

SEPTEMBER 2021

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UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES:

9/1: CO-OP INFO SESSION VIA WEBEX
(2PM)
9/2: CO-OP INFO SESSION VIA WEBEX
(5PM)
9/6: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
9/16: SPRING 2021 INCOMPLETE WORK
DEADLINE
9/21: APPLIED CO-OP MEETING
CHEVRON VIRTUAL INFO SESSION
9/26: FIRST PROGRESS GRADES
9/28-30: CAREER EXPO DAYS
9/29: INTERVIEW DAYS SIGN UP

To Add or Drop classes, you will use the Add/Drop form and add/drop checklist linked here until the mid-term drop deadline:

<https://www.ece.msstate.edu/undergraduate-forms/>

We will send any other Info session announcements via email, so be sure to check your MSU email for opportunities.

FINDING YOUR FLOW

College is a time to meet new people, experience new things, and work at gaining independence. But college is also about classes, exams, studying, working with professors, and, hopefully, gaining a wealth of useful knowledge and new ways of thinking. In order for students to succeed, you need to put in the time.

The general rule of thumb regarding college studying is, and has been for a long time, that for each class, students should spend approximately 2-3 hours of study time for each hour that they spend in class. Many students carry a course load of 15 credits, or approximately 15 hours of class time each week. This would mean that you should be spending roughly 30 hours of study time and 15 hours in class. This 45 hours is the equivalent of a full time job – the reason that you are called a full time student. For many students, this number is a surprise.

New Semester, new classes! Always a great time for a fresh start and setting yourself up for success, so I challenge you to set up a schedule for yourself to incorporate class time, study time, and free time. Follow the schedule as best you can this month to see how it affects your classwork - I hope positively.

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Need an undergraduate appointment: <https://ece-advising.appointlet.com>



PREPARE FOR THE CAREER EXPO

No matter where you are in the program, you can benefit from attending the Career Expo because at some point in the not so distant future you will be looking for a position.

1. Update your **resume**.
2. *Get your resume critiqued.*
3. See what companies are coming to the Expo in Connections account.
4. Research companies of interest.
5. Prepare your **elevator pitch**.
6. Print resumes.
7. Pick out and prep your **wardrobe**.

Check out the MSU Career Center website, Youtube and Google for resources to prepare effectively.

BCOE Study Hall will be held in McCain 100, Monday through Thursday from 5:15 to 8:00 PM. Additional tutoring options are available through **The Learning Center**.

<https://www.bagley.msstate.edu/tutoring/>

Don't be afraid to ask for help if you are not understanding course content.

CO-OP VS. INTERNSHIP

A co-op is a 3-term commitment between you and an employer for work experience. Generally these pay more because of the longer term commitment. You will rotate between school and work until complete. While extending graduation by one year, you are also gaining 1-year of work experience. While an Internship is a one semester commitment. Both are invaluable experiences.

Spring Course Registration Advising will begin at the end of this month, be sure to take some time for self-reflection on your current courses - how do you feel about them, gauge understanding and engagement.



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• CAREER DEVELOPMENT • DRESS FOR SUCCESS • RECRUITING EVENTS • WORKSHOPS
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STEPS TO FIND CO-OP & INTERNSHIP EMPLOYMENT:

Step 1: Attend a program info session (see dates and times under **Important Event Dates** below)

Step 2: Visit your Career Center “Connections” account to register with the program office

- <https://msstate-csm.simplicity.com/>
- Login using your MSU username and password
- Click on **My Account** (last icon on the left side of the homepage)
- Complete the **Personal**, **Academic**, and **Experiential Learning Application** sections
*This will help hiring employers find you!

Step 3: Email your résumé to coop@career.msstate.edu for review

Step 4: Upload your completed résumé to the documents tab of your “Connections” account

Step 5: Schedule a meeting with your co-op/internship program coordinator by calling 662-325-3823

Step 6: Add the dates below to your calendar and check your email often for program announcements

Important Event Dates

- **Daily Co-op/Internship Info Sessions:** (Virtual) *Attend 1 session only*

August 31st 12 Noon	Megan Artz	https://msstate.webex.com/meet/msw73
September 1st 2 p.m.	Megan Artz	https://msstate.webex.com/meet/msw73
September 2nd 5 p.m.	Megan Artz	https://msstate.webex.com/meet/msw73

- **“All Applied” webinar meeting for interview sign-up instructions:**

Tuesday, Sept. 21st, 5:00 p.m. All Applied Meeting <https://msstate.webex.com/meet/msw73>

- **Career Expo:** September 28th (in-person) September 29th (virtual) September 30th (in-person)
- **Online Interview Student Signup for Interview Days Event:** opens Sept. 29th 11:59 p.m. – Oct. 4th 11:59 p.m.
- **Fall Co-op and Internship Interview Days:** Oct. 13th and 14th, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (In-person)

Step 7: Land an offer! Students must report/register any accepted offer with the program office for credit



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CO-OP & INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Shackouls Technical Communication Writing Tutoring

The Shackouls Technical Communication Program is providing writing tutoring for engineering undergraduate and graduate students. Students can work with the tutors in three ways:

1. Email documents to bcoewritingtutors@gmail.com for review.
2. Visit the tutors' office in McCain 202 for an in-person meeting during the office hours listed below (appointments not required).
3. If students prefer to meet virtually, they may email the tutors to arrange a videoconference during the office hours below.

BCoE Writing Tutors' Contact Information
Tutors: Joseph Newell and Oliver Coleman
Office: McCain 202

Email: bcoewritingtutors@gmail.com
Office Hours

MW: 11:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

TR: 9:00–11:30 a.m.; 1:00–5:00 p.m.

The tutors are ready to help students with all writing-related issues, from **routine writing assignments** in any of their classes to **senior-design reports, theses, dissertations**, and **job-application materials**. Documents are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. The tutors will only read submissions during their office hours, so students should keep this in mind when contacting them. Generally, students should allow at least one day for each document to be reviewed and returned. Please note that the writing tutors do not proofread or edit documents for students; the goal is to help students identify and correct problems in their own writing.

There is a hard 20-page limit on submissions. If the document exceeds 20 pages (like a thesis or dissertation), we ask that it be broken up into 20-page increments. They will read and review the first 20 pages and then send those back, and then students may send on the next 20 pages, and so on, until the document is finished.