

Preparing the Engineer of 2020 Faculty Survey

Thanks for checking us out! We need your help. The National Academy of Engineering has identified the knowledge and skills that engineers will need to succeed in the workplace of the future. This National Science Foundation-funded study is designed to benchmark the current state of undergraduate engineering education and find out if we're making progress toward those goals. To do that, we're surveying students at 35 colleges and universities around the country. (You can find out who else is participating at http://www.ed.psu.edu/educ/e2020/p2p - participating-institutions.)

We know you're busy, so we will really appreciate your help. We also think you may find completing this survey a good opportunity to reflect on your engineering program and its students.

The next page outlines your rights as a research participant and provides more details on the study. Once you review these, click on "I consent" to begin the survey, which should take about 20 minutes. And thanks for your time!



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National Survey of Undergraduate Engineering Instruction

Personal Information

I. wna	it is you	r gender?		
	? Mar	า		
	? Wo	man		
2. Are	you (ch	eck all that apply):		
	Asian Ar Hispanio	American merican c or Latino/a American American		Caucasian/White Foreign National Naturalized U.S. Citizen Other (please specify)
3. Whi	ch of th	Chemical Engineering Civil Engineering Electrical Engineering General Engineering/Engineerin Industrial Engineering Mechanical Engineering	g Science	2
4 Is vo	ur annc	ointment?		
11.15 40) O	Tenured faculty [Go to question	n O51	
	0	Tenure-track faculty [Go to que	_	51
	9	Non-tenure track, fixed-term [Go		-
5. Wha	nt is you O	r faculty rank? Assistant professor Associate professor Full professor	o to que	Stion Q10]
6. Year	s in you	r current rank:		
7. Year	s at this	s institution:		



8. Have you held any faculty positions prior to coming to this institution?
O No
• Yes, (number of years)
9. In what field did you complete your Ph.D.?
O Bio-medical or Bio-engineering
O Chemical Engineering
O Civil Engineering
O Electrical Engineering
O General Engineering/Engineering Science
O Industrial Engineering
O Mechanical Engineering
Other (please specify)
10. What is the highest degree you have earned?
O Bachelor's
O Master's
O Doctorate
11. In what field did you complete your highest degree?
O Bio-medical or Bio-engineering
O Chemical Engineering
O Civil Engineering
O Electrical Engineering
O General Engineering/Engineering Science
O Industrial Engineering
O Mechanical Engineering
Other (please specify)
12. What is the length of time specified in your current fixed-term contract?
year(s)
13. Years teaching at the college level (<u>excluding</u> graduate teaching assistantships):
year(s)
14. What <u>formal training</u> in teaching did you have <u>before becoming a faculty member</u> ? Check all
that apply.
No formal training
Attended a program for graduate students on how to teach
☐ Took course(s) in college teaching
Completed a teaching certificate during graduate program
☐ Had K-12 teaching experience
Other (please specify)



15. How many years have you worked government, self-employed)?	d as an engin	eer outside o	f higher educ	ation (e.g., i	ndustry,
While employed full-time as a facul	tv memher	vears			
Before working full-time as a faculty					
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16. How many years have you served	at <u>any</u> instit	ution as:			
	None	1 - 3 years	4 - 6 years	7 - 9 years	10 or more
	None	1 - 3 years	4 - 0 years	7 - 9 years	years
Curriculum or program coordinator	0	0	· ·	0	0
Curriculum committee member or chair	O	O	0	O	O
Undergraduate advising coordinator	0	0	0	O	O
ABET self-study team member	O	O	0	0	0
Dean or associate dean	0	O	0	0	O
Program or department search College search committee 18. In the past five years, (at any insti Team-taught a course with a fa Team-taught a course with a fa Served as PI or Co-PI on a grant Led a major curriculum reform Developed a new course	itution) have culty member f culty member f supporting und	rom another en rom outside eng dergraduate cur	gineering discip gineering riculum develop		on
19. On average over the <u>past three ye</u> on research-related activities (e.g., c lab research)?		•	•		
hours per week					
20. Have you taught any undergradua	ate engineeri	ng courses in	the past five	<u>years</u> ?	
No [Go to question Q36]Yes [Go to question Q21]					



courses) this academic year is at the (responses must total 100):
Lower division (primarily students in the first 2 undergrad. years)
Upper division (primarily students in the 3 rd through 5 th years) Graduate level
Interactions with Undergraduates:
 22. In a typical week, how much time do you spend interacting informally with undergraduates outside of class (e.g., discussing academic matters, careers, current events): 1 hour or less 2-3 hours 4-5 hours 6-7 hours hours or more
 23. In the past three years, have you (check all that apply): Advised a design team in an out-of-class design competition Accompanied students on an international study tour Taught in a summer bridge program for incoming engineering or other STEM students Developed or directed a summer bridge program for incoming engineering or other STEM students Taught in or directed a summer engineering or science camp for K-12 students Advised an engineering-related student organization Participated in recruitment activities for women and underrepresented students
24. Approximately how many undergraduate students do you advise per year? students
25. Over the past three years, with approximately how many students have you worked as:
Faculty supervisor for a credit-bearing undergraduate research project
Faculty mentor for an <u>informal</u> undergraduate research project (excluding an undergraduate theses)
Faculty supervisor on an undergraduate independent study course
Undergraduate thesis advisor
Faculty advisor for an internship or cooperative education experience
Graduate thesis or dissertation advisor



<u>Curriculum</u>

To answer the following questions, think about <u>one of the undergraduate courses that you teach</u> <u>most often</u>.

26. Is this • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	course: Lower division (primarily first-/second-year students) Upper division (primarily third-/fourth-/fifth-year students)
27. On ave	erage, approximately how many students <u>per term</u> enroll in this course?students
28. Which	category <u>best describes</u> this course?
0	Fundamental science or math course
•	First-year design course
•	Required engineering course
•	Engineering elective
O	Capstone design course
29. Is this	course?
O	A stand-alone laboratory course
•	A lecture with a lab component
O	Neither of the above

Topics in Engineering

30. In this course, how much do you emphasize:

	Little/No	Slight	Moderate	Strong	Very	Not
	Emphasis				Strong	Applicable
Ethical issues in engineering practice	0	0	O	0	•	O
The importance of life-long learning	0	0	0	0	•	O
Current workforce and economic	0	0	0	0	0	0
trends (globalization, outsourcing, etc.)						
The value of gender, racial/ethnic, or	0	0	0	0	•	0
cultural diversity in engineering						
Creativity and innovation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emerging engineering technologies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Examining beliefs and values and how	0	•	0	0	•	0
they affect ethical decisions						
How theories are used in engineering	•	O	O	0	0	0
practice						
Making explicit connections to	0	0	O	0	0	0
knowledge and skills from fields other						
than engineering						



Professional Skills

31. In this course, how much do you emphasize:

	Little/No	Slight	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	
	Emphasis					Applicable
Professional Skills (knowing codes and	•	•	•	•	•	•
standards, being on time, meeting						
deadlines, etc.)						
Written and oral communication skills	0	0	O	O	0	O
Leadership skills	0	O	O	0	O	0
Working effectively in teams	0	O	O	0	O	0
Project management skills (budgeting,	0	O	O	0	O	0
monitoring progress, managing people,						
etc.)						

Problem Solving

32. In this course, how much do you emphasize:

	Little/No Emphasis	Slight	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Not Applicable
Application of math and science to engineering problems	•	0	0	•	0	•
Designing, conducting, and analyzing data from experiments	•	0	0	0	0	O .
Understanding how an engineering solution can shape and be shaped by environmental, social, cultural, political, legal, economic, and other considerations	•	0	•	0	0	•
Understanding how non-engineering fields can help solve engineering problems	•	0	0	0	0	0
Integrating knowledge from engineering and other fields to solve engineering problems	•	0	0	•	0	0
Systems thinking (i.e. looking at entire systems rather than individual components)	•	0	0	•	•	0
Applying knowledge from other fields to solve an engineering problem	O	O	O	•	•	0
Defining a design problem	0	0	0	0	O	0
Generating and evaluating a variety of ideas about how to solve a problem	•	0	0	0	0	0
Solving problems from real clients (industry, government, etc.)	•	0	0	•	0	0
Producing a product (prototype, program, simulation, etc.)	0	O	•	O	O	0



33. In this course, how often do you use the following instructional approaches?

	Never	Sometimes	Often	Very Often	Not Applicable
Lecture	0	O	O	•	•
In-class discussions	0	O	0	•	•
In-class, small-group learning	0	O	0	•	•
Group projects	O	O	O	0	0
Reverse-engineering exercises	O	O	O	0	0
Hands-on activities and/or	O	O	O	0	0
assignments					
Frequent feedback to students	O	O	O	0	0
Detailed feedback to students	O	•	0	0	0
Examples or metaphors to explain	O	•	0	0	0
concepts					
Sample problems	O	O	O	0	0
Case studies or real-world	O	O	O	0	0
examples					
Plant tours or site visits	0	0	0	0	0
Community service	0	O	O	0	0

34. In this course, how important are the following in determining students' grades?

	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Very	Extremely
Lab assignments	0	0	0	0	0
Presentations	0	0	O	0	•
Individual or group written reports	O	•	O	O	O
Students' self-assessment of work	O	•	O	O	O
or progress					
Peer assessment (i.e., students	0	0	O	0	O
provide feedback to one another)					
Design projects	0	•	O	•	•
Multiple-choice tests	0	•	O	•	•
Essay questions	0	0	O	0	O
Homework	0	0	O	0	O
Class participation	0	0	O	0	O
Quizzes	0	•	O	•	•
Problem-solving exams	0	•	O	O	0
Attendance	O	•	O	O	O
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0



35. Now, think about <u>current seniors in your program</u>. Rate their abilities in the following areas:

	None or	Fair	Good	Very	Excellent	Don't
	Weak			Good		Know
Math, science, and engineering science fundamentals	0	O	O	0	0	O
Contextual competence (i.e., a student's ability to	0	O	0	0	0	O
understand how various settings and/or technical						
factors influence an engineering solution)						
Design skills	0	0	0	0	0	O
Interdisciplinary competence (i.e., a student's	•	0	0	0	0	0
appreciation and understanding of how academic						
disciplines outside engineering might contribute to						
an understanding of, or solution to, an engineering						
problem)						
Communication skills	•	0	0	0	0	0
Teamwork skills	0	O	0	0	0	0
Leadership skills	O	C	O	O	O	O

Views of Engineering and Engineering Education

36. Several recent reports discuss the changing knowledge and skills engineers will need in the future and how engineering education needs to change. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about <u>undergraduate engineering education</u>?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Programs must periodically revise curricula so students are aware of new technologies.	0	0	0	0	0
Emphasizing professional skills takes time away from teaching technical content.	0	0	0	0	0
Humanities and social science courses are important in preparing engineers.	0	0	0	O	0
Students' leadership skills are best developed in extra- curricular activities.	•	0	0	0	0
Interdisciplinary learning - inside and outside engineering - should be part of the engineering curriculum.	0	•	0	O	0
The engineering workplace requires systems thinking.	0	0	0	O	0
Concepts of sustainability should be a major focus of the undergraduate curriculum.	0	0	0	O	0
It's very difficult to increase student diversity without sacrificing some academic quality.	0	0	0	O	0



37. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the engineering curriculum should:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Teach students about intercultural communication.	0	0	0	0	0
Start hands-on design in the first year and continue it	0	0	0	0	0
throughout the program.					
Teach students to consider all relevant factors (e.g.,	•	0	0	O	0
social, cultural, environmental) in designing solutions					
Cultivate student creativity.	0	0	0	C	0
Prepare students to assume community leadership	0	0	0	0	0
roles.					
Teach students learning strategies.	0	0	0	C	0
Prepare students to work effectively across national	0	0	0	0	0
and cultural boundaries.					
Address ethical issues in multiple courses.	0	0	0	0	0
Develop students who can think like entrepreneurs.	0	0	0	0	0
Provide opportunities for students to prepare for	0	0	O	0	0
occupations other than engineering (e.g., business,					
medicine, law.)					
Reward excellence in teaching commensurately with	0	0	0	0	0
research.					
Reward faculty who do peer-reviewed engineering	0	0	0	O	0
education research.					
Take responsibility for working with community	0	0	0	0	0
colleges to facilitate student transfer.					

37a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the engineering programs should:

	Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree	Agree	Strongly
	Disagree		nor Disagree		Agree
Reward excellence in teaching commensurately with	0	0	O	O	0
research.					
Reward faculty who do peer-reviewed engineering	0	0	O	O	0
education research.					
Take responsibility for working with community	O	0	O	O	O
colleges to facilitate student transfer.					



38. How familiar are you with the National Academy of Engineering reports:

	Unaware of it	Heard of it	Read/Heard summaries	Read parts	Read most or all
The Engineer of 2020: Visions of	0	0	0	•	0
Engineering in the New Century					
Educating the Engineer of 2020: Adapting Engineering Education to the	3		0		
New Century					
Rising Above the Gathering Storm: Energizing and Employing America for	0	0	•	0	0
a Brighter Economic Future					

Educational Beliefs and Attitudes

39. Do you agree or disagree that <u>most engineering students in your courses</u>:

	Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree nor	Agree	Strongly
	Disagree		Disagree		Agree
Begin their engineering program well-	0	0	0	0	0
prepared academically					
Learn very well from lectures	•	•	O	O	O
Learn significantly more from working in	•	•	O	•	O
groups than from lectures					
Focus too heavily on getting a job	0	O	O	O	O
Don't know how to use the facts and	0	•	O	•	O
knowledge they acquire					

40. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about <u>community or two-year college</u> <u>students who transfer</u> to engineering programs?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
They are underprepared for engineering courses	0	•	0	•	•
They are typically self-motivated learners	0	•	0	•	•
They have outside obligations that interfere with their focus on learning	0	•	0	•	•
They bring valuable life experiences to the classroom	0	•	0	•	•
There are very few of these students in engineering on my campus	0	•	0	•	•



41. Do you agree or disagree that <u>as a teacher</u>, it's your responsibility to:

	Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree nor	Agree	Strongly
	Disagree		Disagree		Agree
Make your expectations for students'	0	•	O	O	0
performance clear.					
Motivate students to learn.	0	O	O	C	O
Create a classroom environment that is	0	0	O	O	O
respectful of all students.					
Encourage students to reflect on their	0	0	O	O	O
values and how these might influence					
their work as engineers.					
Prepare students for graduate school.	0	0	O	O	O
Ask students to make connections across	0	O	O	C	O
engineering disciplines.					
Prepare students for the engineering	O	•	O	O	0
workforce.					
Help students consider the world from	0	0	O	O	O
multiple perspectives.					
Make engineering concepts and	O	0	O	0	0
principles relevant to students.					
Help students connect their prior	O	•	O	O	0
knowledge and experience to what's					
being learned.					
Prepare students for the role of citizen.	0	0	O	O	O
Understand the value of diversity in its	O	•	O	O	0
many forms (e.g., ideas, cultures,					
gender).					
Help students understand the value of a	0	0	O	O	O
liberal education.					
Help students succeed in engineering,	0	0	O	O	0
rather than weed them out.					

42. During the past 12 months, have you: (Check all that apply)

ч	Taken a class or worked in industry to enhance your knowledge or skills
	Attended ASEE, FIE, or other engineering education conference
	Made a significant effort to improve your teaching or one of my courses
	Attended a workshop on teaching, learning, or assessment
	Read journals/books on teaching, learning, or assessment
	Wrote a paper, article, or chapter on teaching, curriculum, or assessment



43. In your opinion, what is the relative weight given to teaching versus research in your department in:

	Teaching	Teaching						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Not applicable
Hiring decisions	0	0	0	O	O	O	0	•
Merit salary decisions	0	O	O	O	O	O	O	•
Promotion and tenure decisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

44. In general, how much do the following "count" in annual merit salary decisions and promotion and tenure reviews in your department?

Merit Salary

	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	A Good Deal	A Great Deal
Engineering education research grants	0	<u> </u>	0	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Engineering education research publications	0	C	0	O	C
Engineering education conference	0	C	•	0	O
presentations					
Engineering-specific research grants	•	•	O	•	•
Engineering-specific research publications	0	O	O	0	•
Engineering-specific conference presentations	•	C	0	•	•
End-of-course evaluation results	•	C	0	•	•
Curriculum or course development	0	C	•	0	O
Writing textbooks	0	C	•	0	O
Writing article/chapter/book on teaching,	0	C	•	0	O
curriculum, or assessment					
Helping recruit women and underrepresented	•	•	O	•	•
students					
Advising out-of-class student design	•	0	•	0	•
competition teams					
Advising a student organization	0	•	O	0	•
Serving as ABET coordinator	0	0	•	•	•



Promotion and Tenure

	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	A Good Deal	A Great Deal
Engineering education research grants	0	0	0	0	0
Engineering education research publications	0	0	O	0	0
Engineering education conference presentations	0	0	•	0	•
Engineering-specific research grants	0	0	0	0	0
Engineering-specific research publications	0	0	O	0	0
Engineering-specific conference presentations	0	•	0	•	0
End-of-course evaluation results	0	•	O	O	•
Curriculum or course development	0	•	O	O	•
Writing textbooks	0	•	O	O	•
Writing article/chapter/book on teaching, curriculum, or assessment	0	0	•	0	0
Helping recruit women and underrepresented students	0	0	•	0	0
Advising out-of-class student design competition teams	0	0	•	0	0
Advising a student organization	0	•	O	O	O
Serving as ABET coordinator	0	O	O	O	0

45. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about <u>your program?</u>

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
We periodically review the program mission and objectives.	0	•	•	0	•
Faculty in my program generally resist new curricular ideas or experimentation.	0	•	0	0	0
Faculty often collaborate on curriculum development and revision.	0	•	•	0	•
Our curriculum is a frequent agenda item at faculty meetings.	0	0	•	•	•
Curriculum revisions in our program are typically made in response to some problem rather than through a periodic planning process.	0	0	0	O	0
Curriculum planning in my program is systematic.	0	0	•	•	0
Curriculum decisions in my program are usually based on opinions rather than data.	0	O	•	•	•
Most faculty in this program are knowledgeable about our curriculum beyond their own courses.	•	0	O	•	0