LEADR

Q) What is LEADR?

(A) Leadership in Engineering Advancement, Diversity and Retention (LEADR) is a student support program within the College of Engineering. LEADR’s mission is to recruit, retain, and graduate a diverse population of students from the College of Engineering. Our comprehensive support program offers quality academic advising, professional development and career readiness support, leadership opportunities, a study center designed for individual and group study, and more. We also have a summer bridge program to assist students with the transition to college and a Living-Learning community located in student housing to further build community and exploration of engineering. We aim to support students with their goals and success from the day they step on campus, to the day they graduate, and beyond.

Q) Who can participate in LEADR?

(A) Participants must be engineering students and meet one or more of the following criteria:
- First-generation and/or Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) students
- Past participation in the MESA Engineering Pre-College or Community College Programs, AVID, Upward Bound, or similar pre-college enrichment programs
- Potential for leadership in increasing the participation of students in engineering for historically underrepresented groups

Q) Who is a first-generation student?

(A) A student whose parent(s)/guardian(s) did not graduate from a four-year institution.

Q) How will LEADR support me throughout my time at UC Davis?

(A) LEADR is a community. We aim to work with you from the day you arrive, to the day you graduate, and beyond. Advising is geared toward your needs at each class level from your first year through graduation. This includes an emphasis on academic success, personal goal-setting, and career readiness. Our Introduction to Issues in Engineering courses (ENG 11A/11B) provide a deeper exploration into each engineering discipline and the Grand Challenges related to each major. We also promote community building and peer-to-peer connection through social gatherings, workshops, a space to study located in our LEADR Student Study Center, and more.
Frequently Asked Questions

Q) How do I join LEADR?
A) Students can join LEADR by several pathways, listed below.
- **Immediate Access** (or “application-based” pathways):
  - Attending LEADR Summer Bridge
  - Participating in the STEP Program
  - Living in our Living-Learning Community (LLC) in the residence halls
- We do not want to exclude any potential LEADR-eligible student from participating in the program. If you were not selected, or were unable to participate in STEP, LEADR Summer Bridge, or the LLC, then other pathways to LEADR include:
  - responding to our general invite email which will be sent at the beginning of Fall Quarter
  - contacting LEADR (coeleadr@ucdavis.edu) to indicate your interest in joining this program.
- **Not in the College of Engineering?** If you are not in the College of Engineering, but are actively planning to change your major to engineering, and meet our participation criteria (listed above), then please email coeleadr@ucdavis.edu to schedule an appointment with a LEADR advisor.

***Please note: Program participation and on-boarding is dependent on program capacity at the time of your request***

Q) What is LEADR Summer Bridge (LSB)?
(A) A summer program for first-year freshmen that is held prior to the start of fall quarter with the goal to ease the transition to the first year of college. During Summer Bridge, students live in residence halls with upper-division resident mentors and spend their days learning about campus resources, the transition from high school to college, how to cultivate a sense of belonging and community, and professional development.

Q) Why should I participate in the LSB Program?
(A) Students who participated in the LSB Program have found it to be a valuable experience that helped them get acquainted to UC Davis, LEADR, and the College of Engineering. Participating in the LSB Program allows you to make connections with peers before classes even start, introduces you to essential campus resources, and provides you with insights into the engineering profession from professional engineers.
Students should apply to participate in the LSB Program if they would like to have a smooth transition to the college experience and are curious and committed to learning about what it takes to be successful in the engineering major and profession.

***Important note: Planning for LSB 2020 is still in progress and updates will be provided in late May***

(Q) Do I pay to participate in LSB or the LEADR Program?
(A) There is no cost involved with participation in LSB other than your transportation to/from the program. No cost is involved for participation in LEADR.

Q) I was accepted into the Special Transitional Enrichment Program (STEP), can I also attend the LSB Program?
(A) Since LEADR works with students during the STEP Program, and will be covering similar material during LSB, students may only attend one of the summer programs. If you are accepted into STEP, we do highly encourage you to attend. This year, LSB will overlap with STEP so this will allow students from both programs to interact with one another.

Q) What is the benefit of living on a Living-Learning Community floor?
(A) Students who live in Living-Learning Communities have the unique experience of living with peers who share similar interests, classes, and backgrounds.

The LEADR Living-Learning Community is designated for first-generation students who plan to study engineering. Floor events include: social activities, interaction with faculty members who are also first-generation, study group formation, and presentations on engineering related topics.

LEADR Living-Learning Community members are also required to enroll in Introduction to Issues in Engineering—the LEADR Program seminar. Course registration numbers (CRNs) for this one-unit, Pass/No Pass course will be provided to students in later correspondence.
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Q) Who will be living in LEADR Living-Learning Community?
(A) The LEADR Living-Learning Community will include students who attend the Special Transitional Enrichment Program, the LEADR Summer Bridge Program, and students who would like to be part of LEADR but did not attend either summer program.

(Q) Who do I contact if I have more questions? (A) LEADR staff are happy to respond to any questions sent to coeleadr@ucdavis.edu!