



**College of Engineering and Computer Science
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**Sacramento State
College of Engineering and Computer Science
Freshman Peer Coaching Program – Fall 2008
*The key to student success in college and career!***

A special Sacramento State, College of Engineering and Computer Science (ECS) program is being offered for the third time this coming fall semester. It is specifically designed to increase the retention of freshmen students in the disciplines of our college. In this program, each freshman student pre-major or major is being assigned to an upper-division engineering or computer science “Student Peer Coach” (SPC). The SPC will work with students, both in groups of about 10 and individually, to assist each one in accommodating to the challenges of a university education and in progressing effectively toward a BS degree. All peer coaches have been specifically trained in effective methods of working with their students to help each one do well in classes, develop effective personal and educational strategies, and to make informed decisions related to a professional career.

Each freshman will meet with his/her SPC in one group meeting per week and in one individual coaching session per week. The SPCs will set up these individual meetings so as not to interfere with class schedules.

The engineering introduction course (ENGR 1A – 3 units) already includes one unit of enrollment in the peer coaching program. Each freshman ECS major or pre-major, who is not enrolled in ENGR 1A, is invited to enroll for 1 unit (CR/NC) in ENGR 96A (first semester of Peer Coaching) or ENGR 96B (second semester of Peer Coaching) in order to take advantage of peer coaching. See the ECS Web Page under NEWS for more information, or call (916) 278-6366.

Students should register for either ENGR 1A or ENGR 96 A or B as they would for any other course. Details of the group sessions will be provided by the peer coaches at the first class meeting.

Student success is our goal!

Sincerely yours,

Emir Jose Macari, Dean