

Fall 2007 Advisement Information

Because priority registration for the Fall 2007 semester will begin on June 25, 2007, it is time to see your advisor to discuss your plans for next semester. This letter contains information about advisement and other items that are important to all Engineering students. Please take the time to read it carefully.

You should be receiving your registration mailer from the University by early May. This mailer will contain your registration date and information about the telephone and web-based registration systems. All engineering majors who have not declared a specific discipline are required to have advisement prior to registration. You will not be able to register until you have been advised and had your hold cleared.

In addition, you might want to spend a few minutes with your advisor in order to make certain that your student file is updated, that you are remaining "on-track" with your educational goals and that you are planning a realistic schedule for the Fall term. You should also change to a discipline specific major at your earliest opportunity. Your academic advisor is able to answer many other types of questions that you might have or send you to the appropriate resource. We strongly recommend that every student seek academic advisement before the current semester is over while faculty and staff are available on campus.

Lower and Upper Division Engineering Majors

All engineering majors without a declared engineering discipline (i.e. Civil, Computer, Electrical, Manufacturing, Mechanical) are required to have advisement. If the major indicated on your registration mailer is "Engineering" without one of these specific disciplines then you fall into this category.

If you have been in the engineering major for one year or more without declaring a specific discipline, you will be required to declare a discipline before your registration hold is cleared. In order to declare a specific engineering discipline, see Ms. Giselle Aguilar in JD 1501 and complete a change of objective form. Make a copy of this approved form before submitting it to Admissions and Records so that you can bring it to your advisement appointment. Keep in mind that this decision is not final; you will be permitted to change your discipline later if you change your mind.

IMPORTANT NOTICES REGARDING THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

The existing College policy regarding the upper division writing exam will be fully enforced. That policy states: "All students must attempt the upper division writing proficiency examination prior to enrolling in any 400 level Engineering course."

Please be advised that you may be denied access to a course during priority registration because you have taken the course during a prior term. If this occurs, you will need to return to the registration system during the open registration period in July 2007 to attempt to add the class to your Fall

schedule. For example, you wish to enroll in MSE 227 for a second time because you withdrew or did not receive a passing grade when you took the course last Spring. You will only be permitted to enroll in MSE 227 during expanded registration that begins on July 23, 2007.

Graduation Evaluation

Each student is required to file for a graduation evaluation (grad check) one year in advance of his or her actual graduation. A grad check can be requested after you have filed your senior program. Students who plan to graduate at the end of the Fall semester must file their grad check by March 7th of the graduating year. Students who plan to graduate at the end of the Spring or Summer semester must file their grad check by July 3rd of the preceding year. The grad check will provide you with a list of the courses that you need to complete your degree. We recommend that you file for a grad check before the specified deadline. If you need to initiate your grad check, see Ms. Giselle Aguilar in JD 1501.

Transfer Courses

If you have taken any courses at another college or university that you believe count towards the requirements for your major degree, please see Ms. Giselle Aguilar in JD 1501 to process your transfer evaluation. This should be taken care of as soon as the courses are completed.

Keep in mind that registration time is not the only time that you can come in for advisement. The department chairs and the faculty are always available to answer your questions as they come up during the year. There is also a good deal of advisement information on our College web page (<http://www.csun.edu/~ecsdean>). It would be a good idea to bookmark this page and check it on a regular basis to keep up to date on the latest information about our College. Starting with the CSUN 2000-2002 catalog: "A grade of C- or better is required for all courses in the major. More stringent prerequisite requirements apply to some courses."