Welcome New Graduate Students!

Orientation*
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(EGR Graduate Program Mascot, “Mr. Bunny”)

*Slides posted on New Student webpage and general orientation website
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Some University Facts

• Founded in 1842 by Augustinian Order of Catholic Priests

• Located about 15 miles west of Philadelphia
  – Not far from New York, Washington D.C., other key places

• Augustinian Vision of Education
  – A Community of Scholars Searching for Truth in Open Discussion
  – Commitment to Ethical Values, Social Justice, and Human Rights

• Six colleges: Liberal Arts and Sciences, Engineering (1905), School of Business (VSB), Nursing, Professional Studies, and School of Law

• Ranked among top 50 national universities in the U.S. by USNWR

• ~600 tenured & tenure-track faculty

• ~10,700 undergraduate and graduate students
Some College of Engineering Facts

• ~1070 undergraduate students, ~400 graduate students, incl. ~80 in PhD program
• ~65 tenured & tenure-track faculty, ~16 full-time non-tenure track faculty
• 5 undergraduate degree programs, 9 graduate programs, more than 15 certificate programs
• Graduate programs taught online for over 15 years
• ~$3-4 M in externally supported annual research expenditures, ~75 externally funded projects every year, 80-120 proposals written each year
Personal Recommendations

• Familiarize yourself with information about your program, your responsibilities as a student, and resources available to you (see below)

• Be excited to participate in activities within and outside of your program
  – CEER Graduate Club members and academic or thesis/dissertation advisor can help

• Get to know your academic/thesis/dissertation advisor. Face-to-face meetings (or Zoom) are best.
  – Read his/her bio and don’t hesitate to ask questions
  – Meet frequently as this person plays a major part

• If you find yourself struggling in class or your work, get help soon
  – Your professor first, advisor next, and graduate chair in your department next
Valuable Web Pages

• Graduate Engineering homepage: http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/engineering/grad.html
• All graduate policies, forms, and resources for the MS and PhD found in your MyNova
  • Go to MyNova & search for Graduate Resources

http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/engineering/resources/gradStudents.html
Web Pages

• Online Orientation Video (see next slide)
  • On MyNova, Graduate Resources, Left panel navigation: Policies and Resources, For New Graduate Students.
    – http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/engineering/resources/newGraduate.html

• Health Insurance
  – http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/studentlife/health/center/prerequisites.html
Online Orientation Video

• A thorough list of resources for on-campus and online graduate students
  – Valuable content, so make use of this

• It is essential you read and understand our Graduate Engineering Academic Integrity policy. You will be required to confirm your acknowledgement later in the semester.
Note

- All **full-time** graduate students are required to complete the online training on *Responsible Conduct of Research* (Conflicts of Interest, Data Management, Financial Responsibility, Mentoring, Peer Review, Plagiarism, etc.)

  - Instructions - log in: [https://www.citiprogram.org/](https://www.citiprogram.org/)
  
  - To register for the first time through Villanova, enter “Villanova University” in the “Select Your Organization Affiliation” box. Follow the subsequent prompts to set yourself up as a learner.
  
  - See complete instructions here
CEER Graduate Club

• CEER Graduate Club (CGC) includes all full- and part-time graduate engineering students
• Activities (professional, academic, social, cultural, service, support, entertainment)
  – Contributes to new graduate student orientation
  – Sponsors lectures/talks
  – Annual poster competition
  – Networking events
  – Volunteers for campus events
  – Holds regular coffee/social hours (and ZOOM happy hours)
  – Hosts luncheons with other colleges/departments
  – Participates in annual Spring Gala
  – Organizes outside entertainment – Union soccer, bowling, movies
  – Cultivates leadership skills
• See Facebook page or click Engineering Graduate Student Council under Student Council
• CGC President: Yue Qi (yqi@villanova.edu)
Department Orientation Sessions

(immediately following this one)

- ME - [https://villanova.zoom.us/j/94068292902](https://villanova.zoom.us/j/94068292902)
- ECE - [https://villanova.zoom.us/j/93205165737](https://villanova.zoom.us/j/93205165737)
Engineering Student Wellness
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Questions?