MME 2285b – Engineering Experimentation

COURSE OUTLINE: 2018-2019

CALENDAR

DESCRIPTION: Measurement of physical quantities; experiment planning and design; characteristics of measurement systems; calibration, linearity, accuracy, bias and sensitivity; data acquisition systems; sampling theorem; signal conditioning; sources of errors; uncertainty analysis; data analysis techniques; systems for the measurement of displacement, velocity, acceleration, force, strain, pressure, temperature, flow rate, etc.

COURSE INFORMATION:

Instructor: Dr. Ryan Willing  
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Lectures: M (2:30-3:30) SEB-2200, Th (3:30-4:30) SEB-2202,  
Fr (12:30-1:30) SEB-2100  

Tutorials: Th (1:30-3:30) ACEB-1400 / TEB-454, HSB 240  

Labs: 004/005 W (2:30-5:30), 006/007 M (3:30-6:30), 008/009 Th (4:30-7:30), 010/011 Tu (12:30-3:30), 012/013 F (2:30-5:30) SEB-3100

CO-REQUISITE: Statistical Sciences 2143A/B or 2141A/B.

ACCREDITATION UNITS:

Science = 25%, Engineering Science = 75%

TOPICS:

• Introduction  
• General Characteristics of Measurement Systems  
• Measurement Systems with Electrical Signals  
• Computerized Data Acquisition Systems  
• Discrete Sampling and Analysis of Time-Varying Signals  
• Experimental Uncertainty Analysis  
• Description of Various Measurement Systems  
• Introduction to LabVIEW Software for Data Acquisition and Processing

LEARNING OUTCOMES: Upon successful completion of this course, student will

• become familiar with the general characteristics of measurements systems, and common types of measurement systems/instruments used for engineering measurements  
• be able to setup an experiment, perform measurements, process and analyze data, and estimate the error/uncertainty in the measurements

CONTACT HOURS: 3 lecture hours, 2 tutorial hours and 1.5 laboratory hours, half course.


UNITS: S.I. will be used, however, British unit may be introduced through examples as required

EXAMINATIONS AND QUIZZES: The examinations will be based on the material covered in lectures, assignments and tutorials. All exams will be closed book. Only non-programmable, single-line-screen calculators will be permitted during the examinations.

EVALUATION:

Mid Term exam (Feb. 14, during tutorial timeslot) 15%  
(1.5 hours, closed book, non-programmable calculator allowed)  

Laboratory work  
Introductory Lab (Jan. 14-18), Lab 1 (Jan. 21-25), Lab 2 (Jan. 28 - Feb. 1), Lab 3 (Feb. 4-8), Lab 4 (Feb. 25 - Mar. 1) 20%
LabVIEW quiz 10%

Project 15%
   In-class presentations from Mar. 28 - Apr. 5
   Deadline for project completion & report submission: Apr. 5

Final exam (during April final examination period) 40%
   (2.5 hours, closed book)

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

Laboratory sessions
• Failure to pass the laboratory component of the course will attract automatic course failure.
• Passing the laboratory component is equivalent with obtaining more than 50% on the laboratory component of the course.
• A maximum of one make-up session will be offered to students who have missed a laboratory session with academic consideration.
• Missing of a laboratory session without academic consideration will translate into a zero mark for that laboratory session.
• Students arriving to a laboratory session later than 30 minutes after the scheduled start time will be considered absent and will receive a zero mark for that laboratory session.
• Failure to attend more than two laboratory experiments without academic consideration may result in a grade of not more than 48% for the entire course.
• Lab reports, if required, are due in one week from the date of lab.
• Lab reports must be submitted electronically, and detailed instructions will be provided with the labs’ outline.
• Lab reports will not be accepted if the student did not attend the laboratory experiment.

LabVIEW Quiz
• Missing of the LabVIEW quiz without academic consideration will translate into a zero mark for that quiz.

Team deliverables
• While the default assumption is that everyone contributes equally to the team effort (i.e., project and labs) and hence everyone should receive the same mark for the team submission, individual adjustments of the marks are also permitted, and they are left at latitude of the instructional team (i.e., course instructor and teaching assistants).

Final examination
• Only non-programmable calculators will be allowed during the final examination.
• If a minimum of 50% is not obtained in the final examination, the student will be assigned a grade of no greater than 48% for the course.

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 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.

OFFICE HOURS: TBD after consulting with class, or by appointment
CLASSROOM DEMEANOR: The instructors are committed to providing a respectful learning environment for all students involved in this course. This is a collective responsibility of the instructors 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: 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 that 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)

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 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.

NOTE: The above topics and outline are subject to adjustments and changes as needed. 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.
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 accommodation will not be granted automatically on request. You must demonstrate to your department (or the Undergraduate Services office if you are in first year) that there are compelling medical or compassionate grounds that can be documented before academic accommodation will be considered. Different regulations apply to term tests, final examinations and late assignments. Read the instructions carefully. (see the 2018 Western Academic Calendar).

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 (please spell your full name).

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 Associate Dean 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. 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.

E. SHORT ABSENCES

If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outlines for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test 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 the academic counsellor in your Department or the counsellors in the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year.

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 if you are in first year). 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 2016 Western Academic Calendar available at www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca.

Absences Due to Illness
Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
Academic Accommodations for Religious Holidays
Course Withdrawals
Examinations
Scheduling of Term Assignments
Scholastic Offences
Student Medical Certificate
Engineering Academic Regulations

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

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