welcome to EEE

Christos Papavassiliou
Senior Tutor
Room 915, c.papavas@imperial.ac.uk
what do I do as senior tutor

• Monitor student welfare
• Look out for, and try to help, students that:
  – Do not attend regularly
  – Have health and other problems
  – Perform poorly
• Prizes and awards
• IET and IEEE representative
• Penalties for disciplinary matters
manage your time & have a life!

• Balance work and play.
  – We teach you to work independently!
  – Less direction in College than in school
  – MUCH less feedback on your progress.
  – You will often feel you are on your own!
• Make a time budget; try to stick to it:
  – Lectures, study
  – Rest, activities, entertainment
• Read and completely understand the assessment document (on the dept. web)
  – Inform your time allocation
  – Assign value to the joy of learning, not only on marks!

• **DO NOT BE PERFECTIONISTS**
attendance

– **Attend ALL lectures**
  • 1 hour missed costs 2-3 extra hours of study!

– **Attendance is REQUIRED in:**
  • Tutorials
  • LABS
  • humanity subjects, especially languages.
  • You **FAIL** if you do not attend regularly humanity subjects.

– **Attendance is monitored** in study groups

– We will chase you if you are persistently absent

– If you don’t respond to our appeals we will assume:
  • You are ill or are facing serious difficulties – we will try to help
  • You don’t care - may be a sign of fatigue…
learning is NOT a spectator sport

Make the most of lectures:
• Keep your own notes – annotate handouts
• Revise lecture notes as soon after the lecture as practical

Participate in study groups
• Be prepared: attempt homework without reference to solutions
• ASK QUESTIONS during study groups!

Revise regularly: highlight your weaknesses – ask for help

DO all your coursework - DO NOT CHEAT!
• Main purpose of coursework is learning, not earning marks
• Hand in all coursework even if incomplete or imperfect

DO NOT miss oral exams (labs, languages)

READ the “LEARNING TO LEARN” Booklet
never “plagiarise”
(i.e. do not cheat)

• Cheating may earn you easy marks (if not caught!) but
• Cheating undermines YOUR studies!
• DO NOT
  – Pass other people’s work for your own (e.g. past lab reports).
  – Cut and Paste from a source (e.g. Wiki) into your reports:
  – Hire other people to do your assignments (!)
  – Use other people’s measurements in lab reports or orals
• **DO NOT CHEAT IN EXAMS**
exams

STUDY THE SUBJECT, don’t memorise PAST PAPERS
How to prepare:
• Study your notes!
• Do a past paper:
  – with NO CHOICE, in the time that would be allowed
  – without looking in the solutions
• Identify weak spots in your knowledge
• Study, do exercises to fix weaknesses
• Do another past exam paper
  – allowing 75% of the time allowed
  – again with no reference to solutions while you do it.
• You are prepared when you know if your answers are correct
results + degree classifications

• Don’t become obsessed managing your marks. Do your best and the marks will come.
• Aim high (1st!), but a 2.1 from Imperial is quite respectable.
• Even a 2.2 is not the end of the world and will open many doors!
• Degree classification boundaries are **BOUNDARIES** not thresholds.
• Any mark < 40 is a **FAIL!** (even if the pass is officially at 30)
• Subjects under 50% require revision over the summer
  – so that these subjects will not undermine subsequent subjects.
• SQT is a **badly failed** subject, not a partially passed one.
• Examiners decisions are FINAL:
  – Appeals are only considered for “extenuating circumstances” unknown to the Examiners at the time decision was taken.
  – Exam marks are NEVER adjusted
  – Autumn exams are only offered to students who missed exams due to illness (with medical letter!)
general discipline

• Do not do anything illegal!
  – FOLLOW rules in Halls of residence
  – DO not deliberately destroy hall or College property
  – DO NOT violate ICT guidelines regarding copyrighted materials (eg use peer-to-peer networks to download or upload films)
  – DO NOT do DRUGS
  – DO NOT download-distribute pornography (UK law is particularly severe)

• Disciplinary matters are dealt by (depending on nature and seriousness of offence):
  – Hall Warden
  – Senior Tutor
  – ICT (computer privileges suspension for ICT related offences)
  – Disciplinary hearing initiated by the College Tutor
Monitor your health & document any serious difficulties

Monitor your health:
- Keep a regular routine – sleep well
- Eat well. Bad diet undermines your ability to learn.
- Monitor your mood.
  • Persistent sadness, insomnia, or rapid changes of mood are all signs of illness.
- If you are ill go see the doctor.

Report to your tutor and document any:
- Medical issues
- Longer than 3 day absences
- Other difficulties (family, financial, personal)
when in trouble TALK!

To your friends!

To academic support:
Tutor ➔ Senior Tutor ➔ Director of Undergraduate Studies

To pastoral support:
Sub Warden ➔ Warden ➔ Senior Tutor ➔ Doctor / Counsellor

Medical + personal information is kept strictly confidential
when all goes wrong

Talk to tutor or senior tutor. We can help you arrange:

• Financial aid
• Deadline extensions
• Interruption of studies
• Withdrawal from examinations
• Transfer to another course/university

IMPORTANT: talk to us as early as possible
Have a wonderful time at EEE!

Questions?