Ensure FAQ

Q: What is the Ensure First Year Program?
A: The program allows first year students to enhance their learning skills as they transition the first year to UCR. It allows them to build relationships with themselves, their peers, upper-class students and the college and campus. The intent is to allow the participants in the program to also experience a design project as early as possible to foster an understanding of the purpose of their degree and reason for obtaining it.

Q: Is Ensure mandatory?
A: Yes, and No. If a student finds that the program is hindering their success we’d be open to hearing their argument and letting them leave the program but it is strongly suggested and encouraged for all participants to continue in the program throughout their first year. It is designed to work in tandem with their participation in the First Year Learning Community (Course cluster and SI instruction) and/or their living experience with Ingenuity.

Q: Why was I selected to join Ensure?
A: Participation in Ensure is a random selection process. Random selection will allow review of the program so that it can be refined and improved year after year.

Q: My friend didn’t get into Ensure, can I either drop or have them join as well?
A: As with most things, we can’t always be with our friends or loved ones for everything we experience. It is not possible to join the program without being selected. Please feel to share your experiences your friend. Informal peer mentoring is a valuable success tool.

Q: Why is Ensure a yearlong program?
A: The program is designed to give you a complete first year experience. The content builds on itself to offer you the chance to have a team-based engineering design experience which is valuable as a future Engineer.

Q: What are the benefits of being in Ensure?
A: see the answer to “What is Ensure?”

Q: Do we get credit for being in Ensure?
A: Yes, you will receive two units of credit for ENGR 010.