

Study Guidelines for Engineering Students

Engineering is a professional degree (unlike any other undergraduate degree) & requires dedication, self-motivation & consistent work. Below is a set of guidelines- an expected pattern of behavior that is required in order to do well in any of the Engineering majors.

- ✚ Use campus resources at the FIRST question or problem – DO NOT wait for real trouble or allow yourself to fall behind.
- ✚ Study 36-48 hours per week OUTSIDE of class time. Study time is based on 3 hours for each hour spent in class (12 units needs 36 hours; 16 units needs 48 hours).
- ✚ Attend ALL lectures, discussion, labs, reviews (everything associated with your class-if you must miss for illness, get make-up notes.)
- ✚ Read AHEAD of lectures- be prepared for the topic of the day based on the syllabus that is provided on the first day of class.
- ✚ Outline & summarize notes from your books & lectures.
- ✚ Maintain a quarterly due date log & weekly study schedule (blank forms for you to copy & use are attached).
- ✚ Use campus resources- LARC study skills workshops, OAI tutors/mentors (free), Math, Physics & Chemistry Departmental tutoring (free), office hours, etc.
- ✚ Always do your homework (even if it is not required) & do extra practice problems-extra practice will prepare you for exams.
- ✚ Attend office hours regularly for both the professors & the TA's.
- ✚ Study on campus, at the library, OAI study center, or another study center. It is easy to become distracted when studying at home, apartment or dorm room. Find study space with the following link: <https://www.lib.uci.edu/study-space-locator>
- ✚ Find a reliable small study group & study regularly.
- ✚ Use adjunct books (references other than assigned texts) to gain perspective on your courses.
- ✚ Devote all available time during the day to academic work. Study between classes. Small patches of time can be used productively. Make efficient use of time management strategies seven days a week.
Yes, you CAN study on weekends!
- ✚ Learn the policies of the campus & follow them. If you have questions along the way, contact your academic counselor.

ASK FOR HELP AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE



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Physics Sciences Free Departmental Tutoring for
Chemistry: Rowland Hall 517 / Monday-Friday / sites.uci.edu/gcptutoring
Math: Rowland Hall 248,250 A/B / Mon-Fri / math.uci.edu/undergrad-courses/tutoring-assistance
Physics: Rowland Hall 158, 160 / Mon-Thurs/ physics.uci.edu/tutoring-schedule



Quarterly Deadline Schedule



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Weekly Schedule



Time Management

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Make sure to include lectures, labs, discussions, meal times, fun time & Study Time.

