To: MME Students  
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About: MME Update and Registration Information for Spring 2016  
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We hope that your semester is going well and that you are learning a lot from your classes. Thanksgiving holidays will soon arrive and Dead Day along with finals will come soon thereafter. Because of the change in calendar we will have two weeks of classes after Thanksgiving not just one as in the past few years.

**Registration:** The registrar has published the class schedule for next semester. The classes for Spring 2016 are now viewable on Trailhead. It would be good for you to review this listing and your requirements soon. Registration is scheduled for the week of November 16. Please consult the registrar's email for your designated registration time. The allocation of registration times is different this semester than in past semesters so please consult that email.

Since Prof. Findley and Prof. Gorman are on sabbatical leave this semester, I will be serving as the temporary advisor for their advisees. Please use email to consult with them directly but I can be used to obtain PINs and signatures.

Department policy states that if you have a gpa of 3.00 or below you must see your advisor before preregistration. Your advisor will also give you a PIN number needed for registration. In the event that you are unable to obtain your PIN from your advisor, please come to the main office and meet with me or Erin Stoll and we can provide some guidance and your PIN.

If you have a gpa above 3.00 you will not need a PIN but it would be good if you did meet with your advisor. To make these meeting most effective, you should have a list of courses already selected. These selections can then be discussed. The flow chart for the MME program is available on the [Undergraduate page](#) of the MME website.

**Note to First Year Students Interested in MME:** Although your official advisor is at CASA please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions.

Note that the course CHGN125 will be offered by the Chemistry department. MMME will accept either CHGN122 or CHGN125 for the second semester chemistry course requirement. We have also modified the prerequisites for the MME courses so that either 122 or 125 will be accepted without the need for Registration Action Forms.

**Note to MME Sophomores:** We recommend that you register to EPICS 271 – Epics 2 - Materials for the Spring 2016 semester, if you have not yet completed your Epics II requirement. This course is a special section where the projects will be focused on Materials. Do not worry if you cannot take Epics 271. The MME department will accept any version of Epics II in fulfilling that requirement.
The second item is that MTGN202 and CHGN209 are courses that you should also take this spring if you have not already taken them. Please try to register for both. We are not restricting the sections of MTGN202 to specific class years so you can register for any of the three sections which will be offered at different times during the week.

For those that plan ahead the summer field session (MTGN272) will be offered in May 2016 starting the Monday after graduation (May 16). It will go for 3 weeks and be finished on Friday June 3, 2016. I believe that the last week will be spent on an independent project and you will not need to be on campus to complete it. Please contact Prof. Bourne for full details.

**Note to MME Juniors and Seniors:** Due to the larger classes sizes we have done some reallocation for the lab session times to better accommodate each class. The lab sections will be limited in enrollment for both safety and enhancement of the experience.

For the Juniors please note that both MTGN334L and MTGN348L will meet on Mondays at 1pm for a pre-lab lecture. This will show as a conflict in your schedule and we have asked the registrar to override all of these conflicts. I hope that we can trust the registrar to do so. We will internally arrange a schedule so that you will meet with either Prof. Anderson or Prof. Bourne at that time. You will not meet with both. Please be patient as we try this pilot method of pre-lab lecture so that we can accommodate a larger number of lab sections with a smaller number of students in the hands on portions.

If you are interested in one of the MME tracks, please consult the [MME Undergraduate Guide](http://metallurgy.mines.edu/) for information.

The MME Undergraduate Guide contains a wealth of information about our program and about our field – graduate school, scholarships, professional societies, etc. Check it out, you may learn something new.

Want to know what is happening in MME. Check out the MME website ([http://metallurgy.mines.edu/](http://metallurgy.mines.edu/)) for recent highlights the faculty and students.

We hope that the fall semester finishes well for you. If you have questions or concerns about the curriculum or the department please contact your advisor or contact me in Hill Hall 201B or via email cvantyne@mines.edu