January 2020 ECE Undergraduate Newsletter: 3rd & 4th Year Students

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MAGELLAN PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 28, 2020 at 11:59 e.s.t.

Main profiles will then be locked until mid-July for preregistration planning. We will send an email with the exact date at the end of June.

Any changes made to main profiles once unlocked in July will not be included in any preregistration planning. Therefore, any revisions will not be uploaded to timetables. Important preregistration and Magellan info has previously been made available via the links below:

- 2019 Newsletter
- UG website

**NOTE:** The courses you select for your upper years are not locked in forever. You will be able to log in to Magellan to set up other study plan profiles. You can make changes to your course selection when ACORN opens (space permitting as any changes would not have been included in pre-registration numbers). Remember to test out any possible changes on Magellan first to see if you still meet program and CEAB requirements.

USEFUL LINKS: ECE Undergraduate Webpage / Engineering Academic Calendar / Additional useful links are here.

ROOM CHANGES: Please double check the room allocation for your classes as some of the rooms may have changed since September. Accurate info will be on your online ACORN timetable.

LAB RULES & REGULATIONS: Students should be very familiar with the lab rules and regulations so that they will not be surprised if their account gets locked. Please also refer to the email that is sent out at the beginning of term from the ECF office with regards to rules and regulations.

DROP DEADLINE: The last day to drop a course without academic penalty is March 15, 2020. The last day to apply for a late withdrawal without documentation (LWD) from electives for the Faculty of Arts and Science courses is April 9, 2020. Students can only late withdraw from elective courses, not core courses. You cannot late withdraw from ECE472H1 as it is a core course.

PER FORMS DUE: If you are planning to graduate in June 2020, please be sure to submit your PER forms and business card by Friday, January 31, 2020. Click here for the forms and more information!

PROMOTIONAL REGULATIONS: Students should be aware of the promotional regulations and should pay special attention to grades. See the Academic Calendar. For a simplified version of the promotional regulations, visit the ECE program page.

COURSE CHANGES: The changes below are for the 2019-2020 academic year. If you had planned on taking any of the cancelled courses, please ensure that you select an alternate course that will allow you to meet requirements to graduate. Remember to use Magellan first to test changes!

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<td>APS360 Artificial Intelligence Fundamentals</td>
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 LIST OF APPROVED CS/HSS ELECTIVES:  The list of approved complementary studies (CS) / Humanities & Social Science (HSS) electives is available on the Faculty Registrar’s website.  Please refer to it prior to selecting any A&S courses.  Click here for the HSS approved list, and here for the CS approved list.

SHORT CS AUs?:  The ECE website has a list of courses that has more than the standard 30 AUs.  Click here for the listing (scroll to the bottom of the page).

ATTENTION ALL 4TH YEAR STUDENTS:  If you have not yet done so, please come into the Undergraduate Office (SF B600) immediately to confirm that you are on track to graduate!  The Undergraduate Office uses your Magellan profiles to verify your ability to graduate.  You must ensure that your main profile is up-to-date before seeking a graduation check.

IRON RING CEREMONY / CONVOCATION ELIGIBILITY:  To ensure placement in the March 2019 Iron Ring Ceremony and June 2020 Convocation, please submit your 600 hours forms ASAP.  It typically takes 2 – 4 weeks to process hours.  Forms submitted this late in the academic year cannot be guaranteed to be approved in time for Iron Ring deadlines.  Students who do not hand in the 600 hours to the ECE UG office in time will not be eligible for the Iron Ring Ceremony and possibly graduation.

In order to be eligible for Iron Ring, you need to submit your PER hours by Thursday, January 31, 2020.

Convocation Ceremony:  600 hours must be in and approved by May 1st of graduating year for eligibility to participate in the June 2020 Convocation.

TO ALL ECE STUDENTS GRADUATING IN 2020-2021:  A key part of your final year will be your capstone design project.  While it officially begins in September, the actual preparation begins much earlier, starting with the Design Project Information Session:

DATE:  Thursday, January 23, 2020
TIME:  7:00pm
This session covers the important steps to prepare for your design project:

- Understanding your capstone project course options: ECE496, APS490, and BME498
- Important deadlines from now until September
- Forming a team, finding, and registering for a project
- The 2020 ECE Design Fair (March 31 - April 3)
- Tips on how to get started early

Presentation slides will be posted for students who are out of town and away on PEY, but it is best to attend and start actively meeting potential team members.

ECE Undergraduate Drop-In Hours:
Mon – Fri from 8:45am – 4:30 pm
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Please include your full name, year of study, and student number when e-mailing us.