

The Fall 2012 New Student Orientation for Engineering freshman and transfer students is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 22, starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Field House Gym of the Recreational Sports Facility.** Here is an overview of the schedule:

10:00 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. Welcome Program – Field House Gym, Rec. Sports Facility

- From 10:00 a.m. to 10:35 a.m. there will be opening remarks from the Dean, College faculty and staff and the Associated Students president.

10:35 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Community Building Activities – Field House Gym, RSF for freshmen

- In order for the College to place more emphasis on community for our new students, a sense of community that lasts beyond NSO, a facilitator will host structured activities that will allow our new students to actively meet one another and foster connections in a novel way.

10:35 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. A Successful First Semester for Transfers– Sibley Auditorium for transfers

- This session will connect transfer students to valuable resources at Cal so important support networks can quickly be formed to ensure a successful first semester.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch – Memorial Glade

- We will **group students by department**, with help from our Orientation Student Hosts, so they may eat lunch together and be able to easily identify each other when it is time to break for departmental meetings after lunch.
- We will serve lunch (a cookout provided by Top Dog restaurant) to all students attending the orientation **on the Memorial Glade.**
- The ESC will request participation from engineering student organizations to host information tables, interactive games and activities for our new students.
- Faculty and department undergraduate advisers are invited to attend the lunch and meet and greet our new students. **If you and your staff would like to attend the lunch, please RSVP to Dawn Kramer (dkramer@berkeley.edu) by Friday with the total number of lunch tickets needed for your department.**
- At approximately 12:50 p.m. Orientation Student Hosts will organize students by advising session and lead them to their advising session meeting place.

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Advising Sessions

- The Engineering Student Services advisers will conduct a Q&A session regarding college and university requirements. Student hosts will be available at the end of each advising session to help give directions to students unfamiliar with where their department meeting is being hosted.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Departmental Meetings

- The location is to be arranged by your department representative.
- Departments are allotted 2-hours for the departmental meeting. Some ideas for content are:
 - department chair info session, research opportunities, Q&A
 - distribution of faculty adviser names (*we will inform students their attendance is required at the departmental meeting for this information*)
 - student panels/lab tours/open houses
 - transfer and/or freshman specific programs (e.g. “Answers for Transfers”)
- Although the Engineering Student Services advisers host workshops prior to the department meetings, it is helpful that the **departments review their curricula during the departmental presentation, with particular emphasis on the selection of freshman-year courses.** Faculty can provide a unique and useful perspective that our entering students find helpful and reassuring.

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Chancellor’s Reception for New Undergraduates

- Since the Chancellor’s Reception will begin at 4:00 p.m. we encourage you to end your department meeting on time, or even a few minutes early to allow students the opportunity to participate in the Chancellor’s Reception.