

## August 2020 Undergraduate Newsletter - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year ECE Students

### Important Dates/Deadlines

A complete list of dates & deadlines are found in the Sessional Dates section of the 2020-2021 [Academic Calendar](#).

September 2020	
September 22	Last day to register for PEY and ESIP (3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Students)
September 30	Deadline to re-enroll for Winter 2020 Session
October 2020	
October 12	Thanksgiving Day: University closed

### Welcome Back Event!

Each year, ECE hosts a 'Welcome Back BBQ' to welcome all 2<sup>nd</sup> year students to ECE and provide them with important information about the program. This year, the event will be held online via Bb Collaborate. Below, you will find the event information:

**Date:** Friday, September 11, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (EST)

**Meeting Link:** <https://ca.bbcollab.com/guest/0911cbac61494b4ebd3be33dec505375>

**Dial In Information:** +1-416-978-3435, PIN: 820 540 0495 (Note: you may incur long-distance charges by using the dial in option)

### Workload Table (Fall 2020)

The Workload Table summarizes the academic workload for each semester of 2<sup>nd</sup> year at ECE. You can find the Fall 2020 Workload Table here: <https://www.ece.utoronto.ca/undergraduates/programs/2nd-year-student-info/>

### ECE Live Chat

Do you miss dropping by the ECE Undergraduate Office to have your general program questions answered?

Try the new live chat available for current ECE students, accessible through the [Advising Portal](#), starting Thursday, August 27th.

Weekly live chat times are:

- Tuesdays 8am-11am (EST)
- Wednesdays 12pm-2pm (EST)
- Thursdays 8am-12pm (EST)

## ECE Town Hall

You are invited to participate in a town hall with your fellow students and the ECE Undergraduate Office. This is a great opportunity to ask about any questions or address any concerns you may have.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 23, 2020

**Time:** 12:10-1:30 p.m.

**Meeting Link:** <https://ca.bbcollab.com/guest/573570397f394b3c9214f3e1084108ff>

**Dial in information:** +1-416-978-3435, PIN: 486 724 9293 (Note: you may incur long-distance charges by using the dial in option)

If you are unable to attend, you [can access the recordings](#) afterwards.

## Practical Experience Requirement (600 hours form)

While the ECE Undergraduate Office staff are not on campus, we are still accepting your completed 600 hours forms. The form still requires a wet signature and business card. Please ask your supervisor to sign the form and scan it back to you for their wet signature. Then, you will also need to sign the form and scan it, and email it to us at [askece@utoronto.ca](mailto:askece@utoronto.ca).

For more details about the Practical Experience Requirement, please visit:

<https://www.ece.utoronto.ca/undergraduates/programs/practical-experience-requirement-600-hours-and-professional-experience-year-pey/>

## Part-Time vs. Full-Time Studies:

Dropping one course is not permissible in 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Second year students can either be **full time** with **5 courses** **OR** transfer to part time with a **maximum of 3 courses** per session. If transferring to part time:

- You must finish your 2<sup>nd</sup> year studies on a part-time basis before advancing to your next academic year. This means that you cannot take any upper year technical courses until all your core 2<sup>nd</sup> year courses have been completed.
- You can enrol in a maximum of **three half-credit** courses per year. It will take two calendar years to complete a respective year.
- If thinking of transferring to part-time, contact the ECE Undergraduate Office to discuss and see if there are any implications. Transferring to part-time will then need to be requested via the Registrar's Office.

## Strategies for Online Learning

The Engineering Registrar's Office has created a page of resources that could be helpful to students. These are all worth reading, but we wanted to specifically point your attention to the Strategies for Online Learning module, found under the Online Learning heading:

<https://undergrad.engineering.utoronto.ca/undergrad-resources/resources-for-u-of-t-engineering-students/>

## Face Masks

- Non-medical masks or face coverings must now be [worn indoors in all common-use spaces on University property](#).

- U of T is distributing non-medical, reusable cloth face masks to students. For more information on where students can pick them up, please visit: <https://www.utoronto.ca/utogether2020/where-to-pick-up-face-mask>

## Need to Talk to Someone?

U of T My Student Support Program (**U of T My SSP**) provides students with real-time and/or appointment-based confidential, 24-hour support for any school, health, or general life concern **at no cost to you**. You can call or chat with a counsellor directly from your phone whenever, wherever you are.

Ongoing support is available over the phone in 146 languages. Immediate support is available over the phone in 35 languages and over chat in simplified Chinese, English, French and Spanish. For more information, please visit: <https://studentlife.utoronto.ca/service/myssp/>

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**Please note:** While we are not physically in the office until further notice, you can still call or email us during the hours listed above.