



Congratulations on your outstanding academic achievements!

As stated on your Admission Letter, your academic performance has qualified you for 'Free Choice' status within Engineering I program for the selection of your level II program. Only a select group of students have been granted this status in recognition of their superior academic standing in high school.

Engineering I is a common first year that all new Engineering students complete. This foundational year will not only introduce you to the profession, but will also provide you with a solid background in the fundamentals important to all engineering disciplines. You will have the opportunity to develop strong ties with your classmates in first year and firmly establish your network of community within Engineering. Finally, the Engineering I program provides you with the time and resources to investigate and select your best-fit program of choice for second year and beyond. All Engineering I students will choose their second year program during the winter of first year.

For most students, choice of discipline is competitive and is based on the number of seats available within our second year programs. However, with 'Free Choice' status, you will be granted your first choice of discipline transitioning into second year.

To retain your 'Free Choice' status, during your first year you will be required to:

- successfully complete all required Engineering I courses no later than the spring/summer academic session, without any course failures; and
- achieve a minimum cumulative average (CA) of 4.0 on the McMaster 12 Point Grading System

Please note that 'Free Choice' does not apply to Chemical Engineering & Bioengineering or Management or Society 5-year program options. You will retain this 'Free Choice' status as an incoming student, provided that you clear all conditions of your admission as stated on your Admission Letter.

As well, I am pleased to inform you that all McMaster Engineering programs are offered in both Co-op and non-Co-op degrees. Students can choose to register in the Co-op option at any point prior to the beginning of their final year of a degree program.

On behalf of the Faculty, I offer you best wishes in your studies and we look forward to welcoming you to McMaster Engineering in September!

Sincerely,

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