

Welcome New Graduate Students!

Orientation*
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(EGR Graduate
Program Mascot,
“Mr. Bunny”)



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Some University Facts

- Founded in 1842 by Augustinian Order of Catholic Priests
- Located about 15 miles west of Philadelphia
 - Not far from New York, Washington D.C., other key places
- Augustinian Vision of Education
 - A Community of Scholars Searching for Truth in Open Discussion
 - Commitment to Ethical Values, Social Justice, and Human Rights
- Six colleges: Liberal Arts and Sciences, Engineering (1905), School of Business (VSB), Nursing, Professional Studies, and School of Law
- Ranked among top 50 national universities in the U.S. by USNWR
- ~600 tenured & tenure-track faculty
- ~10,700 undergraduate and graduate students

Some College of Engineering Facts

- ~1070 undergraduate students, ~400 graduate students, incl. ~80 in PhD program
- ~65 tenured & tenure-track faculty, ~16 full-time non-tenure track faculty
- 5 undergraduate degree programs, 9 graduate programs, more than 15 certificate programs
- Graduate programs taught online for over 15 years
- ~\$3-4 M in externally supported annual research expenditures, ~75 externally funded projects every year, 80-120 proposals written each year ⁶

Personal Recommendations

- Familiarize yourself with information about your program, your responsibilities as a student, and resources available to you (see below)
- Be excited to participate in activities within and outside of your program
 - CEER Graduate Club members and academic or thesis/dissertation advisor can help
- Get to know your academic/thesis/dissertation advisor. Face-to-face meetings (or Zoom) are best.
 - Read his/her bio and don't hesitate to ask questions
 - Meet frequently as this person plays a major part
- If you find yourself struggling in class or your work, get help soon
 - Your professor first, advisor next, and graduate chair in your department next

Valuable Web Pages

- Graduate Engineering homepage:
<http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/engineering/grad.html>
- All graduate policies, forms, and resources for the MS and PhD found in your MyNova
 - Go to **MyNova** & search for Graduate Resources



<http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/engineering/resources/gradStudents.html>

Web Pages

- Online Orientation Video (see next slide)
 - On MyNova, Graduate Resources, Left panel navigation: Policies and Resources, For New Graduate Students.
 - <http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/engineering/resources/newGraduate.html>
- Health Insurance
 - <http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/studentlife/health/center/prerequisites.html>

Online Orientation Video

- A thorough list of resources for on-campus and online graduate students
 - Valuable content, so make use of this
- It is essential you read and understand our Graduate Engineering Academic Integrity policy. *You will be required to confirm your acknowledgement later in the semester.*

Note

- All **full-time** graduate students are required to complete the online training on ***Responsible Conduct of Research*** (Conflicts of Interest, Data Management, Financial Responsibility, Mentoring, Peer Review, Plagiarism, etc.)
 - Instructions - log in: <https://www.citiprogram.org/>
 - To register for the first time through Villanova, enter “Villanova University” in the “Select Your Organization Affiliation” box. Follow the subsequent prompts to set yourself up as a learner.
 - See complete instructions [here](#)

CEER Graduate Club

- CEER Graduate Club (CGC) includes all full- and part-time graduate engineering students
- Activities (professional, academic, social, cultural, service, support, entertainment)
 - Contributes to new graduate student orientation
 - Sponsors lectures/talks
 - Annual poster competition
 - Networking events
 - Volunteers for campus events
 - Holds regular coffee/social hours (and ZOOM happy hours)
 - Hosts luncheons with other colleges/departments
 - Participates in annual Spring Gala
 - Organizes outside entertainment – Union soccer, bowling, movies
 - Cultivates leadership skills
- See [Facebook](#) page or click Engineering Graduate Student Council under [Student Council](#)
- CGC President: Yue Qi (yqi@villanova.edu)

Department Orientation Sessions

(immediately following this one)

- ME - <https://villanova.zoom.us/j/94068292902>
- ECE - <https://villanova.zoom.us/j/93205165737>

Engineering Student Wellness

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Questions?