Welcome to the Grainger College of Engineering!

We look forward to you joining the Illinois Grainger Engineering community. By choosing Grainger Engineering as your destination, you’re choosing to join a rich history of excellence. The Engineering Undeclared (EU) program provides a select group of students with the opportunity to explore engineering options for up to four semesters before declaring a major. The program is designed to guide you toward entering one of 13 majors within The Grainger College of Engineering.

At Illinois, your next few years will be life changing—full of opportunities and experiences that will shape you into a great engineer. You’ll meet people from around the world and from all walks of life. You will accomplish things that some only dream of. You will be equipped to create the change you want to see in the world. And our EU, college, and departmental advisors will be with you every step of the way to provide support and guidance so that you can discover your passion and successfully join the network of 80,000+ Grainger Engineering alumni around the world.

Learn more about the boundless opportunities that await you in Engineering Undeclared at Illinois, and we hope that you will accept your offer to join us in August!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Mekela
Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs, Grainger Engineering

To accept your offer and join Grainger Engineering, login to your myIllini account and follow the instructions provided for admitted students.

go.grainger.illinois.edu/accept

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At Illinois

University of Illinois
WHAT YOU’LL STUDY

In their first year, Engineering Undeclared students will take a regular set of foundational courses common to many engineering majors, plus at least one (and possibly two) “gateway” courses.

Foundational courses include Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, and Rhetoric. Students with appropriate AP credit may skip one or more of these courses and move ahead to other courses, after consultation with an advisor. Undeclared students are required to take Engineering at Illinois, a one-hour course that provides an overview of the engineering majors.

Gateway courses are technical subjects that provide an entry point to one or two specific majors. These courses provide a way to sample a major, and they are often required courses in that major. If you eventually choose a different major, the gateway course may count toward a requirement in that major. Examples of gateway courses are Introduction to Electronics (for electrical and/or computer engineering) and Computer-Aided Design or Engineering Graphics and Design (for mechanical, civil, systems, and industrial engineering). All classes will be chosen in consultation with an engineering advisor. After declaring a major, you’ll be on track to graduation and confident in the major you’ve chosen.

RESEARCH AREAS

Students in Engineering Undeclared have research opportunities across the breadth of Grainger Engineering. They can participate in PURE (Promoting Undergraduate Research in Engineering), ISUR (Illinois Scholars Undergraduate Research), MUSE (Mentoring Undergraduates in Science and Engineering) as well as through independent study, research internships, and research study abroad programs.

POPULAR MINORS

Engineering undeclared students have access to all campus minors. The most popular minors depend on the students’ academic major and their personal and professional interests.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Because Engineering Undeclared students join majors before the end of their fourth semester, their career opportunities are as wide open as they are for any engineering student!

Every day I use the problem solving skills instilled in me at Illinois to tackle complex engineering challenges. At Illinois, you are surrounded by current and future industry leaders and I walked away with the confidence to launch my own career.

- Andy Leon
ECE Graduate