

MME 4469b - “Biomechanics of the Musculoskeletal System”

COURSE OUTLINE – 2023-2024

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:	Application of fundamental principles of engineering to the analysis of the human musculoskeletal system. Bone and soft tissue biomechanics, joint mechanics and kinematics, joint replacement with implants, with special interest in design of these systems; biomaterials and wear. Joints studied will include the elbow, hip, shoulder and knee.
COURSE INFORMATION:	Instructor: James A. Johnson, BEng, PhD, PEng, FCAE Room: CLMP 1307 or E2-151 St. Joseph’s Health Centre Telephone: 661-2111 Ext 88255; 646-6100 Ext 64087 E-mail jajohnso@uwo.ca Office Hours: W: 13:15-14:15
PREREQUISITES:	ES 1022a/b/y, MME 2202a/b, MME 3380a/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
ACCREDITATION UNITS:	Engineering Science = 100%
TOPICS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic anatomy of joints and other musculoskeletal structures• Force analyses of joints• Structure and function of bone• Structure and function of ligaments and tendons• Structure and function of muscle• Lubrication and wear of joints• Joint kinematics & navigation• Biomechanics of the implant reconstructed joint
LEARNING OBJECTIVES:	By the end of the course students will have: (1) a basic understanding of skeletal and soft-tissue anatomy with special interest in joints (such as the knee, hip and elbow) (2) acquired the skills to determine the loads across joints and through implant structures, and (3) developed a sound understanding of engineering aspects of joints such as kinematics, biomaterials, wear, and fixation. Specific capabilities developed after completing this course will be: (1) the capacity to design an implant system which meets current standards, (2) the ability to determine joint and muscle loading for various activities (3) determination of external loading scenarios to meet a target loading scheme of the musculoskeletal structure (i.e. as with exercise, rehabilitation, etc.), and (4) design of experiments to evaluate bone and tissue mechanical properties, implant fixation, computer-assisted surgery, and joint wear and motion. In addition, students will have developed significant insight into the field of biomedical and biomechanical engineering, particularly in the area of orthopaedic surgery.
CONTACT HOURS:	3 lecture hours, 2 tutorial hours per week, half course

TEXT:	Custom Course Material
EVALUATION:	<p>The final grade is computed as follows:</p> <p><u>Assignments (20%)</u></p> <p>Four (4) given throughout the term.</p> <p><u>Midterm or Project (30%)</u></p> <p>There is an option to do either a midterm or project. The midterm will be held in class in week 7 or 8. The project will be due the last day of class.</p> <p><u>Final Examination (50%)</u></p> <p>Held during the normal exam period. 3 hours, Part 1 (50%)- closed book, Part 2- (50%)- open books and notes with calculator.</p> <p>If a student is excused from writing a midterm or quiz for legitimate reasons, and with the approval of the Department Chair, the weighting of the final examination can be adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>If a minimum mark of 50% is not obtained on the final examination, the student cannot receive a final mark greater than 48%.</p>
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 the improper use of English. Additionally, poorly written work with the exception of final examinations 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:	Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course, will be reported to the Dean (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course.
CHEATING:	University policy states that cheating, including plagiarism, is a scholastic offense. 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. (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).
SSD:	<i>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 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.</i>
NOTE:	The above topics and outline are subject to adjustments and changes as needed. Students who have failed an Engineering course (ie.<50%) 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 for grading by the student in subsequent years.

POLICIES

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

Midterm

- The midterm will take place as indicated under Evaluation above.
- The midterm will be 1.5 h long.
- Missing of the midterm without academic consideration will translate into a mark of zero.
- One make-up midterm will be offered to students who have missed the primary midterm with academic consideration. If the make-up is missed, then the weight of this grade will be transferred to the final exam grade.
- When academic consideration has been obtained, it is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor of the course in a timely fashion in order to seek alternate arrangements for the missed session (i.e., within maximum three days after consideration has been obtained from the Engineering Undergraduate Services Office).
- Students are required to contact the instructor of the course for any other circumstances that appear to not be covered by the non-exhaustive list above.

Term work

- If a minimum of 50% is not obtained on term work (midterm, Phase I & II of the project, and laboratory sessions), the student will fail the course irrespective of the mark obtained in the final examination.

Final examination

- The exam will take place during the April examination period. The timing will be announced in advance.
- The length of the final exam will be three hours.
- If a minimum of 50% is not obtained on the final examination, the student cannot receive a final mark greater than 48%.

Submissions

- Assignments will be due as posted.
- Late assignments will be penalized 15% per day.
- Students are required to contact the instructor of the course for any other circumstances.

UNITS:

Metric and US customary.

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**CLASSROOM
DEMEANOR:**

The instructor is committed to providing a respectful learning environment for all students involved in this course. This is a collective responsibility of the instructor and students, and therefore students partaking in this course agree to abide by this criterion. This includes arriving at lectures on time, and acting in a professional manner during class.

ATTENDANCE:

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- CHEATING:*** University policy states that cheating, including plagiarism, is a scholastic offense. 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 (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Calendar).
- SSD:*** 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 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.
- NOTE:*** Students who have failed an Engineering course (i.e. < 50%) 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 for grading by the student in subsequent years.

STATEMENT ON GENDER-BASED AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Western [is committed to reducing incidents of gender-based and sexual violence](#) and providing compassionate support to anyone who has gone through these traumatic events. If you have experienced gender-based or sexual violence (either recently or in the past), you will find information about support services for survivors, including emergency contacts, [here](#). To connect with a case manager or set up an appointment, please contact support@uwo.ca.

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 by submitting the [Academic Consideration Request Form](#), for all instances.
2. If you are an upper year student and you are missing a test/assignment/lab or examination you will report the absence by submitting [Academic Consideration Request Form](#). Absences worth LESS THAN 10% of your mark, will be processed by your department office. If your course work is worth 10% OR MORE of your final grade, your request will be processed by the Undergraduate Services Office.
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/MIDTERM TESTS

1. If you are in first year and you are unable to write a midterm/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 midterm/term test, inform your instructor PRIOR to the scheduled date of the test and request relief through the [Academic Consideration Request Form](#). 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, your request for relief will be processed by your department office. If the test is worth MORE THAN 10% of your final grade your request for relief will be processed by the Undergraduate Services Office.
3. Be prepared to attach supporting documentation to the Department Chair and/or the Undergraduate Services Office through the online form (see next page for information on documentation).
4. Discuss with the instructor if and when the test can be rescheduled. The approval of the Chair or the Undergraduate Services Office is required when rescheduling midterm/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 report your absence using the [Academic Consideration Request Form](#) and 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, headache, 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 submit an "[Application for a Special Exam](#)" form. 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 submit the [Academic Consideration Request Form](#) and 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.
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 - 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 are strongly encouraged 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 2023 Western Academic Calendar available at www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca.

Absences Due to Illness:

https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_135

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=>

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/student-medical-certificate.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 15, 2023
Full courses and full-year half course (i.e. “E”, “Y” or no suffix)	September 15, 2023
Second term half course (i.e. “B” or “G”)	January 16, 2024

Drop Deadlines:

First term half course without penalty (i.e. “A” or “F”)	November 13, 2023
Full courses and full-year half courses without penalty (i.e. “E”, “Y” or no suffix)	November 30, 2023
Second term half or second term full course without penalty (i.e. “B” or “G”)	March 7, 2024

Contact Information:

Undergraduate Services Office: E-mail: engugrad@uwo.ca	SEB 2097 Phone: 519-661-2130
Chemical & Green Process Engineering: E-mail: cbeugrad@uwo.ca	TEB 477 Phone: 519-661-2131
Civil Engineering: E-mail: civil@uwo.ca	SEB 3005 Phone: 519-661-2139
Computer, Electrical, Mechatronic Systems & Software Engineering E-mail: eceugrad@uwo.ca	TEB 279 Phone: 519-661-3758
Integrated Engineering E-mail: engceli@uwo.ca	ACEB 2410 Phone: 519-661-6725
Mechanical Engineering: E-mail: mmeundergraduate@uwo.ca	SEB 3002 Phone: 519-661-4122