UCSB and COE
Important Policies and Resources

UCSB has 10 miles of bike paths but you don’t need a bike to get to class if you’d rather walk.
Grading Options

- **Letter Grades**
  - Letter grades required for major and minor courses
  - Affects GPA
  - Units awarded for grades of D- and above
  - Some classes have a prerequisite that requires a certain letter grade or higher

- **Passed/Not Passed (P/NP)**
  - Major or minor courses may NOT be taken P/NP
  - P = grade of C or higher; NP = grade of C- or below
  - Units awarded for P only
  - Does not affect GPA

- **Important Notes**
  - If you take a major course P/NP you will be required to change it back to a letter grade
  - You may take General Education classes P/NP; the deadline to select this grading option is strict – make sure you know when the deadline is each quarter and make changes appropriately
  - Some classes are not offered P/NP and may not be taking P/NP (e.g., Black Studies courses)
Repeating Courses

- You may repeat a course in which you earned a grade of C-, D+, D, D-, F, or NP.

- If you need to repeat a course for a second time (i.e. the third time taking the course) you must obtain approval from your major department and the College before enrolling in the course again.

- You will only receive credit for a course one time, however, each grade earned will appear on your transcript. Read more about repeating courses and GPA calculation [here](#).

- It is not always possible, or recommended, to repeat a course originally taken at UCSB at another institution. Check with an advisor to explore your options if you think you need to repeat a course.
Academic Integrity

You are held to UCSB’s standards. Review the UCSB policy at:
http://judicialaffairs.sa.ucsb.edu/AcademicIntegrity.aspx

Types of unacceptable activity:

- **Plagiarism** – It is not permitted to copy or use someone else’s content without citing the source.

- **Collusion** – It is not permitted to share the same exact content when working on a project or paper with another student.

- **Cheating** – Students must do their own work
  - No one else can take your exams or write your papers
  - Using online services to buy papers is illegal
Deadlines

- UCSB has strict deadlines for making changes to your schedule (add, drop, grading option).
- You are responsible for making changes and maintaining the accuracy of your schedule.
- Become familiar with the deadlines and adjust your schedule accordingly.

Requests for deadline exceptions are not approved.

Students demonstrate self-actuating skateboard brake – awarded most innovative capstone (ME 153 Junior Awards).
Academic Probation & Academic Dismissal

- Unfortunately, some students may encounter personal and/or academic challenges that may lead to academic probation or dismissal.
- Academic advisors are here to help direct you to appropriate resources when you encounter these challenges.
- If you are dismissed, we are here to help you make a plan to return to UCSB and complete your degree.
- You can read more about academic probation and dismissal on our website.
Academic Resources

- Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS): more information is provided about this in another module.

- Faculty and TA’s Office Hours
  - Get homework assistance, ask about research opportunities, explore your post-graduation options.

- Engineering tutoring and study groups
  - Tau Beta Pi and other student organizations

- Check your umail for opportunities or ask an academic advisor for guidance.
Participating in student organizations connects you with your peers, faculty, and alumni.

- American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- Association for Computing Machinery
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- Los Ingenieros
- Engineers Without Borders
- Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science
- Women in Software and Hardware
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
- National Society of Black Engineers
- Society of Women Engineers

...and more! Get connected.

Members of the Engineering Student Council sell t-shirts.
Internship and Career Opportunities

- **Career Services**
  - **Maddie Foster**: STEM Career Counselor

- The College of Engineering hosts frequent “information sessions” with companies looking to hire students for internships and careers.
  - Check your umail regularly to receive updates.

UCSB’s team of students and professors competing in SpaceX’s [Hyperloop Pod Competition](https://www.spacex.com/hyperloop/).