

**Western University
Faculty of Engineering
Mechatronic Systems Engineering Program**

**MSE 2201A: Introduction to Electrical Instrumentation
Course Outline 2018–19**

Description: This course is primarily a laboratory course that uses lecture material to support experimental investigations. It therefore provides the students with hands-on experience in electric circuits and instrumentation. Students registered in MSE 2201a must simultaneously register in the concurrent course ECE 2205a, which provides the required theoretical background in analysis and design of electric circuits. This course is restricted to students enrolled in the Mechatronic Systems Engineering program.

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Consultation: by appointment or via e-mail.

Academic Calendar Copy: Introduction to instrumentation and basic electronics; laboratory experiments associated with ECE 2205A/B, as well as laboratory experiments in instrumentation and measurement; review of laboratory practice, health and safety issues, simulation software, data collecting methods; errors and their calculus; accuracy; averaging, signal conditioning, and data interpolation.

Contact Hours: 3 lecture hours, 2.5 laboratory hours, 0.5 course.

Lectures (Section 001):

Tuesdays 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm — 3C+ 1420
Fridays 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm — 3C+ 1420

Laboratory:

Lab Section 002: Mondays 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm — SEB 3107
Lab Section 003: Wednesdays 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm — SEB 3107
Lab Section 004: Wednesdays 9:30 am – 12:30 pm — SEB 3107

Antirequisite: ECE 2240A/B

Co-requisite: ECE 2205A/B

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

CEAB Academic Units: Engineering Science 100%, Engineering Design 0%.

Required Textbook: None

Required Software: Micro-Cap Evaluation/Student Version

Recommended References:

- David Alciatore and Michael B. Hstand, Introduction to Mechatronics and Measurement Systems, McGraw-Hill, 4th Edition, 2012.
- Giorgio Rizzoni, Fundamentals of Electrical Engineering, McGraw-Hill Education, 5th Edition, 2007.
- Alan R. Hambley, Electrical Engineering: Principles and Applications, Pearson-Prentice Hall, 7th Edition, 2017.

General Learning Objectives (CEAB Graduate Attributes)

Knowledge Base	I	Use of Engineering Tools	D	Impact on Society and the Environment	
Problem Analysis	I	Individual and Team Work		Ethics and Equity	
Investigation		Communication Skills		Economics and Project Management	
Design		Professionalism		Life-Long Learning	

Notation: *x* represents the content level code as defined by the CEAB. blank = not applicable; I = introduced (introductory); D = developed (intermediate) and A = applied (advanced).

Topics and Specific Learning Objectives**1. Circuit concepts and diagrams**

At the end of this section, students will be able to:

- a. identify the principal elements of electric circuits,
- b. define KVL and KCL.

2. Resistive networks and measurements

At the end of this section, students will be able to:

- a. apply KVL and KCL to resistive networks and derive basic circuit equations,
- b. understand the rules for connecting electric measuring instruments to electric circuits.

3. Sensors

At the end of this section, students will be able to:

- a. understand the fundamentals of simple electro-mechanical sensors,
- b. apply engineering principles to interpret data from encoders and strain gauges.

4. Diode circuits

At the end of this section, students will be able to:

- a. understand the basic principles of semiconductor devices,
- b. use various circuit models of diode in simple circuits.

5. Transistor circuits

At the end of this section, students will be able to:

- a. be aware of the similarities and differences between BJTs and FETs,

b. understand how transistors can be used as switches and design basic transistor circuits.

6. Operational amplifier models and circuits

At the end of this section, students will be able to:

- a. understand the properties of ideal amplifiers,
- b. analyze basic op-amp circuits.

7. Motors and control circuits

At the end of this section, students will be able to:

- a. identify actuators including DC motors,
- b. design basic DC motor control circuits.

8. Transient responses analysis

At the end of this section, students will be able to:

- a. understand the meaning of transient in electric circuits,
- b. determine the DC steady-state solution of circuits containing capacitors and inductors.

Evaluation

Course Component	Weight
Laboratory	40%
Project	10%
Final Examination	50%

Laboratory: Eight lab experiments are to be performed in this course. During the laboratory, each student shall work individually. Individual laboratory reports are required from each student. Each exercise is to be completed within the three-hour period. Attendance in the laboratory is mandatory.

Project: Each student is required to design, build and test an electrical circuit on a breadboard and write a report. The project must be done individually. The details of the project will be distributed in class.

Final Examination: The final examination will be take place during the regular examination period. The two-hour final examination will be closed book. Use of *nonprogrammable* calculators *only* is permitted during examinations. No other electronic devices may be used at any time during examinations.

Course Policies: The following course-specific policies will be enforced throughout the course:

Laboratory sessions: Students are required to submit their lab reports before leaving the laboratory. To obtain a passing grade in the course, a mark of 60% or more must be achieved on the laboratory component. A mark < 60% will result in a final course grade of 48% or less. Attendance at all laboratory sessions is mandatory. Students who miss a single laboratory session without a legitimate reason will be given zero mark for that particular lab. Students who miss two or more laboratory sessions without legitimate reasons will receive a final course grade of 48% or less.

Final examination: To obtain a passing grade in the course, a mark of 60% or more must be achieved on the final examination. A final examination mark < 60% will result in a final course grade of 48% or less.

If the above conditions are not met, your final grade cannot be greater than 48%. Students who have failed this course (i.e., final average < 50%) must repeat all components of the course.

Use of English: In accordance with Senate and Faculty Policy, students may be penalized up to 10% of the marks on all assignments, tests, and examinations for improper use of English. Additionally, poorly written work with the exception of the final examination may be returned without grading. If resubmission of the work is permitted, it may be graded with marks deducted for poor English and/or late submission.

Attendance: All laboratories are mandatory unless otherwise stated. Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class, or laboratory periods will be reported to the Dean (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the department, and with the permission of the Dean, the student will be debarred from taking the regular final examination in the course.

Absence Due to Illness or Other Circumstances: Students should immediately consult with the instructor or department Chair if they have any problems that could affect their performance in the course. Where appropriate, the problems should be documented (see the attached “Instructions for Students Unable to Write Tests or Examinations or Submit Assignments as Scheduled”). The student should seek advice from the instructor or department Chair regarding how best to deal with the problem. Failure to notify the instructor or department Chair immediately (or as soon as possible thereafter) will have a negative effect on any appeal.

For more information concerning medical accommodations, see the relevant section of the Academic Handbook:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf

For more information concerning accommodations for religious holidays, see the relevant section of the Academic Handbook:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_religious.pdf

Missed Midterm Examinations: If a student misses a midterm examination, the exam will not be rescheduled. The student must follow the Instructions for Students Unable to Write Tests and provide documentation to their department within 24 hours of the missed test. The department will decide whether to allow the reweighting of the test, where reweighting means the marks normally allotted for the midterm will be added to the final exam. If no reasonable justification for missing the test can be found, then the student will receive a mark of zero for the test.

If a student is going to miss the midterm examination for religious reasons, they must inform the instructor in writing within 48 hours of the announcement of the exam date or they will be required to write the exam.

Cheating and Plagiarism: Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their

debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. University policy states that cheating, including plagiarism, is a scholastic offence. The commission of a scholastic offence is attended by academic penalties, which might include expulsion from the program. If you are caught cheating, there will be no second warning.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to commercial plagiarism-detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as source documents on the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between the University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, in the relevant section of the Academic Handbook:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Use of Electronic Devices: Turn off all sound for all electronic devices. Students may use laptops, tablet computers, or smart phones only to access the course OWL site or for taking in-class notes during lectures, labs and tutorials. Use of *nonprogrammable* calculators *only* is permitted during examinations. No other electronic devices may be used at any time during lectures, tutorials, or examinations.

Policy on Repeating All Components of a Course: Students who are required to repeat an Engineering course must repeat all components of the course. No special permissions will be granted enabling a student to retain laboratory, assignment, or test marks from previous years. Previously completed assignments and laboratories cannot be resubmitted by the student for grading in subsequent years.

Internet and Electronic Mail: Students are responsible for regularly checking their Western e-mail and the course web site (<https://owl.uwo.ca/portal/>) and making themselves aware of any information that is posted about the course. If the student fails to act on information that has been posted on these sites and does so without a legitimate explanation (i.e., those covered under the illness/compassionate form), then there are NO grounds for an appeal.

Accessibility: Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if any other arrangements can make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 519-661-2111 ext. 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.

Support Services: Office of the Registrar, <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/>
Student Development Centre, <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>
Engineering Undergraduate Services, <http://www.eng.uwo.ca/undergraduate/>
USC Student Support Services, <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health @ Western, http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health/, for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS UNABLE TO WRITE TESTS OR EXAMINATIONS OR SUBMIT ASSIGNMENTS AS SCHEDULED

If, on medical or compassionate grounds you are unable to write term tests or final examinations or complete course work by the due date, you should follow the instructions listed below. You should understand that academic relief will not be granted automatically on request. You must demonstrate to your department (or the Undergraduate Services Office) that there are compelling medical or compassionate grounds that can be documented before academic relief will be considered. Different regulations apply to term tests, final examinations and late assignments. Please read the instructions carefully.

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS & PROCEDURES

1. All first year students will report to the Undergraduate Services Office, SEB 2097, for all instances.
2. If you are an upper year student and you are missing a test/assignment/lab or examination that is worth LESS THAN 10% of your mark, you should report to your department office to request relief. If your course work is MORE THAN 10% of your final grade, you will report to the Undergraduate Services Office, SEB 2097.
3. Check the course outline to see if the instructor has a policy for missed tests, examinations, late assignments or attendance.
4. Documentation must be provided as soon as possible. If no one is available in your department office or the Undergraduate Services Office, leave a message clearly stating your name & student number and reason for your call. The department telephone numbers are given at the end of these instructions.
5. If you decide to write a test or an examination you should be prepared to accept the mark you earn. Rewriting tests or examinations or having the value of a test or examination reweighted on a retroactive basis is not permitted.

B. TERM TESTS

1. If you are in first year and you are unable to write a term test, contact the Undergraduate Services Office, SEB 2097 PRIOR to the scheduled date of the test.
2. If you are an upper year student and you are unable to write a term test, inform your instructor PRIOR to the scheduled date of the test. If the instructor is not available, leave a message for him/her at the department office. If the test is worth LESS THAN 10% of your mark, you should report to your department office to request relief. If the test is worth MORE THAN 10% of your final grade you will report to the Undergraduate Services Office, SEB 2097 to request relief.
3. Be prepared to provide supporting documentation to the Department Chair and/or the Undergraduate Services Office (see next page for information on documentation).
4. Discuss with the instructor if and when the test can be rescheduled. **N.B.** The approval of the Chair or the Undergraduate Services Office is required when rescheduling term tests.

C. FINAL EXAMINATIONS

1. If you are unable to write a final examination, contact the Undergraduate Services Office **PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED EXAMINATION TIME** to request permission to write a Special Final Examination. If no one is available in the Undergraduate Services Office, leave a message clearly stating your name & student number.
2. Be prepared to provide the Undergraduate Services Office with supporting documentation (see next page for information on documentation) the next day, or as soon as possible (in cases where students are hospitalized). The following circumstances are not considered grounds for missing a final examination or requesting special examinations: common cold, sleeping in, misreading timetable and travel arrangements.
3. In order to receive permission to write a Special Examination, you must obtain the approval of the Chair of the Department **and** the Associate Dean and in order to apply you must sign a "Recommendation for a Special Examination Form" available in the Undergraduate Services Office. The Undergraduate Services Office will then notify the course instructor(s) and reschedule the examination on your behalf.

PLEASE NOTE: It is the student's responsibility to check the date, time and location of the Special Examination.

D. LATE ASSIGNMENTS

1. Advise the instructor if you are having problems completing the assignment on time (**prior** to the due date of the assignment).
2. Be prepared to provide documentation if requested by the instructor (see reverse side for information on documentation).
3. If you are granted an extension, establish a due date. The approval of the Chair of your Department (or the Assistant Dean, First Year Studies, if you are in first year) is not required if assignments will be completed prior to the last day of classes.
4.
 - i) Extensions beyond the end of classes must have the consent of the instructor, the department Chair and the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies. Documentation is mandatory.
 - ii) A Recommendation of Incomplete Form must be filled out indicating the work to be completed and the date by which it is due. This form must be signed by the student, the instructor, the department Chair and the Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies.

E. SHORT ABSENCES

If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problem, check your course outlines for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test, laboratory or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate.

F. EXTENDED ABSENCES

If you are absent more than one week or if you get too far behind to catch up, you should consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses. (Note drop deadlines listed below). You may want to seek advice from your academic counsellor in the Undergraduate Services Office.

G. DOCUMENTATION

If you consulted an off-campus doctor or Student Health Services regarding your illness or personal problem, **you must provide the doctor with a Student Medical Certificate** to complete at the time of your visit and then bring it to the Department (or the Undergraduate Services Office). **This note must contain the following information: severity of illness, effect on academic studies and duration of absence. Regular doctor's notes will not be accepted; only the Student Medical Certificate will be accepted.**

In Case of Serious Illness of a Family Member: Provide a Student Medical Certificate to your family member's physician to complete and bring it to the Department (or the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year).

In Case of a Death: Obtain a copy of the death certificate or the notice provided by the funeral director's office. You must include your relationship to the deceased and bring it to the Department (or the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year).

For Other Extenuating Circumstances: If you are not sure what documentation to provide, ask the Departmental Office (or the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year) for direction.

Note: Forged notes and certificates will be dealt with severely. To submit a forged document is a scholastic offence (see below).

H. ACADEMIC CONCERNS

1. You need to know if your instructors have a policy on late penalties, missed tests, etc. This information may be included on the course outlines. If not, ask your instructor(s).
2. **You should also be aware of attendance requirements in some courses. You can be debarred from writing the final examination if your attendance is not satisfactory.**
3. If you are in academic difficulty, check out the minimum requirements for progression in the calendar. If in doubt, see your academic counsellor.

Calendar References: Check these regulations in your 2018 Western Academic Calendar available at www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca.

Absences Due to Illness:

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_10

Academic Accommodations for Religious or Holy Days:

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_16

Course Withdrawals:

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=6&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_75

Examinations:

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=5&command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_75

Scheduling of Term Assignments:

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=5&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading_78

Scholastic Offences:

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20

Student Medical Certificate: <https://www.eng.uwo.ca/files/undergraduate/forms/smc.pdf>

Engineering Academic Regulations:

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=4&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_86

Note: These instructions apply to all students registered in the Faculty of Engineering regardless of whether the courses are offered by the Faculty of Engineering or other faculties in the University.

Add Deadlines:

First term half course (i.e. “A” or “F”)	September 14, 2018
Full courses and full-year half course (i.e. “E”, “Y” or no suffix)	September 14, 2018
Second term half course (i.e. “B” or “G”)	January 15, 2019

Drop Deadlines:

First term half course (i.e. “A” or “F”)	November 12, 2018
Full courses and full-year half courses (i.e. “E”, “Y” or no suffix)	November 30, 2018
Second term half or second term full course (i.e. “B” or “G”)	March 7, 2019

Contact Information:

Undergraduate Services Office:	SEB 2097	Telephone: (519) 661-2130	E-mail: engugrad@uwo.ca
Dept. of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering & Green Process Engineering:	TEB 477	Telephone: (519) 661-2131	E-mail: cbeugrad@uwo.ca
Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering:	SEB 3005	Telephone: (519) 661-2139	E-mail: civil@uwo.ca
Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Software Engineering & Mechatronics Engineering:	TEB 279	Telephone: (519) 661-3758	Email: eeugrad@uwo.ca
Dept. of Mechanical and Materials Engineering:	SEB 3002	Telephone: (519) 661-4122	E-mail: mmeundergraduate@uwo.ca