

General Education Reflection

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Introduction

Our general education classes are seen by many as a worthless few credits tacked onto a semester to fulfill a requirement. This may be true if a student does not take these courses seriously or picks courses, they have no interest in. Otherwise, they can be great ways to expand your knowledge outside of engineering.

Experience Gained

I took a wide range of general education courses from introduction to economics to microbiology and while neither of these courses relates directly to computer engineering, I believe they still provided valuable experience.

One class I got lots out of was introduction to microeconomics (ECON 101). This class provided a different perspective from the business side that I had not considered before. For example, when considering PPF lines and finding the ideal price, increasing the cost of production may cause an unideal price for consumers and producers. So have that in mind when designing to reduce costs while maintaining quality.

Another class I saw benefits from was my international political economy class (POLS 381). The class was looking at the large-scale world politics focused on the economy. One aspect that I picked up on was the idea that as an engineer my skills and experiences are an asset and sharing of knowledge from one company to another is extremely important in moving the entire industry forward.

Conclusion

Overall, my general education courses have provided me with the opportunity to see other perspectives outside of engineering. This has made me a more well-rounded person and engineer.