

Subject: ECE 1111: Engineering Computation I (Fall 2022): Please read this carefully!

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Welcome to Engineering Computation I. It is customary that we start preparing for next semester shortly after I turn in grades for the current semester. Since we only have about three months before next semester begins, we are already hopelessly behind 😊 and it is time to get down to some serious work!

I am looking forward to working with you through the summer break as we prepare for the fall semester. I expect to get to know each of you this summer. ECE 1111 is a much more advanced course than you are expecting, and is now required of all students in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

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I am going to send you a series of emails designed to help you prepare for this course. Please read them carefully and pay attention.

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The first thing I am going to tell you is that most of you will ignore this message. I get that... as they say.

But once the semester begins, and students start failing exams and quizzes left and right, they all say the same thing – I wish I would have spent the summer preparing for this course like Dr. Picone said... Typically 50% of the students enrolled in the class drop the class by the end of the semester because they quickly fall behind and fail. I do not want that to happen to any of you, so consider yourself forewarned...

Getting a jump start on this class during the summer when you have more time is absolutely critical. You need to develop a number of general computing skills this summer. I will walk you through these and am here to help.

I am looking forward to working with each of you. You will work harder than you can imagine, but you will learn a lot more than you can imagine if you are willing to put adequate effort into this course.

Let's get started!

–Joe