

Engineering Futures Sessions

Tau Beta Pi – The Engineering Honor Society.

Futures sessions are interactive lectures where engineering students will be working on their "soft skills," skills which are necessary for success. These future sessions typically last approximately 2-3 hours. The date, time and location of the future sessions are listed below.

- **People Skills** - Sat Feb. 23rd at 11am in W205.
- **Team Chartering** - Fri Mar. 5th at 1pm (room tbd).

Below is a short description of the topics covered in the futures sessions.

People Skills — communicating and resolving interpersonal problems

- Communicating Interpersonal Problems
 - Learn how to communicate interpersonal problems in a manner that will get the problem solved while maintaining relationships with others.
- Diagnosing the Cause of Interpersonal Problems
- Resolving Motivational Problems
 - Learn how to motivate people by communicating consequences of not resolving the problem. Also learn how to set up and follow plans once a solution is agreed upon to help ensure that the problem is permanently solved.
- Resolving Ability Problems
 - Learn how to involve the individual with the ability problem in developing a solution to his or her ability problem.
- Resolving Emergent Problems
 - Learn to identify and resolve emergent problems (secondary problems that arise during the resolution of a problem) such as high emotion (anger, stress, etc.) or complex, unintelligible responses to questions.

Group Process — planning and managing effective meetings

- Planning a Meeting
 - Learn how to plan for a meeting, including deciding when a meeting is necessary, whom to invite to the meeting, things to consider relative to the meeting's location, and the content of the meeting. Learn how to organize a meeting agenda to include the above items.
- Conducting Effective Meetings
 - Learn specific roles participants in a meeting need to play and how to keep a meeting on track once it has started. Practice the skills in a mock meeting.

Please keep in mind that initiates are required to attend at least one future session. On the other hand, please feel free to attend both! We hope to see you there.