Eligibility Requirements for the Pre-Engineering Program (PREP)

Who is eligible to apply?

Current Illinois students enrolled in their first year of college. Students may only apply to PREP in May of their first year of college.

The following are not eligible to apply to PREP. Current Illinois student that:

- Enrolled prior to Fall 2019.
- Enrolled as Transfer students for Fall 2017 or after
- Are enrolled beyond their first year of college at Illinois.

GPA Requirements

Overall Illinois GPA and Specialized GPA\(^1\) of 3.0 or higher.

Please note the above minimum GPAs are required to apply. The competitiveness of the applicant pool will determine the average GPA.

Minimum Course Requirements

MATH 220 or 221 (Calculus 1) and CHEM 102 & 103\(^2\) (General Chemistry 1).

Courses must be completed by end of spring semester in year of application.

*Incoming freshmen who start in a math class lower than Math 115 (Pre-Calculus) will not be eligible for Pre-Engineering.*

Students who already have credits for the courses listed above (and do not want to forfeit that credit) are expected to successfully complete higher-level technical courses, following as best as possible the course sequencing for majors of interests that is listed in the Academic Catalog.

\(^1\) The *specialized GPA* is calculated based on all foundational technical courses related to the Engineering core curriculum. Grade Replacements will not be factored into the calculation of the Specialized GPA; instead all on-campus grades provided for one technical course will be averaged together.

\(^2\) The CHEM 103 requirement is waived if you have AP credit for CHEM 102. Be advised that some programs on campus may still require earned credit in CHEM 103. Please reach out to the PREP team at dgs-prep@illinois.edu to discuss.