Engineering Science – Recommendations for Success

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1. Talk to your advisor or program coordinator about your options and future goals.
2. Declare a major rather than staying with General Studies. Many opportunities are given to the students whose major are in certain fields. For example, state-wide LSSL program gives priority to students in engineering or engineering technology programs; Academic Award gives to students based on their majors; Epsilon Pi Tau Honor Society only inducts students majoring in a technology field. Declaring a major also helps you keep a close relationship with your advisor, who often times is also the Program Coordinator. It would come in handy when you need a recommendation for anything.
3. Be competitive and play to your strength: go to each class on time; try your best on each assignment and test; develop your math, analytical, and communication skills.
4. Network, stay flexible about career options – which could include becoming an engineer, scientist, professor, manager, or independent consultant.
5. Gain experience beyond classroom. Joining a club (such as MxCC’s Robotics Club), or an honors society or professional society is a good way to network. Looking for an internship or summer job opportunities.
6. Build your resume from “day one” and keep it updated.