
- Management of Student Events (i.e. ECE Dinner Dance, Holiday Events, Study Snacks)
- Locker Rentals
- Management of ECE Study Hall and Common Room
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