Fall 2020 FAQs for CEE Students

If I am unable to be on campus this fall will I be able to take courses online?
- Yes! All CEE courses will have an ONL (online) section. We do encourage anyone who is on campus and not at “high risk” to attend in-person classes, but understand if you choose to opt for an online option. A hybrid of course options will be available: Distributed, Partial Remote or Face-to-Face (F2F).

When you refer to Hybrid classes and give the options of Distributed, Partial Remote, and F2F, what does that mean with regard to class setup?
- **Face to Face**—all students attend each class meeting per the existing calendar of meetings.
- **Distributed Attendance**—physical attendance for this section will be distributed across meeting dates. For example, for a traditional Tuesday/Thursday offering, one half of the class attends in-person on Tuesday and the other half of the class attends on Thursday. In-person instruction is supplemented with synchronous or asynchronous online components. For in-person days in this plan, instructors must monitor attendance daily to ensure that students only attend the day to which they are assigned, to maintain room capacity limits per social distancing.
- **Partial Remote Attendance**—physical attendance for this section will be limited to the appropriate room capacity with additional students engaging online or through remote means. In this option, only some of the class will attend in person, and other students will have to engage online. This option is best for sections serving international students or others whom the unit knows will not be able to be on campus in the fall.

If I am in a class that is “distributed” meeting Tu/Th and I show up on a wrong day, can I still attend class?
- No. Students will not be able to attend classes for distributed courses except on the day they are told to attend by the instructor. This is important to keep within social distancing measures. If you are to attend class on Tuesday please only show up for that day/dates. Same is true for a M/W course if you are to attend Wednesday, show up only on that day/dates.

If I am attending a partial remote class, do I have an option to be in class or take it completely online?
- Yes! You do have an option to take the course in person for the full semester or online for the full semester, but you will not do both, you will select only one of those options and continue with it throughout the semester.

Will I be able to take courses outside of CEE online if I am a student who needs MATH, CHEM, PHYS, or other requirements?
- Yes! Typical Freshman engineering courses will be available online for students who are freshman or sophomores who still need these classes, they are MATH (Calculus sequence: MATH 220/221, 231, or 241), CHEM (Chemistry sequence, CHEM 102/103 104/105), PHYS (sequence PHYS 211, 212, 213) RHET 101 or 105, and all ESL courses, and a section of ENG 100 for those remote learners. More information will be available on other department courses on August 1, on Course Explorer.
Will I be able to make changes to my current schedule for Fall 2020?

- Yes! Updated fall time ticket information was made available on July 14 (see [https://registrar.illinois.edu/registration/registration-process/revised-reg-fall-20/](https://registrar.illinois.edu/registration/registration-process/revised-reg-fall-20/) for groups with approximate dates and times), and Course Explorer will return to live mode August 1. Once your time ticket is available you can change your fall classes to reflect the hybrid course options.

Will Proficiency Exams be available online this fall?

- Yes! Exams will be available for dates and information regarding the format of the exam please use this website: [https://citl.illinois.edu/citl-101/measurement-evaluation/placement-proficiency/proficiency-testing/subjects-with-proficiency-exams](https://citl.illinois.edu/citl-101/measurement-evaluation/placement-proficiency/proficiency-testing/subjects-with-proficiency-exams)

- Students who are delaying admission should not take proficiency exams now and should instead wait until the semester when they will be enrolled (SP21 or FA21).

Will I be required to wear a mask on campus, in public or during my classes?

- Yes! Masks will be required for all students who attend classes on campus, in any public place on campus or elsewhere. The exception would be if a student/person would have an underlying health issue that would prevent them from wearing a mask.

Will classrooms be equipped with social distancing restrictions?

- Yes! Classrooms in CEE and elsewhere on campus will be reduced in size, to allocate for social distancing guidelines, many classrooms will have 20-30% less capacity. This is the reason for the hybrid course options mentioned in question 1 & 3.

Will classrooms be equipped with hand sanitizer and masks if someone was to forget their mask?

- I expect classrooms in CEE and throughout campus will have sanitizer in the classroom and other locations throughout the buildings. The CEE Department is still looking into the possibility of supplying extra masks. I would recommend having more than one mask available for in-person class sections.

What will advising look like for Fall 2020, how can I meet with my faculty advisor or Becky Stillwell?

- You will need to reach out to your faculty advisor by email to set up a meeting or Zoom call.

- Becky will be offering online Zoom Advising Meetings for all undergraduate students. Hours will be MWF – 10-12 and TuTh 2-4pm as in previous semesters. Meetings will be scheduled for 30 minutes through Calendly: [https://calendly.com/rborden/undegraduate-onlineadvising](https://calendly.com/rborden/undegraduate-onlineadvising)

- Becky will be available for in person meetings by appointment. Those meetings can be made through arrangements with Becky. The appointments will be held in a conference room where masks will be required and social distancing can be followed.

- Becky/Greg – will host “walk in” online advising hours for students who have general questions that need to be answered we will host these hours two or three days per week at the start of the semester (first two weeks) and during registration in November.

- Becky/Greg will not have our normal walk-in office hours available, however, we are here to assist undergraduates, as we understand this semester on campus will be different than previous semesters and we want to help you make the transition back to campus. Please reach out to either Greg or I with any questions or concerns you may have, our contact information can be found at the end of this document.
How will I submit my academic program or other forms? How will this be handled during the fall semester, will I still need to submit a paper copy?

- All academic program plans will be handled electronically through email. This form and other information important to students will be available on the CEE website. A web page address will be provided before the start of the semester.
- Other forms for Study Abroad, Drop/Add, or Credit/No Credit will need to be answered by those offices, but we expect there will be some type of online form available.

Will Credit/No Credit be available for all classes this semester?
- No!
- Students are required to have a grade for all required courses.
- Free elective classes can be used for Credit/No Credit.

Can CEE student organizations host monthly meetings?
- Yes! As long as masks are worn by all participants and social distancing is followed. It will be important for student organization to meet in either 1310 or 2311 Newmark as you will need to follow the room capacities for social distancing: 49 – 1310 Newmark and 36 – 2311 Newmark.
- CEE Dept. is requesting 3 board member names from each organization that will have access to the Newmark classrooms after hours, for general meetings for setup. A form will be sent to all student leaders.
- Guest Speakers and all general meetings need to be hosted by a Zoom Webinar presentation.
- Outdoor meetings is an option that could be taken into account this semester, weather permitting.

Will there be a Fall 2020 CEE Job Fair?
- Yes! Due to COVID, this year’s Job fair will be entirely virtual and will be utilizing the Vfairs platform. More information will be sent to students in early September to help prepare you for virtual recruitment this fall. Take a moment to watch this Vfairs demo https://player.vimeo.com/video/400196699

Will there be Backpack to Briefcase this fall?
- Yes! Backpack to Briefcase is a 9-session informational series that helps students prepare for fall recruiting. Fall 2020 B2B series will be offered virtually, on Zoom webinar. Registration and zoom links will be sent out in September. https://cee.illinois.edu/academics/career-prep/about-backpack-briefcase-series

If I have questions about fall recruiting, job fairs, company information sessions, or B2B sessions, who can I contact?
- Please contact Keely Ashman – Alumni & Corporate Relations at kashman@illinois.edu.

Will the Newmark Administration Office be open in Fall 2020?
- No - we expect the office to be closed as most staff are continuing to work from home.
If I have questions about the semester or other academic questions, who I can contact?

- Please contact Becky Stillwell – Senior Academic Advisor at rborden@illinois.edu or by phone at (217) 333-3812.
- Please contact: Greg Coughlin – Undergraduate Program Coordinator, gcoughli@illinois.edu or by phone at: (217) 265-5539
- For more about the campus response to COVID19, including information and updates, testing locations and other resources, visit https://covid19.illinois.edu/