Welcome Graduate Students!

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

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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
• 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 Charles Widger 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, ~480 graduate students, incl. ~90 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 advisor can help
• Get to know your academic/thesis advisor. Face-to-face meetings are best.
  – Read his/her bio and don’t hesitate to ask questions
• If you find yourself struggling in class, get help right away
  – Your professor first, advisor next, graduate chair in your department next, me if needed
Valuable Web Pages

- [http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/engineering/grad.html](http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/engineering/grad.html)
- [http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/engineering/grad/policies.html](http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/engineering/grad/policies.html)
- [http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/engineering/resources/gradStudents.html](http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/engineering/resources/gradStudents.html)
- Online Orientation Video (see next slide)
  - [http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/engineering/resources/newGraduate.html](http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/engineering/resources/newGraduate.html)
- Health Insurance
  - [http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/studentlife/health/center/prerequisites.html](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. An email will be sent to you from my office.*
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.

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