Subject: ECE 1111: Engineering Computation I (Fall 2023): 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 graduation (congrats to all our Spring 2023 graduates. You will make it there
someday if you can get past this course!).

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. We have a lot of fun in this course
and I hope each of you will look back on it as a life-changing experience. This course is run a
little differently than a typical college course. For example, we start work before the course
begins 😉

We have an excellent course instruction team assembled for you. You can reach them at the
listserv CC'ed above. They are all undergrads who completed this course and scored at the top of
their classes. They know their stuff and equally important, they know what you are about to go
through. They can be a great help to you.

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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 break when you have more time is absolutely
critical. You need to develop a number of general computing skills this summer. Equally
important, we will spend time this summer on your professional development. 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