



UTAH ENGINEERING

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING | THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Sponsored Student Program

For Students Majoring in

Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Construction Engineering, Data Science, Electrical Engineering, Games, Materials Science and Engineering, or Mechanical Engineering

If you have been denied admissions to University of Utah, you are allowed to **appeal** this decision and request sponsorship from a participating department. You can request sponsorship from up to three Sponsoring Departments and your selection should be based on a whether or not the program, major, or department is **a good fit** for you. The Office of Admissions then collaborates with the selected Sponsoring Departments to determine if sponsorship is an appropriate option for you at this time.

The College of Engineering (COE) sponsors students who intend to study in one of its eleven majors: Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Construction Engineering, Data Science, Electrical Engineering, Games, Materials Science and Engineering, or Mechanical Engineering

If you are sponsored by the College of Engineering, you must adhere to our **Sponsored Student Program Requirements** and enroll in specific courses for each major.

Sponsored students in the College of Engineering will participate in the COE Sponsored Student Program, designed to help you **navigate** the University of Utah and **realize** your goal to graduate. We also hope to illustrate, from the very start of your college career, that the College of Engineering is genuinely interested in your success.

We know the transition to college is new and exciting but it can also be filled with unexpected obstacles and surprises. We also know that this journey can be made easier when you have a solid network of support and services. The COE Sponsored Student Program was specifically created to help you achieve your academic goals. Some of the benefits you will receive

from participating in our program are:

- Frequent meetings with an academic advisor who can help you with your short- and long-term goals
- Free tutoring for Engineering, Science and Math courses
- Strategies for college success
- Advice from current U of U students
- Access to campus resources

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

When requesting sponsorship from the College of Engineering it is important that your decision is based on whether or not engineering is a good fit for you. Our decision to sponsor you will take into consideration whether you are a good fit with our College. In your appeal, it is important to present yourself professionally. Your responses should be typed and include your interest in pursuing a degree in engineering. You should list any previous experiences and accomplishments related to the field of engineering that demonstrate your interests and motivation.

Participating in the COE Sponsored Student Program will allow you to build a strong foundation of tools that you need to maximize your potential and achievement at the U. With these goals in mind, the requirements of the COE Sponsored Students Program are as follows:

Designated College of Engineering Courses

To be sponsored by the College of Engineering, you must be: 1) declared as a COE pre-major and 2) enrolled in the required courses for your major.

Each major has a unique curriculum with specific classes. You will work with your academic advisor to select classes that are appropriate to prepare you for these classes based on your individual circumstances and major requirements. Each sponsored student will work with an academic advisor to determine a schedule appropriate to meet departmental requirements and your needs. Sponsored students should anticipate extra semesters of work in order to meet the requirements for graduation.

Academic Advising Appointments (until Intermediate or Full Major Status is awarded by Department)

Because the primary goal of the COE Sponsored Students program is to set

you up for success and provide you with continuous support, you are required to meet regularly with College of Engineering Advisors, April Vrtis-Curran in the Dean's Office and your Department/Major Advisor.

While you are welcomed to meet with an advisor at any time you need assistance, you are required to meet with April and your Departmental Advisor in your prerequisite major semesters (until you are declared Intermediate or Full Major by your Department) during the following time frames:

- The first 10 days of class
- One month into school, prior to the withdrawal deadline
- The last month of school, at least one week prior to the last day of classes

When you meet with the COE academic advisors you will discuss classes, grades, degree requirements, important dates, and deadlines. You will be required to track and report your progress in each of your courses to ensure that you are on track and properly supported. The advisors will also teach you important study and note-taking strategies, speak to you about how to get connected on campus and utilize available resources, and most importantly, **answer your questions!**

Tutoring Assistance

The College of Engineering offers free tutoring for all Math, Science and Engineering Courses our students are required to take as part of their major program. You will work with your advisor to identify tutoring times/resources to help you succeed.

Agreement

Students will be required to sign a contract, acknowledging and agreeing to meet all of the COE Sponsored Student Program requirements. Failure to adhere to the requirements may result in dismissal from the program.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can two departments sponsor me?

No, two offices cannot sponsor you.

Can I participate in only part of the COE Sponsored Student Program?

No. You are required to commit to the whole program. Each aspect of the COE Sponsored Student Program is integral to your success.

What does it mean to be sponsored?

Sponsored students are admitted under the University's 5% policy, which allows for 5% of any incoming class to be comprised of students who do not meet the initial admission criteria.

What are the requirements of the COE Sponsored Students Program?

You can learn more about our requirements by visiting our Program Requirements section.

If you have questions, you may contact the College of Engineering

April Vrtis-Curran- a.vrtis-curran@utah.edu 801.581.4683

How do I ensure that the College of Engineering will receive my file for sponsorship consideration?

On the appeal application you will be able to select up to three Sponsoring Departments. Make sure to list one of the College of Engineering in this section.

Who should I contact if I have questions about the appeal process?

You will want to contact the following from the Office of Admissions:

Todd Taylor- admissions_appeal@utah.edu 801-585-9987

How do I check on the status of my application or appeal?

The Office of Admissions will notify you if you have any missing information or incomplete files. You can track the status of your appeals online at admissions.utah.edu/track or by calling the admission office directly at 801.581.8761.