ENGR 196A
Survival and Success Skills for Freshmen Engineers
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Lecture: Mondays, 5 pm - 5:50 pm, ARCH 103

Course Description:
This course will introduce you some of the skills that will make it easier for you to be successful as a student and an engineer, both here at the University and after you graduate. We will discuss and implement different strategies of becoming efficient learners so you can get good grades while maintaining a healthy life balance. We will also talk about ways of becoming involved in undergraduate research projects, internships, and volunteer positions so that you will be able to find a satisfying job when you graduate.

Text: None.

Course Policy: Homework and written assignments (70 % of grade)
Homework is due at the beginning of the class on the day it is due.
Late homework will not be accepted.

Final exam: (30 % of grade). Final due on Friday 12-7 at 5 pm by email to the instructor at blowers@engr.arizona.edu

Class Schedule:

Date	Topics
8-20	Selling Yourself on Paper: How to Create a Resume
8-27	Resumes Revisited
9-3	Labor Day - No Class
9-10	Campus and Tucson - What's Here?
9-17	What is Your Learning Style?
9-24	Time Management Skills
10-1	Maximizing Success: How to Take Engineering Exams to Maximize Your Grade
10-8	No Class - Professor should be New Father this Week
10-15	Teamwork Projects: Group Leader or Group Packmule
10-22	What Good is an Internship Anyway?
10-29	Question Day - Bring all your Unanswered Questions!
11-5	Interpersonal Skills: Interviewing, Playing Well With Others
11-12	Are there Only Books in the Library?
11-19	Study Strategies to Try when Nothing Seems to be Working
11-26	Resources on Campus you Don't know how to Use (but will make it easier for you to succeed).
12-3	Last Class - Course evaluations and goodbye for now
12-7	Take Home Final Due to blowers@engr.arizona.edu by 5 pm.

Homework assignments will be available at http://blowers.chee.arizona.edu