

SURVIVING THE FIRST YEAR OF ENGINEERING SCHOOL THE ULTIMATE NEED-TO-KNOW INFO



Be positive, curious, active & often out of your depth. Talk to everyone, find mentors, take interesting classes that have 0 to do with your major. This is your time to explore; how you spend your minutes is how you spend your hours is how you spend... your life.

BE YOU.

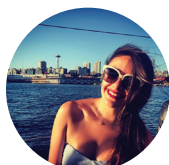
— Vanessa Adriana Nadal [@VAMNit](#)

SPEND TIME GETTING TO KNOW YOUR PROFESSORS.



They want to help. Ask them questions beyond “Is it going to be on the test?”

— Louise Morman [@LeaderLouise](#)



1) Pick classes on a broad range of topics. 2) Expose yourself to new activities/groups. 3) Social skills are very important – invest in them. 4) Get engaged in student chapters of professional organizations. **5) TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE THEORY BEHIND THE TOPIC.** 6) Work hard. 7) Enjoy being a student – remind yourself that you are not going to be at this age again. 8) A bad grade/score is not the end of the world – it will not matter in the long run. 9) Learn as much as you can, make as many friends as you can, have as much fun as you can. 10) Most importantly – BELIEVE IN YOURSELF!!!

— Menzer Pehlivan [@mnzdr](#)



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Believe in yourself because each and every one of you has great talents. **WORK HARD, BE #ALLIN** with your classes and you will succeed!

— Jim Clements
[@ClemsonPrez](#)



President Miller's top tip for surviving and thriving is:



FIND A MENTOR!

“My first days on campus I found an educator who inspired me and it changed my life.”

— Rick Miller [@OlinCollege](#)



Be fearless! Whether it's asking questions, learning something new, going for a new opportunity or seeking a mentor, **don't let fear be the thing that keeps you from going to the next level.** And if you find you aren't in an environment where asking questions or collaboration is encouraged, you may have to create your own space where you can grow and intentionally seek out people to be that team that pushes you to learn.

— Erica Stanley [@ericastanley](#)

1) introduce yourself to someone and make a friend - you're going to want study buddies, so start early! 2) Visit your classrooms ahead of time **3) time block your calendar to study + sleep** 4) Introduce yourself to interesting professors 5) have fun!

—Avery Bang
[@AveryBang](#)



1. Keep the learning curve steep 2. Be both a student and a teacher 3. Challenge the status quo **4. BUILD GOOD DEMOS** 5. Keep charging and follow your passions
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— Ben Waters [@WiBotic](#)



If you don't see people who look like you in the fields that interest you, that means you're needed there even more. **KEEP AT IT;** you'll make the way even smoother for the people who come along after you. Sending you all high-fives; go get 'em.

—Alie Ward [@alieward](#)



Take some time to have fun! Get involved in campus outreach events like Engineers Week. Do hands-on engineering activities & **show K-12 students why you chose this creative career path that makes a huge difference in the world.**

— Leslie Collins [@DiscoverEorg](#)

Remember: sleep=underrated;
PROCRASTINATION=POISON; RESPECT 4 OTHERS=CRUCIAL; asking questions & being open 2 challenging views =critical.



— Chad Evans [@chadevans1019](#)