A Tradition of Excellence

The Academic Summer Enhancement (ASE) program at Penn State University Park encourages engineering students from all Penn State campuses to get to know the College of Engineering located at University Park. Although many first-year students start at smaller Penn State campuses all over Pennsylvania, most engineering students will graduate from University Park. ASE is a specially designed program offered by the Multicultural Engineering Program (MEP) to help you get ready for college in a fun, effective, and realistic academic setting.

A Closer Look

This six-week intensive academic preparatory program will place you ahead of your peers both academically and socially. ASE allows you to invest in yourself by preparing you above and beyond what you have already done in high school. By taking advantage of this opportunity to jump into college life early, attend classes, and meet other engineering students, you will have a giant head start when you begin full-time classes in the fall. You will also connect with peer mentors, become familiar with the MEP staff and services, and get orientated to campus life and culture at Penn State.

After 12 years of the ASE Program, we have noted the following benefits to the students who participate in ASE:

- Have a higher GPA
- More likely to graduate from the Penn State College of Engineering
- More likely to land competitive-salary internships, co-ops, and full-time employment
- Improved opportunity to earn amazing academic scholarships
- Build an extensive network of lifelong friends
- Acclimate more easily to the college environment
- Learn effective college study skills

The ASE Experience

“I really enjoyed the ASE Program. I got a chance to see what Penn State is like…I made many friends, which was helpful for coming into my freshman year and already knowing some people.”

— Leah Womack, Architectural Engineering

“What helped me out the most was all the classes that I took. We were pushed beyond our limits of thinking. By doing that, I was able to think in a way that I have never dreamed about. I got a high GPA during my first semester because of ASE.”

— Carlos Moreno, Engineering
What You Need to Know

WHERE
The Pennsylvania State University
University Park, PA (State College, PA)
* ASE participants will be housed in student residence halls of the University Park campus

WHEN
Sunday, June 17 – Friday, July 27, 2018
* Move-in day is Sunday, June 17, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – noon

COST
$1,000 per student
* Cost includes room and board, field trips, courses, tutoring and professional development programs. This is only 10% of the actual cost of the program per student, with the remaining expenses being covered through corporate and University sponsorships. If you are unable to pay the entirety of the fee, please include a Statement of Financial Need and how much you are able to contribute along with your application. Students will have access to computer labs, library resources, and the library. All participants must provide their own transportation to and from State College.

Program Application
Please complete the enclosed application. Do not send payment at this time. Program fees will be collected upon acceptance into the program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2018

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