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STUDENT ORIENTATION AND ADVISING

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TAGLIATELA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (TCOE)

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What does it take to be a successful student in the Tagliatela College of Engineering?

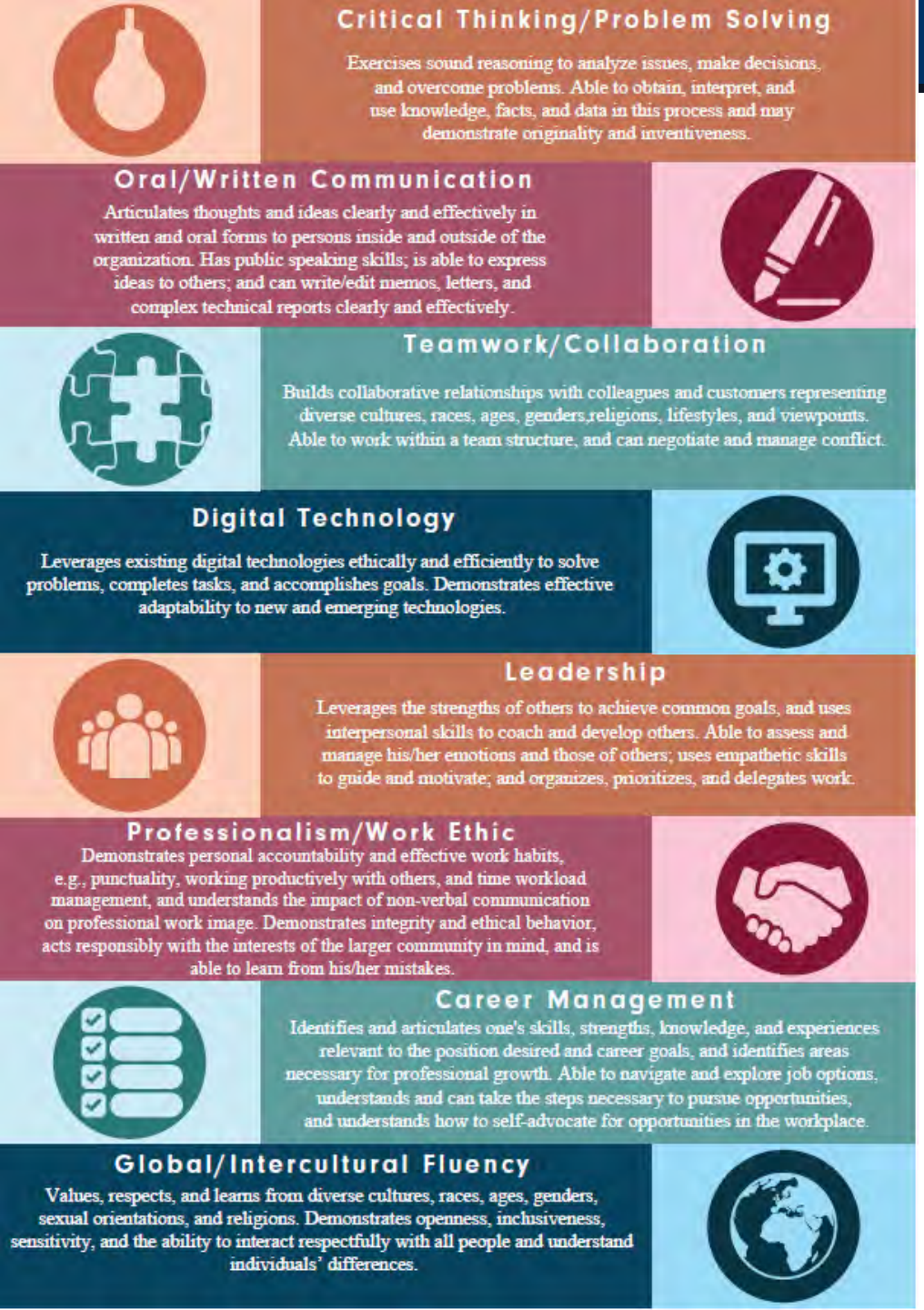
First Semester Curriculum

Engineering Students

Introduction to Engineering
Calculus 1
General Chemistry 1 or Physics 1
Seminar in Academic Inquiry and Writing (English)
Introduction to Communication

Computer Science and Cybersecurity Students

Introduction to Computing
Introduction to C Programming
Seminar in Academic Inquiry and Writing (English)
Pre-Calculus or Calculus 1
Core Curriculum Course



Your education is more than technical

"[My biggest mistake is probably] weighing too much on someone's talent and not someone's personality. I think it matters whether someone has a good heart."

- Elon Musk

NACE Top 8 skills desired by employers [1]

Nine Core Curriculum Competencies*

1: Written Communication
2: Oral Communication and Presentation
3: Mathematical and Quantitative Literacy
4: Scientific Exploration
5: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
6: Historical Perspectives
7: The Individual and Society
8: Global and Intercultural Awareness
9: Perspectives on Creative Arts

*Some Core competencies are pre-assigned with specific Math and Science Courses required for your degree program.

University Core Curriculum

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Once classes start

- Visit faculty during office hours, or make an appointment
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How to meet with your advisor

Level Undergraduate **Classification** Junior **Major** Cybersecurity and Networks **Program** Bachel

Advisor Liberty Page (Primary) **Student Status** Active **Academic Attribute** Honors **Overall GPA**

Undergraduate Catalog Year 2020-2021

- Confirm your academic advisor in DegreeAudit or Navigate
- Faculty will send out emails with sign-up links or information for pre-registration advising (~October + February/March)
- Some faculty have enabled self-signup of office-hours appointments via:
  - Navigate
  - Email links such as youcanbookme or calendly
- Send an email, or stop by their office during office hours.

In TCoE

- Pre-Registration Meetings with Faculty each Semester
- Faculty Office hours in person and through Zoom
- Peer Assistants

Throughout the University

- MathZone- walk-in appointments, tutors, and customized curriculum
- CSS: Center for Student Success
- CLR: Center for Learning Resources
- CDC: Career Development Center
- ARC: Accessibility Resource Center

Academic advising and assistance

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HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL TCOE STUDENT FROM DAY 1

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Differences between high school and college

	In High School	In College
Class Time Expectations	You are generally introduced to content during class time	May have to read or watch videos in advance of coming to class, class is for discussion
Homework and Studying Expectations	Homework given regularly, may have class time to work on it	Homework weekly, but is fully outside of class hours. Plan for at least 6 hours of outside of class time for study/hw per course
Asking Questions	You usually have time during class to ask questions	If a class is busy, you will have to go to office hours with the professor or TA to ask questions
If you don't succeed on the first time…	You may be given a chance to resubmit your homework or retake an exam	A low grade stays in your grade calculation. Need to study before you start getting low grades

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Professional Organizations

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- AIChE (ChemE)
- ASCE (Civil)
- ASME (MechE)
- Engineers Without Borders (EWB)
- IEEE (ElecEng.)
- IISE (Ind. & Syst. Eng)
- Robotics Club
- Hacking Team

Honor Societies

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General Opportunities

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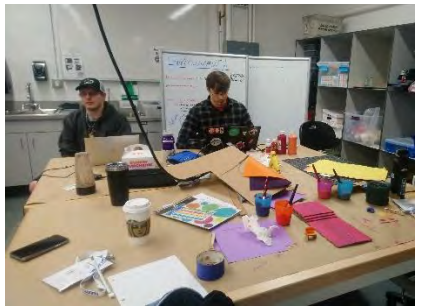

Because college isn't the goal, a career is!

Prepare now for your future career

Get involved- build experiences for your resume!

- Leadership roles in professional student organizations
- Student club competitions
- Attend panels and events with industry representatives

The big events:

- Fall Career Fair
- Spring STEM Career Fair
- Internships: typically after junior year
- PE licensure

Experiential Education (ExEd)

Internship course a required part of the curriculum, typically 200-300 hours of work in relevant industry.

Culminating capstone experience to combine your academics with industry-sponsored projects

Other experiences for hands-on learning include labs, service-learning courses, and more.

Entrepreneurial Mindset Certificate in STEM

- Silver Level: Exploration
- Gold Level: Participation
- Platinum Level: Demonstrated Leadership

Events

- LLC Discussion Dinners
- 24-Hr Design Sprints
- University Innovation Fellowship Program
- EASC 4420: Entrepreneurial Concepts for Engineers and Scientists
- Alvine New Venture Pitch Competition

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- Most university communication is via email. Excuses of "I didn't see the email," don't count in college. Start a habit of checking your email every day!
- Address emails to Professor X or Dr. X (avoid Mr., Ms., Mrs., or FirstName)
- Check spelling and write in complete sentences before sending an email
- Most faculty members respond within 24 hours, but it isn't instant. Weekend and Summer responses vary.
- Use the university contact list in Outlook to find an email address for a student, faculty, or staff.
- You are responsible for ensuring the privacy of your email address and account access. You should not be sharing your email password with your parents or having them send emails through your email on your behalf.

Student Questions

Practice asking questions now!!

This is your time, what didn't I cover that you have questions about?

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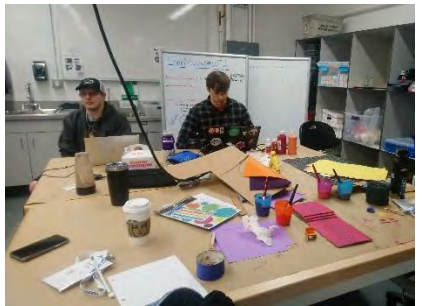

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- We recommend they join 1-2 student organizations in their first semester, ideally a TCoE student org

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