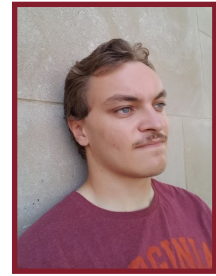


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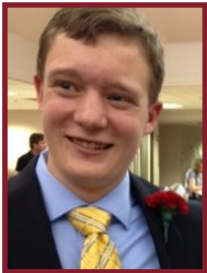
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Why Electrical



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Now that we're in the middle of the Spring semester, if you have not started thinking about your major, now is a good time to start. Hopefully this article will help you decide if you're interested in majoring in electrical engineering. If you want additional information, visit the website <https://ece.vt.edu/undergrad/curriculum> or email me at karl97@vt.edu with questions.

Just about everything relies on electrical engineering today. Electrical engineers interact with a lot of different fields, including most branches of engineering, medicine, physics, chemistry and biology. Electrical engineers can work in almost any field they want and can choose to stay in a technical job or move on to an administrative or managerial job. Electrical engineers specifically work with energy and data. Some of the top qualities of electrical engineers are listed below.

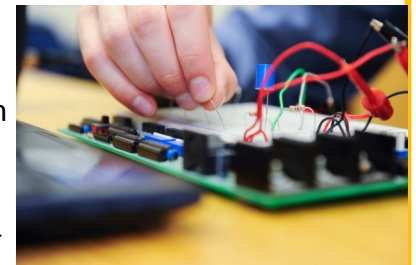
The first quality is an analytical mindset. Like most engineering branches, you must be able to

analyze a problem and come up with a solution that meets the constraints and is cost effective. You should also be able to identify and correct any mistakes you might have made.

Good communication skills are also an important quality. Being able to communicate well is one of the most important skills any engineer can have. As an electrical engineer, you will need to write proposals and to be able to explain what you're doing to others who don't know anything about electrical engineering. Good communication skills also make interacting in the workplace easier.

The third quality is the ability to work on a team. As an electrical engineer, you will be working with other engineers and non-engineers on complex problems. It's important that you learn how to work with different types of who have different ideas or perspectives. Being able to work on a team makes finding a solution as a team much easier for everyone involved in the process.

Hopefully this article will convince you to consider majoring in electrical engineering.



Group Exercise Classes



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Do you need some motivation to go to the gym? Are you bored of just running and lifting all by yourself? Do you want to find more gym buddies? Why don't you try out Group Exercise Classes! These workouts are prepared and taught by instructors so they will surely motivate you. There are classes scheduled all throughout every day of the week, so you will certainly find a class to fit your schedule. No prior experience is needed, so feel free to explore.

The classes offered include classic ones like Zumba and more unique ones like Deep Water Fitness. If you're looking to get a workout in

while learning self-defense, then try Kickboxing; this intense class combines boxing with martial arts. If you're looking to strengthen your entire body, then try BodyPump; in this class, you'll go through a series of guided weight-room exercises like squats, presses, lifts and curls. If you're looking to build strength, flexibility and stability, then try Pilates; in this class, you'll perform exercises to stretch your spine while strengthening your core. Watch out for special events that are offered at McComas throughout the semester such as Ladies Night in the Weight Room and Broga - Yoga for Men. In order to attend Group Exercise classes, you will need to purchase a pass, which can be found on the VT Rec Sports website.



Things to do Over Spring Break



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We are now quickly approaching Spring Break and I'm sure many of you are excited. There are many things that you can plan to do over the break that are fun or can help you get ahead for when you get back to Tech.

Make sure to prioritize spending time with family and friends from home during the break. A week-long break gives plenty of opportunities to spend time with people that you likely haven't seen in a few months.

It is also important to take a mental break and just watch Netflix or play video

games. This break is an amazing chance to destress before the final stretch of the semester. Be sure to rest up plenty before returning to Tech.

Finally, be sure to study for any tests you have the week you return. You will have plenty of time to get comfortable with the material on any tests that are scheduled for when you get back. You also will have an amazing opportunity to get some work done over break so that there is less to do upon getting back.

