Student Testimonials

“ICE was one of the best things that I could have ever done to facilitate my transition into college, helping me be a couple steps ahead of everyone else in my classes.” Jose Garcia (Civil Engineering, Walter Payton College Prep, Internship with San Francisco Utilities Commission in SU’08)

“ICE was very crucial to my successful start as an engineer, it was prepping me for college, more than a prep high school could ever do. The program reinforced key subjects at the pace of a college course, which is key to excelling. ICE really builds unity among the students, creating strong bonds that will carry on into the semesters that prove to be invaluable to success.” Adam Addams (Mechanical Engineering, Chicago Military Academy, FA’07 Dean’s List)

“I definitely credit ICE for my success my freshman year. ICE gave me a support group of about fifty people: including teachers, deans, College of Engineering staff, and other students.” Tieranny Baker (Civil Engineering, Thornwood HS, FA’07 Dean’s List, Newmark Lab Research Assistant)

“After being accepted to the University of Illinois, I was beginning to have doubts about being able to make it through four years in an intense curriculum. However, ICE gave me the confidence and the skills to not only pass in my classes but succeed in them.” Tim Dunne (Materials Science and Engineering, Brimfield HS, FA’07 Dean’s List)

Additional student testimonials can be found at: http://engineering.illinois.edu/mep/ice

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What is ICE?
Illinois Connections in Engineering (ICE) is a unique learning experience designed to successfully transition students from high school to the rigors of Engineering at Illinois. ICE provides opportunities and resources so students can hit the ground running when they begin their college career.

What happens during ICE?
ICE is a rigorous residential program that runs from June 20th through July 24th at the Urbana-Champaign campus. The focus of ICE is preparation in the core technical subjects – math, chemistry and physics. While students may have had these classes in high school, college level coursework demands a different level of understanding and academic skill.

ICE is a comprehensive program that includes academic, social and professional activities. Students become familiar with the campus and campus resources, and more importantly, make new friends who will remain for years to come.

ICE provides:
- Room and board
- Preparatory courses (Math, Chemistry, Physics)
- Workshops
- Textbooks
- Academic success strategies training
- Opportunities to interact with faculty/administration
- Career explorations, plant trips
- Seminars for parents
- Pass for Campus Recreation Center-East (CRCE)
- University credit (elective hours)
- Book Stipend

What is the application process.
All students admitted to an engineering discipline at UIUC for the Fall 2010 semester can apply for the ICE program. Students admitted to ICE must accept their UIUC admission to participate in the program. The application will be mailed to you and is also accessible online. The deadline for complete application submission is March 12, 2010.

Why should I come to ICE?
Each fall, around 1,200 freshmen come to the College of Engineering, one of the most prestigious and difficult programs in the country. ICE students are able to start the semester already connected to people and places on campus. Further, ICE students will have already experienced the difference between college and high school and won’t have to go through that transition when the grades really count.

Candidate’s Weekend
All invited students who submit applications will attend a candidate orientation. The orientation will include workshops, teambuilding exercises, a campus tour and lunch.

Application materials can be found at: http://www.engineering.illinois.edu/mep/ice/

There are limited spaces in ICE; we encourage you to submit a strong application.