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Gen Ed Reflection

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Going into engineering, Gen Ed courses can feel like a waste of time and just busy work. While not everything in Gen Ed classes can be related back to engineering, that is the whole point. Taking Gen Ed classes such as Econ can teach you important financial skills. These Gen Ed classes can make students more well-rounded, as well as provide additional perspectives that can be applied to other projects and aspects of life.

One of the Gen Ed classes that I took was LD ST 322, Leadership in a Diverse Society. Going into this class I expected it to be like any other Gen Ed that I just needed to take and get it over with. It ultimately ended up being a very beneficial course. It provided many different perspectives on leadership situations and how to better consider others backgrounds. It showed me how to think about how to consider others backgrounds not only when I am designing things, but also when looking at others designs and giving design feedback. Classes like this can help manage teams with diverse backgrounds which is an important skill to have in today's society.

These Gen Ed classes can help students address other societal issues that Engineering doesn't apply to, for example, financial issues. Learning about economics can help students better manage their finances and understand greater societal issues in global economics. Another Gen Ed that I took was Econ 102 which addresses these issues. Global economics can be extremely important as it can impact countries and industries massively. Macroeconomics can be extremely important in engineering too as many products that are designed are sold on the global market. It is also important to learn about economics for personal finances. If you can better manage your personal money, you can be financially independent.

Overall, Gen Eds can be extremely useful and teach students to be more well rounded people. I am happy with the Gen Eds that I took and feel as though they have provided useful skills for me to be a better engineer and more well educated person.