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About Seminar

What is the purpose of Freshman Seminar?
Freshman Seminar (ENGR 0081) is designed with the needs of first-year Engineering students in mind. The main objectives are to:

• Help ease the transition from high school to college by helping you discover new information, plan for future goals, and act upon those plans to achieve success in your first year and beyond.

• Educate you about the different fields of Engineering study and help you select your major if you’re not sure which field is right for you.

How Is Freshman Seminar structured?
There are two components of Freshman Seminar:

Large Group Meetings
All first-year Engineering students attend the large group meetings together. These meetings will help you gain a better understanding of the various fields of Engineering. No matter what major you choose (and if you don’t know yet, that’s okay!) you will likely someday work with engineers of various disciplines, so having a good understanding of each field is important. These meetings will also provide resources to help you with certain Engineering 0011 and 0012 (or 0711/0712) assignments.

Small Group Recitation Meetings
The small group recitation sections are comprised of about 18 students per section, and are grouped according to an interest that the students in the class share. They are led by Peer Advisors (see next page). The recitation sections will help connect you to others in the freshman class and also put you in touch with a successful upperclass student. The recitation section will focus on acquainting you with local and campus resources and provide you with tips and tools for academic success.

How often does Freshman Seminar meet?
Both the large group seminar and the small group recitation sections meet once per week as follows:

• Large Group Meeting: Tuesdays at 12:00 or 1:00 PM
• Small Group Recitation Meeting: Time and location are based on chosen session. (Read on in this booklet for day/time options.)
About Seminar (cont.)

Who are these Peer Advisors?
Peer Advisors are Engineering students, just like you, who are here first and foremost to help you, answer your questions, and provide you with information that will help you be successful in your first year. They have walked the path on which you are about to embark as a first year Engineering student and they want to share the lessons they’ve learned and answer any questions you may have about academics, extracurricular activities, balancing school and fun, and anything else you may want to ask. Peer Advisors are great listeners too, and they’re willing to help if you need to bounce ideas off of someone or discuss a problem or frustration that you may be experiencing.

Peer Advisors:
- Are members of the Freshman Engineering Leadership Team (FELT) in the Freshman Engineering Program office.
- Lead the small group recitation sections of Seminar.
- Conduct one-on-one meetings with the students in their Seminar recitation section.
- Serve as a resource for certain Engineering 0011 and 0012 (or 0711 and 0712) assignments.
- Are willing to communicate with their freshmen outside of class via phone/email/appointments.

What kinds of topics will my Peer Advisor cover in Seminar Recitation?
Your Peer Advisor knows that most freshmen in the Swanson School of Engineering never had to study very hard in high school. And he/she knows that the workload in Freshman Engineering is a major change for most freshmen—even the best and the brightest. To help you adjust to this new and incredibly demanding workload, Peer Advisors will talk about topics such as time management, study skills, stress management, developing relationships with professors and advisors, and where to go for help if you need it.

Peer Advisors also know that in order to get the full experience of college life, it’s important to take Pitt up on all of the many fun opportunities it has to offer. Your Peer Advisor will help you get to know Pitt and the city of Pittsburgh a little better and also help you connect to fun and exciting campus opportunities.
As you may have guessed from what you’ve read so far, signing up for the Seminar recitation section and the Peer Advisor that are right for you is the first step in having a successful and enjoyable Seminar experience.

**How do I select a Seminar recitation section?**

**STEP ONE: Figure out your academic schedule.**
Before you can register for a section of Freshman Engineering Seminar, you will need to first schedule your main academic courses. Knowing your schedule (and putting it on a Trial Schedule Form—available in your Pittstart materials folder—so that it makes sense to you visually) will help you determine which time slots you have available to attend a Peer Advisor-led Seminar recitation section.

**STEP TWO: Pick a Seminar recitation section that interests you.**
All of the Seminar recitation groups and the Peer Advisors who lead them are listed in this booklet. All you need to do is find a few that sound interesting to you that fit your schedule. We ask you to pick three choices and to rank-order them in case your first or second choice has already been filled. The classes only hold about 17 students each, so it’s possible that you may need two or three options that fit your schedule. There are many to choose from, and it will be helpful to keep in mind that one of the important aspects of college is learning about and experiencing things that are new to you.

A good way to decide on a Seminar recitation is to consider the following:
- Can you meet on the day/time the section is scheduled to meet? Does the section fit into your schedule?
- What interest areas appeal to you the most?
- Who is the Peer Advisor? Might you share interests with him or her?

**STEP THREE: Enter your Seminar lecture and recitation on your Enrollment Form.**
Once you have determined which groups you might want to choose, fill in your top three Seminar Recitation choices on your Trial Schedule Form. Once you have filled in the form completely with your Seminar information as well as that for all of your other electives/classes, you are ready for course registration.

Katherine Colwell
Civil Engineering
Sophomore
Greenville, SC

Freshman year of Pitt engineering is a wonderful and challenging experience. Freshman seminar will be a place to address the difficulties that tend to come with this year, meet new people, and celebrate your accomplishments. We’ll discuss the important stuff, such as: time management skills, living hours away from home, dorm life, and keeping good grades.

We’ll also watch The Office and learn a lot of things like:

“Fact: I am faster than 80% of all snakes.”
-Dwight Schrute

CLASS NUMBER: 20467

MEETING TIME: Monday, 10:00-10:50 AM
All In
A Seminar for Poker Players

Your Peer Advisor:
• CJ Stavrakos
• Industrial Engineering
• Junior
• Radnor, Pa

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If you’re good at math and statistics, then you’re likely a good poker player. Skill sets that make a good engineer can also serve you well at the table. Whether you’ve played before, or don’t know the difference between a spade and a club, join this seminar to enjoy the game. When we have time, we’ll play as many hands as possible!

CLASS NUMBER: 14456
MEETING TIME: Monday, 11:00-11:50 AM
Every week, we will discuss different topics that a freshman engineer may face like schoolwork and time management. This seminar is focused on you and your transition into the Swanson School of Engineering. I am here every step of the way to provide insight and resources for helping you adjust to Pitt. But remember, just because you came to college doesn’t mean that you can’t still keep some of your childhood!

Who doesn’t love Disney? Mix a little bit of the old with the new in this Disney-packed seminar. Every week, we will blast away the weekly blues with a timeless classic chosen by you. So if you are a fan of Disney/Pixar movies and love to relax and unwind by watching a few, this seminar is definitely for you!

The Wonderful World of Disney!

CLASS NUMBER: 14436  MEETING TIME: Monday, 12:00-12:50 PM
Undecided?!?
I want to be an engineer, but I don’t know what kind!

Do you know you want to be an engineer, but you’re not sure what kind? If so, then join this seminar to meet other Freshman engineers who share the same question! No one can be 100% sure what they want to major in, so why not get a first hand look at all the different disciplines!

Your Peer Advisor:
• Angela Litvin
• Industrial Engineering
• Junior
• Johnstown, PA

Freshman seminar is a place to meet other engineers with whom you already share a common interest. In this seminar, we will bring in other undergrad students to talk about their experiences in different engineering disciplines. We will play games that help you to familiarize yourself with each curriculum and help you decide on a direction! We will also spend some time talking about your adjustment to freshman year. We can discuss study tips, time management skills, and other transitional topics.

We will do our best to help you have the best freshman experience possible!

CLASS NUMBER: 14438
MEETING TIME: Monday, 1:00-1:50 PM
Getting To Know Oakland

Alicia Kolling
Bioengineering
Senior
Latrobe, PA

New to the area and want to find out what Oakland has to offer? From the area, but want to learn about what fun things there are to do on campus?

Either way, this is the place for you! This seminar is designed to help you successfully transition from high school to college. We will discuss important things you’ll encounter during your freshman year in engineering (like time management, study tips, roommate conflicts, etc.). In addition, we will spend some time exploring the exciting activities offered on and around Pitt’s campus. Basically, we’ll have fun getting to know each other while tackling freshman years issues and discovering what makes PITT so great!

HAIL TO PITT!

CLASS NUMBER: 14563
MEETING TIME: Monday, 1:00-1:50 PM
That Seminar Cray
A seminar for Hip-hop, Rap, and R&B music

Your Peer Advisor
-Gian Garcia
-Junior
-Industrial Engineer
-Bushkill, PA

Are you in to Hip-hop, Rap, and R&B? Are you always up to date on the latest mix-tapes or upcoming artists? Do you write your own raps or make beats in your free time? If you've answered yes to any of these questions, then this seminar is for you! By joining this seminar, you'll meet other engineers who share the same musical interests as you do!

In this seminar, we'll listen to songs we like, songs from our favorite artists, songs straight out the booth, and even songs that you've made (if you're brave enough to let us listen, that is). We'll also discuss important issues you may face during your freshman year like a roommate you don't like, adjustment issues, or the stress from being a student in the engineering school, but don’t worry! We can always just kick back, throw some tunes on, and chill.

CLASS NUMBER: 25911
MEETING TIME: Monday, 4:00-4:50 PM
Now that you’re in college, you probably feel like there is a million things to think about--and that’s not even including your schoolwork! This Freshman Engineering Seminar is designed to help you deal with some of those first year challenges: roommate issues, time management, and knowing how to get around your campus. You’ll even be able to meet other engineering students that share your passion for comedy!

Are you kind of a big deal? Are you trying to convince your roommate to bunk your beds so there’s more room for activities? Have you ever met Neil Patrick Harris while on a crazy road trip adventure to get some White Castle? If you answered yes to any of these (or know what they’re referencing) then this is ultimate comedy seminar designed with you in mind! No leather bound books required!

CLASS NUMBER: 25897

MEETING TIME: Monday, 4:00-4:50 PM
Freshman Seminar is a class to help you in the transition from High School to College. We will discuss important topics such as exams, managing your time, and how to get involved on campus. This is where all your questions should be answered. Our time will be spent on you, the freshman engineer, to make sure you have the best freshman year possible.

Do you want to do something different every week? If so this seminar may be for you! What we do will change for every class. I have plenty of plans but bring your ideas of what you like. Like it says, anything goes.

CLASS NUMBER: 14447
MEETING TIME: Monday, 6:00-6:50 PM
This seminar will include:

• Study and survival skills for freshman year engineering
• Peer advice on getting around Oakland and Pittsburgh
• Interaction and bonding with peers to work together to survive physics, chemistry, calculus, and engineering analysis classes
• Games, trivia, and discussions on Pittsburgh sports topics, and the teams above
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Pittsburgh Sports: Pat O’Donnell

CLASS NUMBER: 14440
MEETING TIME: Monday, 7:00-7:50 PM
Fantastic Fantasy Football and French Onion Dip

A seminar for fantasy football fanatics!

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CLASS NUMBER: 25912
MEETING TIME: Tuesday, 9:00-9:50 AM
Meet Your Peer Advisor!

- Gian Garcia
- Junior
- Industrial Engineer
- Bushkill, PA

Do you enjoy watching the TV series “How I Met Your Mother”? Are you a fan of great TV comedies with compelling storylines? If either of these interest you, then you should join this seminar! By joining this seminar, you’ll get a chance to meet other freshmen who have the same taste in comedy and TV that you do!

In this seminar, we will be discussing the important issues that you may face as a freshman engineer at the University of Pittsburgh. These include such things as problems with your roommate, difficulty with adjusting to being away from home, and stress-relieving techniques to help deal with the engineering workload. However, this seminar isn’t all about the serious stuff! We’ll also watch an episode of How I Met Your Mother every class so you can relax, laugh, and have a good time!

CLASS NUMBER: 14448
MEETING TIME: Tuesday, 10:00-10:50 AM
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Your Peer Advisor:
- Julia Wasas
- Junior
- Industrial Engineering

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CLASS NUMBER: 14460
MEETING TIME: Tuesday, 11:00-11:50 AM
Freshman Engineering Seminar is designed to help make the transition from high school to college easier on incoming engineering freshmen. In Seminar we will discuss many of the important issues you will face during your first semester here such as: time management, grades, roommate conflicts, scheduling and more. With a Peer Advisor leading this class, small seminar is a great place to have all of your questions answered by someone who has already been in your shoes. Not to mention, you will also get to meet other engineering freshmen!

Your Peer Advisor:
- Jann Grovogui
- Material Science and Engineering
- Sophomore
- Baltimore, MD

After a long week of work do you find it enjoyable to just kick back and relax and meditate? Who wouldn’t? In our free time will have the opportunity to meditate and relieve ourselves of any stress we may have experienced during the week so we can leave class renewed and ready to take on the rest of the day. If you love to relax and would like to be in a seminar with other cool headed and like minded people this is definitely the seminar for you.

CLASS NUMBER: 14450
MEETING TIME: Tuesday, 3:00-3:50 PM
In Freshman Seminar we will be talking about the challenges that engineering freshman usually face and all the ways solve them. These problems may range from roommate issues, to adding or dropping classes, to registering for classes, to studying for midterms and finals and anything else you can think of! Having an older engineering student to connect with is also a great opportunity. You will have a fellow student you can talk to while also having a reliable source that may be able to help with any challenges you may be facing (after all we all survived freshman year so we know what you are dealing with).

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- Jann Grovogui
- Material Science and Engineering
- Sophomore
- Baltimore, MD

Are you that one friend who always says “OMG I have to show you this hilarious YouTube video!”? If the answer to this question is “Yes” then this is definitely the seminar for you. When we aren't discussing the important issues of freshman year, we will combine our arsenal of comedic YouTube videos and channels in order to make ourselves laugh until we cry…..and no, you won’t be judged for crying. This way we will have a great stress outlet and you can leave seminar feeling better than ever.

CLASS NUMBER: 14439  MEETING TIME: Tuesday, 4:00-4:50 PM
Balancing everything as a freshman engineer can make it difficult to stay physically, emotionally, and mentally healthy. This seminar gives you the opportunity to carve some healthy time into your schedule. We’ll go on runs/walks, eat some healthy snacks, do a good deed, or whatever else the class decides on. Come take care of yourself in healthy living seminar!

Your Peer Advisor:
Katherine Colwell
Civil Engineering
Sophomore
Grenville, SC

CLASS NUMBER: 19111
MEETING TIME: Tuesday, 4:00-4:50 PM
A Seminar for anyone who loves a good laugh!

Love Big Bang Theory? Me too! Face it, you’re going to school for engineering, the probability of meeting people like this has just multiplied by a million. Each week we will relax with an episode of BBT or have some fun with a BBT-related activity, you choose!

Living with a Sheldon Cooper? Starting to feel like Penny surrounded by super geniuses? Every week, we will discuss problems like these that freshman engineers face. This seminar is focused on you and your transition into the Swanson School of Engineering. I am here every step of the way to provide insight and resources for helping you adjust to Pitt!

CLASS NUMBER: 25915
MEETING TIME: Wednesday, 9:00-9:50 AM
Your Peer Advisor:
- Chris Bistline
- Industrial Engineering
- Junior
- Altoona, PA

Want to be successful as you transition from high school to college? Freshman Engineering Seminar will help you to do just that! Topics will range anywhere from discussing how to deal with difficult classes to dealing with roommate issues to how to manage your time and so much more. By meeting other Freshman Engineers and providing you with the necessary information, we can work together to make this transition as smooth as possible.

-Do you watch The Big Bang Theory a little too much? In this seminar, that is completely ok! When we aren’t discussing important issues to help you transition smoothly, we will watch all The Big Bang Theory.
Getting To Know Oakland

Alicia Kolling
Bioengineering
Senior
Latrobe, PA

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CLASS NUMBER: 14452
MEETING TIME: Wednesday, 12:00-12:50 PM
If reality TV is your guilty pleasure, you are not alone; there are many engineers who like to kick back and indulge in TV just a little too much! Watch shows like Jersey Shore, Survivor, Extreme Couponing, Wipeout, Tool Academy, and many more! It is up to you what we watch: trashy, athletic, heartfelt, or funny! Come laugh, cry, and everything in between with your classmates. But most importantly, relax!

This is a relaxing and comfortable way to meet friends while watching some of your favorite shows! This seminar will also help you with your first semester at the Swanson School of Engineering by discussing the issues that most students face (bad grades, roommate disagreements, homesickness etc.) and provide you with info about the help and many programs Pitt has to offer.

Abigail Stein
Civil Engineering
Senior
South Park, PA
Par for the Course

A seminar for the golfers among us!

Do you enjoy spending countless hours on the luscious greens of the golf course? Or, in contrast, do you enjoy spending countless hours residing on the plush comfort of your couch watching the pros birdie hole after hole? If so, then join Par for the Course to meet other Freshman engineers who share the same passion for golf! Golf happens to be one of the most popular sports among engineers (guys AND girls) here at Pitt! The calculative nature of the game seems to attract the same type of people who are drawn to engineering.

Freshman seminar is a place to meet other engineers with whom you already share a common interest. In this seminar, we can go hit some wiffle golf balls in Schenley Park on sunny days, or play some golf trivia on rainy days. We can even have a competition to see who can decorate the best golf ball to win a sleeve or two of Pro-Vs (or another ball or your choice)! In addition to our golf related activities, we will spend some time talking about your adjustment to freshman year. We can discuss study tips, time management skills, and other transitional topics.

We will do our best to help you achieve a Par (or even a birdie) on all your courses!

CLASS NUMBER: 14564
MEETING TIME: Wednesday, 4:00-4:50 PM
If yes, then you may stop browsing the seminar catalog because you have just found the seminar for you! There is honestly no better seminar for an engineering band member than a seminar run by one. I can tell you how to best manage your time while getting the most out your time here at Pitt in a more than relaxed environment with your fellow band friends! We'll cover various issues that may arise your freshman year such as trouble with roommates, grades, professors and much, much more! At the end of each seminar, we'll have the chance to hang out with games and other various awesome activities!!
Do you have a love for board games? A like of board games? Do you know what a board game is? WELL THAT’S JUST FANTASTIC! This is the seminar for you!!! In this seminar you will have the chance to play some relaxing and/or exciting board games, meet new people and make new friends.

In this seminar, we will discuss a multitude of things that may occur during your freshman year, such as troubles with grades, roommates, teachers and time management. Though we’ll also spend time playing some cool board games!
Fantastic Fantasy Football and French Onion Dip

A seminar for fantasy football fanatics!

Gregory Williamson
Sophomore
Bioengineering
Victor, NY

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CLASS NUMBER: 25913
MEETING TIME: Thursday, 9:00-9:50 AM
Let’s face it: no matter how many APs you’ve taken, no matter how READY you are to leave home, odds are you have no idea what engineering is really like. Luckily, this seminar is here to help you ease into the program! We will talk about anything and everything from roommate issues, managing all that “free” time, choosing a major, and how to have fun amidst it all. Little seminar will encourage you to ask questions, meet new people, and feel confident about kick-starting your college career.

You know you’re a 90s child when heads can be shaped like footballs, green slime is okay to eat (off of you body), and Cynthia really was a good dancer. Aside from discussing college transition issues, we will relax, watch, and reminisce about our favorite childhood classics within this seminar!
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Pittsburgh Sports: Pat O’Donnell

CLASS NUMBER: 25914
MEETING TIME: Thursday, 12:00-12:50 PM
He Shoots He Scores!
...A Basketball Seminar

Did you play basketball in high school? Did you *not* play basketball in high school? Do you love to throw things into hoops? If you answered yes to any of these questions this Freshman Seminar might be the one for you! For this seminar, we will meet once a week to run off all of our stresses in a good ol’ basketball game. It will be the perfect opportunity for you to meet people with similar interests as you, make new friends, and learn how to become an active teammate!

Alex Tadla, The Peer Advisor..

- Civil Engineering
- Senior
- Youngstown, OH

This seminar will also help you with the transition from high school to college. We will discuss all of the difficulties freshman year brings, including work load, time management, study skills, and roommates. This seminar will show you that you are not alone, and everyone is going through similar hardships. Together, we can get through freshman year!

CLASS NUMBER: 14449
MEETING TIME: Thursday, 1:00-1:50 PM
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Abigail Stein
Civil Engineering
Senior
South Park, PA
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CLASS NUMBER: 14455 MEETING TIME: Thursday, 3:00-3:50 PM
Engineering a Champion
A Seminar for Fantasy Football Junkies

Your Peer Advisor:
• CJ Stavrakos
• Industrial Engineering
• Junior
• Radnor, Pa

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Quants have revolutionized sports from a front office perspective, and they’ve begun to take over the fantasy world as well. Whether you trust your gut or you trust the numbers, test your draft strategy against fellow engineers week in and week out. When we have time, we can go over the week’s major news, and try to negotiate the trade that will make you league champion!

CLASS NUMBER: 19910
MEETING TIME: Thursday, 6:00-6:50 PM
As you transition into college there are so many things to think about that it can be overwhelming. Where are the buildings your classes are in? Where are the good places to eat on campus? How do you balance good grades, sufficient sleep, and maybe some exercise while maintaining a social life? This Freshman Engineering Seminar is designed to help you deal with these and many other issues you may have. You’ll even be able to meet other engineering students and “K’nex” with them!

What was your favorite toy as a child? Buddy the stuffed dog? A hot wheels car? A Furbie? Or maybe it was K’nex—the toy you built for yourself! If it was the last, then this is the seminar for you! You’ll be able to relive the simple joys of childhood while working with your fellow engineers to build something amazing.

Your Peer Advisor:
• Brynn Aljoe
• Industrial Engineering
• Junior
• Apollo, PA

CLASS NUMBER: 20468
MEETING TIME: Friday, 11:00-11:50 AM
Like our beloved show, adjusting into college is unscripted. You have props and people to guide you, but the skit and role you play is up to you. This seminar is the prop that will help you transition into college and engineering more smoothly. We will talk about any issues, questions, or concerns you may have as you enter this new realm. You’ll meet new people, bond, and relax during little seminar. Guaranteed!

Aside from helping you transition into college, we will sit back and enjoy some classic Whose Line skits as time permits. This will be the perfect time to ease out of the day for a bit and bond over this hilarious common interest.
Games, Games, Games!!!

Your Peer Advisor
• Michelle Weaver
• Bioengineering
• Senior
• Pittsburgh, PA

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CLASS NUMBER: 14454
MEETING TIME: Friday, 1:00-1:50 PM
A Seminar for Musicians

Your Peer Advisor:
- Chris Bistline
- Industrial Engineering
- Junior
- Altoona, PA

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-Are you a musician? Are you part of your high school orchestra, band, jazz band, chorus, string ensemble? Maybe you have your own local band! Whatever the case, this seminar is for all who love (and love to play) music! We will try to attend a concert or two, listen to some great music, or even watch some shows with music as a central theme (The Voice, X-Factor, etc.)

CLASS NUMBER: 14459
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• Senior
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This seminar will also help you with the transition from high school to college. We will discuss all of the difficulties freshman year brings, including work load, time management, study skills, and roommates. This seminar will show you that you are not alone, and everyone is going through similar hardships. Together, we can get through freshman year!

CLASS NUMBER: 14457
MEETING TIME: Friday, 1:00-1:50 PM