Hosting a Successful Freshman Classroom Session

Read on for instructions and tips to host a Freshman Classroom Session in the Engineering Education and Research Center (EER), the home of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department (ECE), located at 2501 Speedway, Austin, TX 78712. See map here.

Location: Texas ECE freshman classroom sessions are held in various classrooms in the North Tower on the 1st floor of EER. Class size can vary between 18-25 first-year ECE students.

Timing: Class schedules vary depending on the day of week, but are always within business hours. We'll share available dates and times upon request. Note that sessions occur during the fall semester only.

Format is 20-30 minutes to include Q&A with students.

Set-up: There is a small window of time to set-up, approximately 5 minutes when the classroom session begins.

A/V: The rooms are equipped with an HDMI cord that is available to connect to the projection and audio systems. Please bring your own PC with the presentation already loaded.

Talk Details: Peer Advisors offer this advice:

Freshman students are the audience. This cohort of students are learning the fundamentals of both electrical and computer engineering and have not yet selected a technical core for their career path.

Consider sharing information on multiple career paths, not just the typical engineering route. Spend time discussing the steps that lead to an internship. Offer resources on service learning, what freshman can do following an externship, types of internships for rising freshman; and how joining clubs and/or projects will help in future job & internship searches.

Bring 2-3 engineering participants of varying ages, gender, ethnic background.

Parking: If you bring a vehicle to campus, we suggest parking in one of the nearby university garages. The closest garages to the EER building are the San Jacinto Garage (2401 San Jacinto Blvd, Austin, TX 78705) or the Speedway Garage (105 E. 27th St, Austin, TX 78712). Click for parking garage rates and info.
Catering: There are no restrictions on food. Companies typically provide snacks such as Cornucopia and Tiff's Treats.

Be sure that you or the food vendor provide plates, cups, napkins, etc.

Shipping: Materials for your session can be shipped in advance to the address below. Be sure to track all shipments, and make sure they are scheduled to arrive before the date of your event. Shipments that are scheduled to arrive the same day of your event may not be delivered on time.

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