Midterm Study Tips

Midterms Are Coming Up!

I’m sure you are aware of that engineering is not an easy major. Here are a few tips to keep you sane while you are studying and trying not to stress while preparing for your approaching midterms.

Keep in mind time management is the key. During your days of studying, plan out your time for when you are going to study, eat, or take a little break. Continuously studying is not healthy and can overwork your brain. It is very important that you set aside some time for yourself! Remember that many classes have review sessions that are free. So plan to attend as many sessions as you can. The math department (almost always) will have calculus review sessions and the chemistry department will have chemistry review sessions. These review sessions usually take place in the evening, so you don’t have an excuse not to attend. Also, utilize the free “ERE” tutoring that takes place right in classroom #2 in Wilson Hall. If you are stuck on a chemistry, physics, egr, or calculus problem, keep in mind that the “ERE” tutoring room can assist you. Please take full advantage of this service. Keep your mind focused and study hard, but don’t forget to keep some time to yourself for relaxation.

Homesickness

“No matter where the journey or destination takes you, there can never be a place like home”.

This is the word that I live by ever since I left my home country (Nigeria). My name is Qudus and I feel that there is a similarity in missing one’s place of shelter and family affairs.

I came to America at the age of 15 and since then I haven’t been back to my country. My transition from Nigeria to America was quite challenging and difficult. The people I call my friends are the ones who have made me feel “Welcome”, in the USA.

My advice to you is to make friends because; they are the individuals that will take your mind off of being homesick. Friends are the assets to a better life. I am not saying that you will not miss your home, I am asking you to make lasting memories at MSU. I have accepted MSU as my other home because of the great professors and people that I have met here. I have had an amazing college experiences. Enjoy your school year and remember to explore campus and to make new friends.
Did you say you are a “Spartan Engineer”? You are hired!

Check Out Career Gallery 2009!

Career Gallery 2009 is rapidly approaching! Career Gallery is a program in which hundreds of companies looking to hire students congregate in one location. This makes it easy for students to network, learn more about potential employers, and submit resumes. Many of you may be thinking that there is no point in going to the Career Gallery because you are a freshman, but this is not true! It is a great way to get your name heard by recruiters and possibly even get an internship or co-op for this summer or next school year. Even if you aren’t looking for an internship for this summer, it’s a good idea to go just to get an idea of what to expect for next year. This year, the science, engineering, and technology co-op/internship fair will be held Wednesday, October 7 from 12:00-2:00 P.M. at the Breslin Student Events Center and the full-time fair will be held from 3:00-7:00 P.M. on the same day. Dress to impress and bring plenty of resumes!

What do Engineers do in the Summer?

Where will you be at the end of 8 months? Believe it or not it will be summer time and you may have a few opportunities afforded to you:

1) Summer Classes – Spend the summer at State, you can boost your G.P.A., catch up on classes, get ahead with classes, or plan to take our most difficult classes at this time…they are usually easier!

2) Internship/Co-Op- Use the time now to try and line up an internship for the summer. Great experience and pay, and you will come back next fall with a new sense of confidence!

3) Research- Want to get some engineering experience, make a little money, and balance classes? Obtain a research opportunity by searching on your major’s website and looking up different research projects. Email and ask a professor to learn more about their research.

4) Study Abroad- Stop by the Diversity Programs Office to find out what study abroad opportunities are available. You can even study abroad during the winter or spring break! Just plan early.

If you want to build a strong resume, try to mix and match and include all of these in your experience here at State!
**Upcoming Events:**

**Date:** Oct. 8th, 2009  
**Event:** Engineering Alumni Panel  
**Time:** 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
**Location:** Wilson Hall Cafeteria (Special Dining Room)

**Date:** Oct. 9th, 2009  
**Event:** Hubble Space Telescope Project  
**Time:** 2:00pm  
**Location:** 1345 Engineering Building

**Date:** Oct. 13th, 2009  
**Event:** What’s Up With Your Face? Pattern Recognition  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Location:** Wilson Hall (C102)

**Date:** Oct. 13th, 2009  
**Event:** Answer the Interview question (Lunch and Learn)  
**Time:** 11:30 am  
**Location:** Wilson Cafeteria

**Date:** Oct. 21st, 2009  
**Event:** Do the Employers Really Hire Freshman?  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Location:** Wilson Hall (C102)

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**ENGINEERING ALUMNI PANEL**

On October 8th the Wilson Hall Peer Leaders as well as the College of Engineering are proud to present a very unique program for all the ERE students.

This event will be a dinner with a Special Guest Alumni Panel. This panel will consist of engineering graduates of Michigan State University College of Engineering. You will be able to sit and eat with these experienced individuals. Bring your questions and get the inside scoop on the college of engineering and life after graduation. This dinner will give you the chance to get to know these important people personally and to hear about all their experiences with the college and life in general! The event will be hosted in the special dining room in Wilson Hall at 5pm.

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**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

**Jared Jones**

**Major:** Engineering  
**Hobbies:** Snowboarding and hanging out with friends  
**Hometown:** Canton, MI  
**Favorite Food:** Cheeseburgers  
**Interesting Fact:** Born in Pittsburgh, PA  
**Why MSU?** “It’s close to home, but not too close”.  
Plus it’s better than Michigan!”

**Sylvia Reiser**

**Hometown:** Albuquerque, NM  
**Major:** Mechanical Engineering  
**Favorite sport?** Ice hockey  
**Favorite Class you’re taking?** Physics 183  
**If you could live anywhere in world, where would it be?** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
**Favorite color:** gold  
**Siblings:** Older brother at New Mexico Tech  
**Interesting fact:** I participated in Girl Scouts for 11 years  
**Favorite Season:** Spring/Summer  
**Hobbies:** flying kites, rock climbing