Important Information for
Fall 2020 – Semester

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Undergraduate Programs Office (206 Engineering Hall)

- **Add/Drop Policies** - most students will not get a hold. Most students will use Enterprise/Self-Service for course changes after day 10. Exceptions to use Add/Drop Portal after day 10 are for graduating seniors, student who missed the mandatory Success Meeting, underload or overload after Day 10, adding a full semester class after Day 10. [http://go.grainger.illinois.edu/EmailCollegePolicies](http://go.grainger.illinois.edu/EmailCollegePolicies)

- **Underload** – no approval needed (prior to Day 10) to start with fewer than 12 hours (except international students; students with financial aid should check. Students should check part-time status ok with their medical insurance too).

- **Undergraduates Program Office (UPO) – Advising** [http://go.grainger.illinois.edu/EmailCollegePolicies](http://go.grainger.illinois.edu/EmailCollegePolicies)

- **Contact UPO** [http://go.engineering.illinois.edu/Contacts](http://go.engineering.illinois.edu/Contacts)

CEE Undergraduate Advising

Becky Stillwell and Greg Coughlin will also be holding Open Office Hours for Walk-In questions via Zoom, dates TBD. More information will be provided once they are scheduled.

**ADVISING SCHEDULE – Fall 2020**

- MWF (9-11 or 9-12)

- TuTh (2-4pm)

- **Advising appointments can be made here** [https://calendly.com/rborden/undegraduate-onlineadvising](https://calendly.com/rborden/undegraduate-onlineadvising) (Is connected to my Zoom through this website once you register for an appointment.)

- **Advising Hours are available beginning – August 17**

- Students can request a **Face to Face (F2F) meeting by appointment only**: this would be for extenuating circumstances, or situations that may call for an in-person meeting, leave of absence, returning home for the semester, etc.

*Note: Please know that I am here for all undergraduate students in CEE and I do plan to make this a good semester! I will be available even if I’m not physically in my office in Newmark every day!*
Textbooks Fall 2020

Students can only order Textbooks Online: The Illini Union Bookstore will not be allowing individuals to shop in-store for textbooks. Students need to order textbooks and course materials online. They can be shipped directly to home, or picked up on campus. Pick up will be held at the Illini Union, starting August 16. Students can get their textbooks and PPE kit at the same time.

Fall Proficiency Exams – MATH, CHEM, and PHYS:

MATH Proficiency Exams

- Regular August Math proficiency exam
  Saturday, August 29, 9am-12pm Central Time, online

- Calculus, linear algebra, and differential equations are amongst the offerings; students may take ONE proficiency exam on the August 29 date if eligible.

- Registration will be open from August 17 until 12pm (noon) Central Time on August 26.

- Results of this exam will be released in time for students to update their fall schedules before the September 4 add deadline, if needed.

- Our next exams will take place in early October and in January.

- More information and the registration link may be found at: https://math.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/mathematics-proficiency-examinations

- Students needing special accommodations, such as religious conflicts with the scheduled dates or DRES accommodations for extra time, should register as soon as possible for the new student exam and as close to August 17 as possible for the August 29 exam, and then email math-proficiency@illinois.edu to discuss their accommodations.

- Students who cannot find the answer to their questions on that page may email math-proficiency@illinois.edu, and we request that students include their 9-digit UIN.

PHYS Proficiency Exams

- https://physics.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduates/proficiencyexams

CHEM Proficiency Exams

- https://chemistry.illinois.edu/academics/general-chemistry/chemistry-proficiency-exam

CS Proficiency Exams

First of all, for students interested in minoring in CS, we have good news. We are excited to share that we are working towards the goal of increasing capacity in all our core classes this Fall. During the 2020-21 academic year (i.e., Fall 2020 and Spring 2021), the CS Department is committed to providing enough
capacity in the core courses for our minor (CS 125, CS 173, and CS 225) to accommodate all students who are interested and who meet the prerequisites.

Knowing how popular CS courses are to non-majors, as well, we’re passing on the information we now have for proficiency exams for CS 101, 105, 125, 173, and 225, which will be conducted online (students need not be on campus) August 17-21. Students interested in potentially taking CS proficiency exams should visit the CS proficiency website here: https://proficiency.cs.illinois.edu/

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**Student Registration & Address Information**

- Online courses with a scheduled meeting time are likely meeting synchronously during that meeting time. Online courses with an “arranged” meeting time are likely being taught asynchronously. Courses with a meeting location should be meeting face-to-face and there may be additional details, especially regarding distributed attendance, in the section notes in the campus Class Schedule in Course Explorer. Students located outside the United States for whom a synchronous class would be occurring in the middle of the night should contact the course instructor to learn what, if any, flexibility will be offered to them. *Note: I know instructors were quite accommodating in the spring and I believe that will continue in the fall, but of course that’s up to the instructor.*

- As indicated by the student massmail that went out, we are asking *students to provide us with the address for the location where they will be living this semester. This is so that we know who should be required to participate in COVID-19 testing and who needs access to student health services.* Students who plan to reside in the Champaign-Urbana area for any amount of time should enter that Champaign-Urbana address even if they expect their location to change during the semester, or if they are arriving after the start of the semester. This address can be updated after August 17, if necessary. If a student does not enter anything, we will assume they are local.

- *International students who must quarantine should enter the address where they will be living for the majority of the semester, even if they are quarantining in a different location.*

- The instructions for address entry ask students to use a start date of 08/01/2020. It’s okay to enter that date even if they aren’t arriving until the 17th or later. It’s also ok if they enter the start date as the 17th – 24th. We just need a start date in that field.