

Frequently Asked Questions

I have AP credit in Calculus. Do I still need to take the Mathematics Placement Exam?

Yes. All newly admitted College of Engineering and Computer Science students are required to take the Mathematics Placement Exam to assure placement in the proper mathematics/calculus course.

Do I still need to meet with an advisor during Orientation Weekend even though I will be pre-registered?

No. Although the E&CS office will make every effort to register you for the appropriate courses, during Orientation Weekend you may attend your advising session to go over your fall schedule and make necessary adjustments.

When will I be assigned an advisor?

Advisor assignments are made by the College in mid-August. You will receive notification of your advisor assignment during Orientation Weekend.

Should I register for Academic Excellence Workshop - ECS?

Yes. It is highly recommended for first-year students to enroll in ECS because it is designed to supplement the theory taught in calculus courses and helps you master the subject.

When can I get my email/computer account?

You will receive in the mail instructions to set up your Syracuse University [NetID](#).

When can I purchase my textbooks?

During the summer, the SU Bookstore will send you information about purchasing books according to your schedule. The books will be packed and ready for pick up during Orientation Weekend. Alternately, you may opt to purchase your textbooks when you arrive on campus. The SU Bookstore has extended hours at the start of each semester to accommodate your shopping needs.

Should I bring or buy my own computer?

Bringing your own personal computer is a personal choice. Many students find it **convenient to own a personal** computer. If you do not wish to purchase or bring your own computer, there are many computer labs located throughout campus and residence halls for your use. If you wish to purchase your own computer [here are suggestions](#).

The University Bookstore offers University-recommended computers, computer software, and many accessories. Syracuse University students, faculty and staff can receive significant savings on educationally priced software. For more information on computing services, go to [Information Technology & Services website](#).