

Brandon Le – UCLA Electrical Engineering Class of 2022

My name is Brandon Le, and I'm a first-year electrical engineering student at UCLA. I'm originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, but I'm excited to be studying engineering in the great city of Los Angeles. I'm also incredibly thankful to have been admitted into the Fast Track Program for the Class of 2022, and I'm looking forward to an incredible four years at UCLA.

Honestly, as a kid, I had no idea that I would want to go into engineering. I come from a large family of doctors, and for a while, I thought that was going to be the path for me (even though I realize now that I hate biology). It wasn't until my freshman year of high school when I took an Introduction to Engineering Design class at my high school that I found a career path that truly interested me. As I started studying physics and advanced mathematics, as well as participating in different STEM projects and teams around my high school, my interest in engineering grew exponentially. I still wasn't sure about what field I wanted to work in until my senior year, when I took AP Computer Science A and developed a talent and interest in coding. Eventually, it clicked in my mind that I should be an electrical engineer, where I can combine physics, high mathematics, and coding to produce groundbreaking technology that could make a difference in people's lives.

Part of the reason I chose to attend UCLA was because I am currently interested in doing some work within the field of nanotechnology, and I hope to do work with the California Nanosystems Institute. I also felt that the competitive environment of students at the university would push me to consistently improve my skills in engineering. I have already gotten involved in clubs such as BruinSpace, and I plan on participating in UCLA's branch of IEEE Open Project Space to get more hands-on electrical engineering experience. Down the line, I plan on receiving my Master's in Electrical Engineering and perhaps an MBA and go into industry, perhaps in biomedical devices. As for now, I plan on making the best of the amazing opportunities UCLA and the Fast Track program has offered me.