Student Name

Student ID #

Major (CpE, SwE, CS)

MM/DD/YYYY

Assignment #1: Introductory Essay

Your first assignment is to write a short essay (2 pages) introducing yourself, describing your career goals, skills, interests, activities, etc. The purpose is to provide your instructor with information that will be useful in “fine tuning” various aspects of the Senior Design experience to best meet the needs and expectations of the students.

Your essay will be divided into two parts, approximately 1 page each. You may use this document as a template for your response (Times New Roman font, 11 pt, single spaced paragraphs, one blank line between paragraphs, header on first page as shown above). Submit your essay as a single PDF file by the specified deadline.

**In the first part, please address the following:**

* What is your major? Why did you choose it?
* What goals and aspirations do you have for your professional career?
* What are some of your strengths and weaknesses (technical and professional)?
* Do you think you would be a successful team leader? Why or why not?
* What sort of activities are you involved in outside of course work (employment, clubs, etc)?
* What are some of your interests / hobbies?

**Insert a page break after the first part, and address the following in the second:**

* What do you expect to gain from Senior Design?
* Describe what would be your “ideal” SD project. Your answer may be general or specific, and you may list several ideas.
* Rankings on the proposed list of projects
* Are there any technical skills that you would like to learn that you have not yet acquired while completing your degree? You may include topics outside of CS/SwE/CSE.
* Do you have any concerns that you would like to communicate to the instructor at this point?
* Is there anyone you wish to work with? Not work with? State why for each person.