

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What do I need to complete before I'm officially registered for EABC?

- **Checklist:**

- Complete EABC [Registration Form](#)
- **You must Switch/Update your application from Fall 2021 start to Early Start.**
 - Enter your [application portal](#)
 - Select the Reply Forms tab
 - Complete the Early Start form
 - Wait for the next steps email. This email will take 7-14 days for your switch to be processed by the Office of Admissions.
 - When logging in, use the email address you provided on your admission application, not your @purdue.edu address.
- **If you have any questions please email thinksummer@purdue.edu or call (765) 496-7193**



Welcome	Checklist and Status	Reply Forms	Upload Documents	Profile and Application Changes
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Forms

Review your decision letter, then complete and submit the relevant form(s).

Optional [Early Start](#)

- Ensure program fees are paid in full by June 4th, 2021

2. What are the key application and program dates?

- **Application Dates**

- Priority Application **Deadline: Friday, May 14, 2021**
 - Any application post May 14th, 2021 will be subject to enrollment pending availability
- Payment Deadline: **Friday June 4, 2021**
 - Any fees paid after Friday, June 4th will incur an additional \$100 late fee.
 - All fees are included in the scholarship for Emerging Leader Scholars.

- **Program Dates**

- July 8, 2021 – August 13, 2021
 - While the Early Start program website indicates that move-in will occur on Friday, July 9th, **MEP students will get priority move-in on Thursday, July 8th**. This is designed to help ease your transition to campus, however if you wish to move in on July 9th with the rest of the Early Start students, you can.

3. How/Where do I pay for the summer program?

- You will receive an email from Purdue Conferences no later than late-May to process your payment in CVENT. In that email you will be provided a 'Registration' link which will allow you to submit your payment. If you are awarded any scholarships, a discount code will be provided.
- All payment related questions or inquiries should be directed to Purdue Conferences at Telephone: 866-515-0023, or by Email: confreg@purdue.edu.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The Minority Engineering Program Office does **NOT** handle payments and/or payment related questions.

4. Where will I live during EABC?

- You will live in **Harrison Hall** during the summer. This will be reflected in your Summer Housing contract. The last day of EABC is Friday August 13th, however you will have until August 15th to move out of your dorm/room and into your new dorm/room for the 2021/22 academic year. If you choose to be part of the MEP Learning Community, you will continue to live in Harrison Hall for the 2021-22 academic school year. There are additional fees associated with housing needs outside of your Summer Housing contract, see the next three questions to address these fees.

5. What if I plan to attend BGR?

- All EABC students have the option to attend BGR. The cost associated with BGR is \$320, however you can apply for a Fee Waiver Application which can be found on the New Student Task List.
- Should you have any questions related to BGR visit the [home page](#) or call 765-494-9328

6. What if I do not plan to attend Boiler Gold Rush (BGR), do I have to move out of the dorms?

- No, you do not need to move out of the dorms. However, there is a \$32 per day charge (\$128 total fee for the four days) to keep your items in your new room during the four days when you do not have a housing contract. This fee will be charged to your career account. Please contact us at mep@purdue.edu for any potential need-based scholarships.

7. Can I switch residence halls for the fall?

- Yes, if you are not an Emerging Leader, in a Learning Community or Honors College, you are free to make other housing arrangements for the 2021/22 academic year. However, the \$32 per day charge still applies to keep your items in your new room during the four days when you do not have a housing contract in place.

8. How do I enroll in Early Start classes?

- As an EABC participant, you do NOT need to worry about selecting you own classes. MEP will work directly with the Early Start office to ensure that you are enrolled in the correct course and sections.

9. What courses will I take?

- The structure of EABC has been designed to blend the benefits of both Early Start and engineering bridge program best practices to ensure you are setup for success as a First-Year Engineering student.
- Each student will take 3 courses for credit, totaling up to 9 credit hours.
 - HONRS199 (3) - Intro to Research Planning
 - ENGL106 (4) First-Year Composition OR COM114 (3) - Fundamentals of Speech Communication (Only students entering Purdue with AP/Dual credit in Language/Composition will take COM114)
 - VIP (2) - Engineering MILESTONES Programming, Arduino and Smart Watch or Drone Project
- The programming will also include 2 simulation courses
 - Calculus I (non-credit)
 - General Chemistry (non-credit)
- Other activities you will experience throughout the summer
 - Engage with Industry Partners
 - Participate in Professional Development Seminars
 - Visit Engineering Labs and Facilities

10. Can I take another class instead of the ones listed in #9?

- No, the scheduling for other Early Start courses may conflict with the broader EABC schedule and curriculum. Therefore, MEP has identified the classes which EABC students will take.

11. What if I plan to place out of any of the courses offered?

- We are currently working with academic advisors to understand how this may impact the EABC course selection. If you are an affected student, MEP will be in contact with you directly.

12. May I have a car on campus during EABC?

- During EABC, yes you may have a car. EABC students may park in University Residences lots until August 13th without a permit. Students may also pay to park at meters across campus. However, students will receive a parking ticket for parking in A, B, or C spaces without the proper permit.

13. Are there any scholarships available for this program?

- MEP reviews and awards need based scholarships on a case-by-case basis. If your scholarship request is granted, you will receive a discount code to enter into the CVENT payment link provided by Purdue Conferences (CVENT).
- If you are an Emerging Leader Scholar, your EABC fees are included in your scholarship.
- Other External Scholarships
 - The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Jr. offers a Summer Bridge Scholarship. This scholarship is offered to 40 recipients and requires you to provide some documentation.
 - **Must be NSBE Jr. General Member. Dues are \$5 Annually**
 - <https://www.nsbe.org/Membership/Membership-Types/NSBE-Jr.aspx#.XrlfTmhKiM8>
 - **Apply for the NSBE Jr. Bridge Scholarship**

- Select NSBE Scholarships Tab: <https://apply.nsbe.org/Default.asp>
- The NSBE Scholarship process will require the following steps:
 - **Verification of GPA** – instructions can be found [here](#)
 - **Declaration of Enrollment Form** – We suggest using your official Purdue Offer letter which can be found in your application portal.
 - **Summer Program Acceptance Letter** – Your MEP EABC acceptance letter will fulfill this requirement.
 - **Registration for Classes** – Your MEP EABC acceptance letter will fulfill this requirement.
- If your financial circumstance has significantly changed since submitting your camp application, and you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please email us at mep@purdue.edu with a brief narrative in support of your scholarship request on or before **June 4, 2021**.

14. Can I participate in Early Start and still join the MEP Learning Community?

- Yes, Learning Community placement will be made during May and your academic advisor will help you plan summer and fall courses during STAR. If you decide that you want to join the MEP Learning Community after completing your EABC registration, please email us at mep@purdue.edu.

15. Is my application for MEP’s Learning Community complete by indicating so on my EABC registration?

- Yes. MEP will work directly with the Learning Community team to ensure you are enrolled accordingly.
- For students that may not be able to attend EABC, are still able to apply for MEP’s Learning Community.
 - The general application deadline is July 5, 2021.
 - April 15, 2021 was the priority deadline, therefore any applicants applying after the priority deadline will be considered pending availability of space.
 - The application process can be found on the Learning Community [site](#).

16. What will we do for fun?

- While focusing on academics is important, it's also important to have fun during college! Students completing coursework on campus will have the opportunity to attend campus events, enjoy the [co-rec](#), and participate in activities hosted by various organizations across the university.

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