

ENGINEERING

Real engineers don't use all those formulas. They use programmable calculators and computers, so don't bother to learn that stuff. When you fail, whine to the prof: "You wouldn't do that to a real engineer!"

Petroleum Engineering: You don't have to learn anything in this major; you are assured of a high-paying job upon graduation.

AGRICULTURE

Entomology: This class is definitely not for the squeamish. If beetles and roaches and slimy things turn your stomach, skip the class and take our crash course instead:

Baking soda makes roaches explode.
Bugs are our friends.
Now you know everything you never wanted to do about entomology.

Food science and technology: Don't drink the water, or eat food which has things growing on it.

Recreation and parks: Trees and flowers are beautiful; playground equipment should be safe. Do not advise children to hang by their teeth from the monkey bars.

BUSINESS

Wear a nice suit, walk briskly and no one will care how smart you are.

Accounting: Hire someone else to do it. Don't study, it won't help.

Economics: The Law of Diminishing Returns: The more you pay for school, the less you feel you're getting out of it. Strongest during final semester, when you

probably don't attend many classes anyway.

The Law of Supply and Demand: You demand money; your parents supply long gossipy letters from home. You demand short class lectures and open-note tests. Your prof holds you over 5 minutes and gives comprehensive essay tests.

Someone messed up on this theory.
Finance: Buy something cheap and sell it to some poor dumb fool for three times what you paid for it. This is known as making a profit.

Management: How to run your life and the lives of many other people, and succeed in screwing them all up. Be ugly, but in a nice way.

GENERAL INTEREST (OR DISINTEREST)

Military science: No one has cared since the 1960s, when students discovered that it's more fun to make love, not war. But for those who need this course to graduate, here's a brief synopsis: Grr, kill, maim, eat babies!

Physical education: Running is good for you. Remember, nothing is healthy unless it tastes bad and/or causes pain.

Computer science: It's hard enough to communicate in English without being required to learn a different language to speak to a computer. The only useful result of computer use is the little punch-outs from the cards — great for confetti eggs.

The Peter Principle: Each person in an organization eventually rises to his or her level of incompetence. **Focus Corollary:** A good example is probably the person who teaches you this. It will crop up in management and sociology classes.

Murphy's Law: Anything that can go wrong, will. What do you think happened to this week's Focus?

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