

11/04/2024

Dear BME Undergraduates,

I hope the semester has been off to a great start, and I can't believe we are getting ready to register for Spring 2025! I hope everyone is having a good fall season!



DEPARTMENT NEWS

We had a great Sophomore Orientation in September to welcome our class of 2027 to BME! We reviewed department policies, introduced faculty and staff, and gave out swag bags! The slides were circulated to all sophomores so if you did not receive it, please let me know!

REGISTRATION

Spring 2025 Pre-Registration begins Monday, November 11, 2024 at 9:00am! Prior to REGISTRATION, all students should meet with their advisor if they have questions or concerns. Please also contact Dr. Labazzo or Ms. Elaine Connors econnors@soe.rutgers.edu if you do not know who your advisor is! General SOE questions regarding graduation requirements, humanities courses, replacing grades, transfer classes at other colleges, etc, should be addressed to your dean or advisor at SOE.

WITHDRAW WITH W

SoE students can withdraw from a sch-14 course (14:xxx:xxx) by the 10th week (Monday 11/11 for F24) with [dean's permission](#).

FINAL EXAMS FALL 2024

Now is a good time to plan for finals by: (a) checking your finals schedule and making arrangements if you have any conflicts; and (b) if you have an accommodations letter through ODS, contact them early to arrange for final exam seating.

And now for your regularly scheduled registration reminders!

- **SOPHOMORES**: I have heard from several of you that there are some scheduling conflicts with Intro to BME and some engineering core classes, particularly Bio Lab. As Bio Lab is NOT a requirement for any BME classes, you can take it in the summer or next year.
- **JUNIORS**: please ensure you are registered for 3 core classes plus the lab class this spring. As a reminder, you must pass 6/8 junior classes INCLUDING the 2 labs; Devices in the fall and Measurements in the spring. You CANNOT take senior design, which is a full-year course, without meeting this requirement. Keep in mind that passing 6/8 core is a MINIMUM requirement and is a safety net for students who may have to retake a class, or for students doing co-ops. By carrying junior core to senior year, you risk conflicts with senior electives you may have been excited to take, and other inconveniences.

- SENIORS: all 3-credit BME graduate-level courses can also count as Department Electives. In order to be considered for a graduate course, you **MUST** follow these instructions:
 - 1) Have a 3.0 GPA
 - 2) GET PERMISSION FROM THE INSTRUCTOR IN AN EMAIL
 - 3) Forward that email to Ms. Elaine Connors for your SPN. (*Please note Ms. Connors is out of office until the 12th. Please do not submit SPN requests until after she returns*)

PLEASE wait patiently for the SPN as all GPAs need to be verified! Please do not send multiple emails!

*NOTE for Combined Degree Students: If you are in CDP, graduate courses cannot double-count. So if you take a graduate class to count for a DE, you cannot use that same class to fulfill a master's degree requirement.

- PRE-MED JUNIORS and SENIORS: If you are interested in taking the 1-cr Clinical Practicum seminar in the spring, please email Dr. Berthiaume for your permission. fberthia@soe.rutgers.edu This does not count as any elective, but is a little something we can offer until a clinical immersion or shadowing program becomes possible.
- ALL: APPROVED internships, co-ops and research can be used for TECHNICAL ELECTIVE credits! Please see the BME Handbook for instructions, restrictions and forms which must be completed and approved BEFORE you start your internship/co-op/research. **Requests for credit for past experiences will be denied.**
- SUMMER COURSES: We are finalizing the BME summer offerings which will all be offered IN PERSON. Historically, we usually offer both of the sophomore core which will allow students who are behind to catch up and be on track for junior year. We also typically offer Biomaterials and Numerical Modeling. Last summer, Transport was also offered which may be taught again this summer. Please wait until the final summer schedule is posted in January to make any definitive plans. Please also be aware that a summer class can be cancelled if a minimum enrollment is not met. So if you are counting on a summer class to meet a certain pre-requisite, there is a slight risk that the class may not be offered (university policy, not BME department rules).

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Biomedical Engineering Society has been very active this semester! Here are some upcoming events:

- Ethics in Medicine Event on **11/6 from 7:30 to 8:30** in BME-128.
- Pie-in-the-Face Fundraiser with Theta Tau outside in front of the BME building/lawn on **11/13 from 12-3 PM**
- Networking Event featuring companies such as Merck, Veeva, Medtronic, and CS Analytical on **11/14 from 12 to 2 p.m.** in the Busch Student Center Multi-Purpose Room.
- Semester Wrap-Up: movie night on **12/04 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM** in BME-128, where mentors/mentees will have another opportunity to interact and guide our first and second-year students before the semester ends.

EGC is planning the annual *Fall Food Drive*. This is a departmental competition so it's a fun way to increase BME pride and build community. A box should be placed in the BME lobby and donations will be collected from November 4th-18th. See below images for more details about scoring and appropriate items to donate!



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Fall Food Drive

STARTING
NOVEMBER 4TH TO
THE 18TH

drop off location- based on your major


Welcome to our annual Fall Food Drive!
Donate food* to the Rutgers Food Pantry to help
out the community!

This is will also be a competition against majors to
see who can donate/raise the most!
Each type of food will be a certain amount of
points!

Stay tuned for more information!
*We also accept monetary donations too!

DONATION RULES:

- NO BULK ITEMS
- NO WATER CASES
- NO CLOTHES
- 0.1 KG FOOD = 1 POINT
- EXTRA POINT ITEMS:
PERSONAL CARE ITEMS (DEODORANT,
LAUNDRY PODS, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, ETC):
4 PTS
- PASTA SAUCE AND PASTA: 6 PTS
- OATMEAL: 5 PTS
- GRANOLA BARS: 5 PTS
- CANNED CHICKEN: 4 PTS
- RAMEN: 4 PTS
- MONETARY DONATIONS: \$1=6 PTS



MEET YOUR UNDERGRADUATE DIRECTOR

If you wish to speak with me, please drop by my OPEN OFFICE HOURS every Wednesday from 1:30 pm-3:30 pm in BME-107 (in the front main office).

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns!

Regards,

