Dear VUSE First, Second, and Third-Year Students,

I hope week three of your online VU experience is going okay. Hang in there; only 19 more days in the regular semester followed by finals and a huge sigh of relief. I know many of you are struggling with the added burdens of concern about the health of family and friends, increased family responsibilities, and resource limitations whether that be internet access, physical space, food, or finances. These are extraordinary times, but you are extraordinary people. You will make it, and you will be stronger for it.

I wanted to share with you information about an online career fair tomorrow, summer classes, and registration for the fall.

**Online Career Fair & Professional Development**

It’s obviously a weird time to try to find an internship, but there are some unique options. The SEC and ACC are having a virtual career fair tomorrow, 9 am to 6 pm Eastern with loads of employers; see below for info. Also, the VU Career Center coaches are standing by, ready to help you figure out your best options for professional development. Go to DoreWays ([https://www.vanderbilt.edu/career/doreways/](https://www.vanderbilt.edu/career/doreways/)) to request an appointment.

**SEC & ACC Virtual Career Fair: April 2, 2020**

Featuring Full-time, Internship, & Co-op Jobs - All Majors invited (including Students & Alumni) [https://www.careereco.com/events/secacc?ref=ceh](https://www.careereco.com/events/secacc?ref=ceh)

To Register: [https://www.careereco.com/register/secacc?ref=ceh](https://www.careereco.com/register/secacc?ref=ceh)

- Students and alumni will have the opportunity to connect real-time with employers
- You will meet recruiters online via chat rooms during the event
- Employers’ chat hours will be posted in advance
- After registering, jobseekers simply need to upload their resume for employers to view.

**Summer Classes**

This summer presents a great opportunity to study new subjects, get ahead or catch up on degree requirements, and fill your time productively. All VU classes for Maymester and all summer sessions will be online this year, giving you the opportunity to study from home or wherever you may be. Registration is open for summer classes now. In VUSE, we plan to offer these courses in addition to those offered by A&S, Peabody, and Blair:

- CE 4415: Construction Materials and Methods
- CS 1101: Programming and Problem Solving
- CS 1104: Programming and Problem Solving with Python
- CS 2212: Discrete Structures
- CS 3250: Algorithms
- EECE 2112: Circuits I
- EECE 2123: Digital Systems
- EECE 2123L: Digital Systems Laboratory
- ENGM 2440: Applied Behavioral Science
- ENGM 3100: Finance and Accounting for Engineers
ME 2190: Dynamics  
ME 2220: Thermodynamics

More classes are likely to be added soon.

If you wish to take a course(s) at/through another institution this summer, you will need to apply for transfer credit pre-approval through the YES Transfer Credit process. Beginning March 30, 2020, the start of the summer registration period, transfer credit pre-approvals will not be granted if the course (or courses) is (are) offered by Vanderbilt during any of the 2020 Maymester or summer sessions. To petition for exceptions to this policy, please contact engineering-oas@vanderbilt.edu. Transfer credit pre-approvals granted through the University Registrar’s Office prior to March 30, 2020 will stand. Students with these approvals may receive transfer credit per the normal rules and policies of VUSE.

**Grading of summer classes.** Since it is so important that you and your academic adviser be able to see clear metrics of your performance in critical classes like math, science, and engineering, any summer classes you take in those subjects must be on a graded basis. Your future success depends on the foundation you build in coursework now; a basic “pass” may not be strong enough to support your future work.

As a School of Engineering student, you will have the normal pass/fail grading option available as described in the School of Engineering’s portion of the undergraduate catalog (pages 293 and 294), with the exception that you need not take 12 graded credit hours in the summer in order to be able to exercise the pass/fail option. You may take your open electives pass/fail. Certain other categories of electives may be taken pass/fail as noted on page 293 of the catalog. With the exception of this spring 2020 term, all other courses, including required foundational, major, and repeated courses, must be taken on a graded basis for anyone pursuing a major or minor in the School of Engineering. I encourage you to read the catalog and to consult with your adviser and the School of Engineering’s Office of Academic Services (engineering-oas@vanderbilt.edu) if you have any questions.

You may have heard that your peers in the other undergraduate schools at VU may take any course pass/fail this summer. That is true only if they are not pursuing a second major or minor in VUSE. If they are pursuing credentials in VUSE, then the courses required for their VUSE major/minor must be taken on a graded basis. GPA’s in the other schools do not affect the standards for your potential Latin honors when you graduate.

**Deadlines to declare pass/fail for Maymester and summer courses are as follows:**

- May 18 for Maymester:  
- June 17 for Summer Session I  
- July 22 for Summer Session II  
- July 9 for Full-term Summer Semester
If you are eligible for *financial aid* and are interested in taking a course at VU this summer, please contact your financial aid officer or engineering-oas@vanderbilt.edu for instructions on how to apply for summer aid.

**Registration for the Fall 2020 Term**

If you have not already done so, be sure to have a conversation with your academic adviser to discuss your courses for the fall term and to have your adviser hold released. If you need to change major or add/drop another major or minor, please email Maddie.french@vanderbilt.edu. Registration for the fall semester is scheduled to begin April 13th. You can see your registration window day and time in YES.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss with me, please call my assistant Ms. Teresa Benedetti at 615-343-3773 to schedule time for us to talk by phone or Zoom.

Best regards,
Dean Paschal