

PURE Kickoff

Fall 2018



Goals

- Learn how to do research
- Develop a deep background in some field
- Make connections and grow your network
- Gain confidence

Timeline

- 1-on-1 meetings with committee members in next few weeks
- Mid-program reports in late October
- Another round of 1-on-1's
- PURE Poster Symposium before finals week

Immediate Concerns

- Contact your mentor ASAP
 - Discuss time commitment
 - Get up to speed
- Schedule weekly meeting with mentor
- Set aside time to work independently
- Register for the class
- **Submit a research plan**

ENG 199 - PUR

- One hour class
- We will email more details soon
- If you **and** your mentor are in ECE
 - ECE 297 (Individual Study)
 - Tech elective credit
- If you are at 18 hours already
 - Consider dropping a class
 - We will try to work with advising

Research Plans

- Template will go on website soon
- Needs sign-off from your mentor
- Only need a general outline and goals

Expectations

- Research is hard!
- You probably won't discover anything cool or get published
 - Yet!
- By the Mid-Program Reports
 - Finish a literature review or other background learning
 - Plan how the rest of the project will proceed
- By the Poster Symposium
 - Finish an attempt of some sort
 - It doesn't matter if it works!

Guidance

- Ask your mentor lots of questions
- Put in time on your own to learn
- Give research equal priority to HW / MPs
- If you are lost, confused, or concerned, **contact us**
 - We are always available to answer questions
 - We will never be annoyed that you reached out
 - We have been in your shoes
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