

## A Definition of the term Argineering

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In the University of Waterloo, the word Argineering, a blend of the name of faculty “Arts” and “Engineering”, refers to those engineering students who are taking 3 to 4 non-technology courses. Argineering is an adjective which is specially used to describe groups of students.

Argineering is different from art and engineering because students in the Faculty of Arts have more free time than Argineering students, and students in the Faculty of Engineering spend more time on technical courses. Argineering students spend more than usual time on writing assignments which are not related to their degree. However, argineering is also similar to engineering because argineering students are as busy as engineering students.

A very significant example is those computer engineering students who just pass BASE (Bridge to Academic Success in English) program. They have already taken 1 math course and 1 physics course in the previous year, and they must choose EMLS 129R and another social science course in the first year; Therefore, in the first year, they have to take 4 non-technology courses including one engineering communication course, one engineering proficient course, one writing skill course, and one social science course; however, they only take one math course and one coding course in the first term. It's ironic that they are more like an arts student instead of an engineering student.

The word argineering is important because it lets the University of Waterloo know the pain of Argineering students, and hopefully, the university can change the arrangement of their course schedule and let them suffer less in their first year.