

Class of 2025 FAQ's:

1. How will my AP credits be used?

For STEM courses (Chemistry, Calculus, Physics), students will be placed into the next level course (if offered in the fall).

For non-STEM courses, credit will be granted accordingly ([AP credits Table](#))

2. I am taking dual enrollment classes through my school. What will I receive credit for?

For STEM courses (Chemistry, Calculus, Physics), general elective credit will be given.

For all other courses, credit may be granted based on course equivalencies listed in [njtransfer.org](#).

3. What classes can I take at a community college over the summer BEFORE starting at Rutgers in the Fall?

Students may take non-STEM courses during the summer before starting at Rutgers. All incoming students are required to take all of the first year STEM courses (Chem, Calc, Physics) at Rutgers during the standard Fall semester unless they have AP credits.

4. I will be taking both English and Math AP exams this year, and feel strongly that I will receive 4's or 5's. Do I still need to take the placement tests?

YES, students still need to take the placement tests, because we cannot grant AP credits based on potential scores. Once AP scores are received, they will be honored accordingly.

5. If I take the English and/or Math placement exams before I receive my AP scores, how will my placement be determined?

Your placement will be based on the results of your placement exams. If AP scores of 4 or 5 are received subsequently, we will honor those scores.

6. I will have AP credit for Calc 1 and Calc 2, and am taking Calc 3 now. How do I get credit for Calc 3?

Students cannot receive credit for math classes beyond results of AP scores. There are no proficiency exams given for Calc 1 and above.

7. How will I create my Fall schedule?

Our office will create schedules for all incoming students based on credits as well as information from the registration form in the online course "SOE Academic Advising – Class of 2025".

8. When/how can I change my Fall schedule?

Students will receive their schedule on August 20. Students can change their schedule starting late August, and into Add/Drop week in September as long as they have completed the online course (see number 7)

9. Can I minor/double major in Computer Science?

Yes, students can minor or double major in CS. It is more common for Computer Engineering students since some of the courses can double count. For information on the CS minor or double major: [CS degrees](#). For information on CS courses taken as Computer Engineering majors, please check the ECE handbook: [ECE Handbook](#).

10. Can I choose Computer Science as my only major at the School of Engineering?

No. The School of Engineering offers a Computer Engineering degree, but not Computer Science. Students wishing to pursue a degree in Computer Science must attend the School of Arts and Sciences

11. Can I minor/double major in a non-engineering subject?

Yes, depending on the subject, a minor is usually about 18 credits, a double major is about twice the amount of credits. Courses taken towards a minor or second major will count towards the 12 credits of humanities/social sciences elective requirement for all engineering majors. Some engineering majors (i.e., Chemical) have an additional 6 credits of general electives which can also be fulfilled with the minor or double major credits.

Students can make an appointment with an advisor or a dean sometime during the first or second semester if they have more questions.

12. Can I start taking courses towards my engineering major in the Fall if I have AP credits for most of the first year classes?

We do not advise incoming freshmen to jump into sophomore level engineering classes during their first semester. Instead, we recommend taking courses towards a minor or double major, or planning for a semester abroad during the sophomore spring semester.

13. Who is my academic advisor?

The academic advisor for first year students is Ms. Deborah Corcoran. The First Year Dean, Dean Vargas, also advises students.

14. When can I meet with my academic advisor?

Both Dean Vargas and Ms. Corcoran will be available during the Engineering priority NSO days, during the summer (dates TBA), as well as during the Kick-off Event in August, and the first week of classes. During the semester, both have office hours available during the week for appointments.

15. How can I get my student ID?

Instructions can be found in your Dashboard. Photos can be submitted electronically. For more information, please visit the [Identity & Access Management- ID Card website](#)

16. What are the required specifications for laptops?

Intel core i5 processor;64-bit Operating System;16GB RAM (8 min);512GB storage (256 min)