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 26 – August 7), students will be housed in Baits Residence Hall on North Campus and all room and board costs are provided for by the program.

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 26 – August 7. There will be one optional weekend home during the Summer Program, July 23 – 25. 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, 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 students 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 should bring their own calculators, preferably graphing calculators, which they will need for the Fall Term.

Q. How is the stipend payment made, and can this money be used to cover books, housing, etc?
A. The stipend will be paid in three installments; $1000-$1500 (depending on program format) 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.

Q. I have already paid my enrollment deposit to UM and I have received my housing application. If I get accepted into this program, how will my housing work out? Do I have to complete my housing application in any specific way?
A. You should fill out your housing application according to your housing preferences, without regard to your possible participation in the M-Engin Academy. If you participate in the M-Engin Academy, we will make sure you get assigned to Bursley residence hall during the academic year.
Q. I need to select an Orientation date for the summer, but since I don’t know yet if I will be selected to participate in M-Engin, I’m not sure how to select a date.
A. If you are planning to apply to the M-Engin program, you should try to select an Orientation date that does not conflict with the dates of the M-Engin summer program. If you are offered and accept a space in the M-Engin program, and your assigned Orientation date conflicts with the summer program, we will assist in getting your Orientation date changed.

Q. I received the M-Engin 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 the College offers 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. Your assigned academic advisor in the Engineering Advising Center will be a great resource for identifying many of these programs and services.