

Subject: ECE 1111: Engineering Computation I (Spring 2024): 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 Fall 2023 graduates. You will make it there someday if you can get past this course!

Since we only have about a month 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 winter break as we prepare for the spring semester. I expect to get to know each of you over the break. 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 😊

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