Survival Guide

The transition to university holds many special challenges for new students.
Welcome!

Congratulations, your journey to become an engineer has started! On behalf of the Dean, faculty members, staff and current students, we would like to welcome you to the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science (FEAS).

As a FEAS student, you are enrolled in one of our six engineering programs: Automotive, Electrical, Manufacturing, Mechanical, Mechatronics or Software Engineering. As part of these programs, you also have the option to specialize within your discipline such as the Energy specialization in Mechanical Engineering, Smart Grid specialization in Electrical Engineering and the Internet of Things specialization in Software Engineering. Our programs are designed to provide you with the solid foundation and lifelong learning skills needed to be successful in your future career.

As you start your university experience please take advantage of all the resources that are available to ensure your academic success. Our advising team, Theeben Jegatheesan, Holly MacPherson, Brittany McFarlane, Sadia Pirzada are here to answer all your questions and give you the advice you need to guide you through your journey. Theeben & Brittany are your First Year Academic Advisors.

Together, they will provide you with guidance and information for the services available within the Faculty and University to support your success. It is important to maintain a balance between your studies and participating in Faculty activities. I encourage you to take advantage of the variety of engineering student clubs, like the Engineering Society (EngSoc), and Engineering Design teams; be active and involved; and participate and take the lead when you have a chance. Use your university journey as an opportunity to gain meaningful experiences. I wish you a wonderful first year at UOIT!

Regards,

H. A. Kishawy, P.Eng Professor and Associate Dean
Welcome to the University of Ontario Institute of Technology! We are thrilled that you are joining the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, and are confident that you will enjoy the program and our innovative university environment.

Theeben Jegatheesan, Brittany McFarlane, Holly MacPherson, and Sadia Pirzada make up the Academic Advising Team and are your main point of contact in the Faculty. We are here to assist and to support your success.

Please feel free to contact the Academic Advising Team with any questions or concerns related to student life, whether it is academic or personal. You are welcome to e-mail or drop-in during our office hours to see us.

Our office will:
- Address questions related to all aspects of student life
- Help you establish realistic educational goals and plans
- Assist in the selection of appropriate classes
- Assess and discuss your academic progress and standing
- Help you address challenges that may affect reaching your academic goals
- Discuss and aim to improve your study habits and skills
- Interpret academic policies and procedures
- Discuss issues which affect your academic performance
- Connect you with campus services
- Provide advice regarding withdrawals or adding/dropping courses
- Keep information discussed in advising sessions confidential
- Provide guidance for successful progression towards graduation

We look forward to meeting you!

905.721.8668 ext 3078  Firstyear.engineering@uoit.ca

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OUR BEST TIPS

3 Keys to School:

1. Attend class regularly and be an active participant

2. Understand your course outline

3. Know the supports and resources available to you

Below are some of our best tips for your academic journey at UOIT.

- Make sure you are registered for Fall & Winter courses!
- Ask for help early, 12 weeks go by very fast!
- University is different than high school
  You will need to adapt your learning and study habits for the new environment.

When you start at UOIT you will be an adult learner and your success will depend on you! University provides access to more knowledge and allows you to expand your mind, so take advantage. This is a time for independence and personal growth!
What You Should Know

University is different than high school. It is very important you understand the policies and information that affects you!

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**Academic Checklist**

- Know where and when your classes are... and go to them!
- Look through Blackboard to find your class notes
- Make a four month calendar with the important dates for the semester including: assignment deadlines, midterms and project dates
- Introduce yourself to your professors.. they are people too!

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**Policies & Procedures**

- Read about academic integrity at the university.
- Understand the process if you miss an assignment, quiz, midterm or final exam due to extenuating circumstances
- Know the important dates for the semester; refund dates when dropping a class, the co-curricular break and the exam dates

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**Where to find more information:**

- Call Academic Advising: 905-721-8668 ext 3078
- Look at our Engineering website: engineering.uoit.ca
- Check out the Academic Advising Blackboard
- Come in to see us! ENG 1027
How to Make Your Experience Count

Your university experience is about what you do in and outside of the classroom. There are many ways to get involved and meet new people including orientation events, joining a team or club or studying in the common space in residence. Below are a few things to check out!

Social Checklist

- Campus Orientation
  Tuesday September 4
  Wednesday September 5
  UOIT Gym

- 4D Movie
  Tuesday September 4, 7pm
  Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE)

- Mini Pow Wow
  Friday September 7, 12pm - 5pm
  Polonsky Commons

Ways to Get Involved

- Go to the Get Involved Fair
  September 6, Polonsky Commons

- Join a club or team to meet new people

- Participate in orientation events

- Attend workshops with the Student Learning Centre to meet other students in your classes

Student Clubs and Teams

- ENGSOC
  Engineering Society

- Motorsports

- IEEE

- ASME

- WiE

- Engineers without Boarders
Where to Get Support

University is full of new experiences and challenges but don't worry because you are not alone! UOIT and the Faculty have many resources and supports to help you overcome any barriers or challenges you might face.

First Year Academic Advising, ENG 1027

Theeben and Brittany, your first year academic advisors, are your first stop with any questions or concerns related to academics and everyday life at university! Book an appointment or drop by in the afternoon to see them even if you just want to chat.

905.721.8668 ext 3078
firstyear.engineering@uoit.ca

To book an appointment:
engineeringuoit.youcanbook.me

Student Mental Health Services, U5 Building

At UOIT we understand the close association between student health and wellness and academic success. Student Mental Health Services therefore offer a range of services for students to promote their positive mental health, strengthen their resilience, and help them manage the multiple demands of university life.

905.721.3392
studentlifeline@uoit.ca

Student Learning Centre, U5 Building

The Student Learning Centre helps you strengthen your academic skills and build a foundation for future success which includes learning study strategies, working with a math specialist or engineering specialist, meeting with a peer tutor and attending workshops.

905.721.8668 ext. 6578
studentlearning@uoit.ca

Student Accessibility Services, U5 Building

Student Accessibility Services works with students with disabilities to ensure they have equal opportunities for academic success.

905.721.3266
studentaccessibility@uoit.ca

We are here to help you thrive!
What you need to know about your GPA

Students are required to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 to be in clear standing.

Since your cumulative GPA is calculated each semester, this means you MUST achieve a semester GPA of 2.00 in your first semester.

Engineering Success Program

is mandatory for any first year student who is on probation after the completion of their first academic semester (fall GPA of less 2.00).

Engineering Success Plan Details

In the winter semester:
- A student can ONLY take 3 courses,
- They are encouraged to repeat courses from the previous semester in which they attained a grade of 'D' or lower,
- Must actively participate in Google Classroom including workshops and assignments
Your Student Advising & Co-op/Internship Team

Back row: Theeben Jegatheesan, Holly MacPherson, Brittany McFarlane
Front Row: Rachel Dyers (Co-op), Sadia Pirzada, Anne Coulby (Co-op)