Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know who my advisor is?
First year advisors are listed on the College of Engineering First-year Engineer website and are divided based on your major: http://engineering.oregonstate.edu/advising/first-year-engineer. Click on an advisor’s calendar to make your advising appointment. You will come to Batcheller 151 to sign in at the front desk for your appointment. Advisors will meet with you for a 30-minute appointment each term during weeks 3–9.

What can I use drop-in hours for?
Drop-in hours are held from 8:00-8:30 a.m. and 4:00-4:30 p.m. daily in Batcheller 151. Common questions for drop-in hours include: questions about withdrawing from a course, S/U grade changes, registration questions/issues, policy questions, updating/changing your major, or to ask about resources (study abroad, tutoring, etc). Drop-in advising will NOT provide students with PIN numbers. You will obtain your pin number only during your 30-minute appointment.

When do I register for the next term?
The order in which students are allowed to register is determined by how many credits you’ve completed (those with the most credits register first). Your registration time will be displayed in MyOSU. The “Registration Tools” menu has a link for “View Priority Registration Status” (typically assigned to each student after Week 3).

Where do I find the classes for my major?
Curriculum guides can be found on the First-year Engineer website: http://engineering.oregonstate.edu/advising/first-year-engineer. You should come to your PIN registration appointment with a plan prepared in your MyDegrees.

What’s “Phase I” and “Phase II”?
OSU’s registration process has two parts, Phase I and Phase II. Phase I is your first opportunity to register for classes and you can sign up for as many as 16 credits. Phase II starts later, and is your opportunity to wait-list for classes as well as add classes up to the maximum of 19 credits. The whole process is described on the Registrar’s website at http://oregonstate.edu/registrar.

Can you email me my PIN?
No. PINs for first-year engineers are distributed during your advising appointment.

My friend says we don’t need new PINs to register. Is that true?
Every college handles PINs differently. In the College of Engineering your PIN will change every quarter, and you’ll always get your PIN from your advisor. If your friend is part of a different college, their PIN may not be changing, but yours is!

What does S/U mean?
Students may elect to change a course that is graded under a normal grading basis (A–F) to a satisfactory/unsatisfactory grading basis (S/U). A grade of S or U has no grade point equivalent and is not used in the GPA calculation. A grade of S (satisfactory) shall be equivalent to grades A, A–, B+, B, B–, C+, C, and C–. A grade of U (unsatisfactory) shall be equivalent to grades D+, D, D–, or F. You must speak with an advisor in order to change your grading basis. Courses required for your pre-core GPA cannot be taken on an S/U basis. The deadline to change is week 7 of each term.