M-Engin Academy Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Q. Are there expenses involved in housing for the six week summer academic program?
A. No; for the M-Engin Academy Summer Program (June 27 – August 5), students will be housed in Baits Residence Hall on North Campus and all costs are provided for by the program. However, for the 3-day UM Orientation Program (June 25 – 27) immediately preceding the M-Engin Academy Summer Program, students will be billed for the cost of that program, since it is separate from M-Engin. Those charges will appear on the student’s UM student account bill.

Q. During the 6-week program, will I able to go home on some weekends?
A. For the M-Engin Academy Summer Program, students are expected to attend the entire program from June 27 – August 5. There will be one optional weekend home during the Summer Program, July 21 – 23. Students can leave on that Friday at 5 p.m. and return on Sunday by 6 p.m.

Q. When the school term starts in the Fall, will I be able to participate in a residential program like WISE?
A. Students in the M-Engin Academy will be housed in Bursley Residence Hall during the academic year. This will preclude them from being in a residential program like WISE-RP or UROP-in-Residence, but they can still participate in the non-residential components of those programs.

Q. During the school term, would I be able to have a non M-STEM roommate of my own choosing?
A. Yes; we do not require M-STEM students to room with other M-STEM students. You would follow the usual procedure when completing your housing contract for the Fall to indicate your choice of roommate.

Q. Is college credit awarded for attendance in the Summer Program?
A. There is no course credit given for the courses in the M-Engin Academy Summer Program. These courses are meant to preview and better prepare students for courses in the academic year, rather than replace any academic year courses.

Q. Will a laptop or calculator be required? If not, what type does the University recommend?
A. Laptops will not be provided for students, but they will have access to computer labs on campus. The University does not officially recommend or endorse any particular type of laptop. In general, some students come with Apple laptops and others come with PC’s, just depending on their preference. Students will also need to bring their own graphing calculators, which they will need for the Fall Term.

Q. Is the $3,000 stipend broken up in two payments, $1,500 at end of Summer Program and then $750 after completion of each term during the first year? How is the payment made, and can this money be used to cover books, housing, etc?
A. The $3000 stipend will be paid in three installments; $1500 at the end of the summer program and $750 at the end of each academic term during the first year, provided the student participates in all required M-STEM activities. This will be a direct payment to the student and can be used for whatever the student would like to use it for.

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Q. I have to fill out my housing application so if I get accepted into this program, how will my housing work out? Do I have to fill out my housing application in any specific way?
A. You should fill out your housing application according to your preference, without regard to the M-Engin Academy. If you participate in the M-Engin Academy, we will make sure you get switched to Bursley residence hall during the academic year.

Q. I need to select an Orientation date for the summer, but how do I know if I should select the one for M-Engin students, since I don’t know if I will be admitted to the program?
A. You should select an Orientation date without regard to the M-Engin Academy. If you participate in the M-Engin Academy, we will make sure you get switched to the M-Engin Orientation date.

Q. I received the M-STEM information but I have a prior commitment during the summer. I was greatly interested in the program and was wondering if there are any opportunities beyond this summer to get involved.
A. Since the M-Engin Academy is a 2-year program that begins with the Summer Transition Program, students must attend the summer program to be part of this Academy. However, there are a number of programs that we will be offering during the academic year that provide services similar to those offered to M-Engin Academy members, including various academic support programs and forums and workshops on personal and professional development topics. The Center for Engineering Diversity and Outreach (CEDO) will have events early in the term where you can learn more about these programs.