

Subject: Fwd: ECE 1111: Engineering Computation I (Fall 2024): HW #8 - Advising Spreadsheets

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I have received a number of programs of study for this assignment. I want to reiterate the most important point about this exercise – predicting when you will graduate!

Many of your programs of study do not have dates filled in for all your classes – particularly those classes you must take two or three years from now to graduate. That concerns me.

To underscore this point, the first time I meet you, I am going to ask you in what semester do you plan to graduate 😊 You better have a good answer!

It is important you understand every decision you make now impacts your future course schedule. While you might have some graduation date in mind, unexpected changes in your plan in your first year are going to impact things down the line. Graduation in four years, for example, requires a specific academic path which most of our students find difficult to follow (just being honest here, not judging you).

I want each of you to actively maintain your POS so that you understand each semester where you stand with respect to graduation after each semester. This has been a huge issue over the years – students in ECE 1111 do not understand the urgency of working hard and keeping on track in those first few semesters, and then they are disappointed when they find out it will take another year to graduate.

Now, don't get me wrong. We love having you in our program, and love having you pay lots of tuition... it is good for business as my dad used to say 😊

But, I want you to graduate as quickly as possible, or in a time frame that meets your expectations (and our GPA requirements 😊). This means you have to have a very clear idea how things happening now will impact things two years from now. You need to be in control of your future!

So please take a moment and tentatively pencil in the semesters you plan to take EVERY course in your program, and make sure you discuss this with your advisor. If you stay on top of this, you will most likely graduate earlier because you are properly motivated to stay on track.

If you want to discuss this with me, I am more than willing to. I'll even show you how to edit your spreadsheet with emacs 😊

–Joe

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Over the years we have seen students struggle with their graduation plans – when will I graduate? what courses do I need to take to graduate? etc.

The college's advising office wants to work closely with students to make sure they have a firm grasp on their specific academic plan.

Towards this goal, I will give you 200 points of extra credit if you:

- (1) meet with your advisor on your course selections
- (2) have your advisor send me an updated copy of your academic plan that shows when you will graduate and what courses you need to take to graduate.

It is understood that this plan will change. However, it is important that every semester you update this plan and have a very clear idea what courses you need to graduate.

-Joe