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**RE: Undergraduate Updates-Special Registration Issue!**

Dear BME Undergraduates,

I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to a much-needed Thanksgiving break!

As we approach registration time, I would like to share some information.

- 1) As directed by the university, all classes are in-person from Spring 2022-forward.
- 2) **Course Planner** is still not showing all the classes. BME has NO control over this. For now, please use “schedule of classes” for accurate information regarding department offerings.

<https://sis.rutgers.edu/soc/#courses?subject=125&semester=12022&campus=NB&level=U>

- 3) **JUNIORS**, you MUST complete/pass 6 of your 8 junior core, including both labs, to be eligible for senior design next year. Biomaterials and Numerical Modeling are currently planned to be offered over the summer of 2022.

*Please review the BME handbook and make sure you are familiar with the core requirements and pre-requisites needed to advance in the curriculum!*

- 4) There have been inquiries about Juniors taking DEPARTMENT electives. Most of these require Measurements lab as a pre-req. However, these requests may be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. This will largely depend on class limits as established by the instructors, and limits depending on which room the classes are held in. SENIORS WILL GET PRIORITY FOR THESE CLASSES.

- 5) There have been inquiries about Seniors taking GRADUATE classes for department electives. In order to be considered, you MUST follow these pre-requisites:

- a. Have at least a 3.0 GPA
- b. Have at least 90 total degree credits
- c. HAVE PERMISSION FROM THE INSTRUCTOR IN AN EMAIL
- d. Forward that email to Mr. Larry Stromberg, graduate program administrator, for your SPN.  
[les42@soe.rutgers.edu](mailto:les42@soe.rutgers.edu)

Failure to follow any of these steps will risk a delay in your request and possibly missing getting into a class!  
Also please note that Mr. Stromberg will respond to your email in a timely manner; there is no need to email him more than once!

- 6) As a reminder, internships and co-ops can be used for technical electives. Instructions and forms are in the BME Handbook. Forms MUST be submitted BEFORE you start your work!

## And now a Public Service Announcement on Academic Integrity

The department understands that the past two years have been incredibly stressful and challenging. However, there appears to be an increase in breaches of the University's academic integrity policy. These policies are strictly adhered to in School of Engineering and BME, and are included in all of our syllabi. To maintain the integrity of our program and the value of the degree that you are working towards, the faculty are required to report any academic integrity suspicion. Please review the policy carefully.

<http://nbacademicintegrity.rutgers.edu/home/for-students/>

The rewards of cheating are few, whereas the risks are many and significant. If you are "successful" in cheating, you may complete an assignment, improve your grade, and maybe even pass a class that you otherwise fail. However, you will not be able to use the knowledge that you didn't gain in your next class or in "the real world". You also are putting yourself at tremendous risk if caught, including participation in sports, clubs, scholarships, and our industry programs and the option of getting letters of recommendation from your professors. You could face expulsion, depending on the severity of the cheating and if you have been penalized for cheating previously. If you are struggling, please use the many resources offered at Rutgers for extra help, and speak to your advisor if you need guidance. Moreover, if you see others cheating, you are also obligated to report it.

## MEET YOUR UNDERGRADUATE DIRECTOR

If you wish to speak with me, please do not hesitate to email me and set up an appointment at your convenience!  
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Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and see you after the break as we wrap up the semester!

Regards,

