Engineering Power Groups are designed to provide academic support for incoming freshmen. Each Power Group is based on the proven concept that students who are in the same classes and study together perform better in those classes and are often more successful in completing their degree programs. Power Groups offer students a way to make connections, form social and academic relationships, and find common study times.

A Power Group consists of ten students with nominally identical course schedules. Since all degree programs in the College of Engineering and Applied Science are fairly similar during the first semester, we pre-schedule several alternative sets of courses. Freshmen who attend Orientation in June are able to select one of these sets of courses. Power Group participation is optional and students can coordinate their individual schedules based on their needs and personal interests. Students with AP, IB, or concurrent college transfer credit will be allowed to make one course substitution and still be in a Power Group.

In a Power Group, you will quickly recognize the same students in all your classes. You’ll easily make connections with them and naturally form relationships, both academic and social. Having the same schedule will also make it easy to find common times to study together.

Students entering Power Groups are not required to live on the engineering floors of McIntyre Hall, but if they choose to do so, they will have a strong start on the path to academic success. For more information about engineering floors, please see the “Dorm Floors” flyer.