

Western University  
*Department of Mechanical & Materials Engineering*

**MME 4435B - Pressure Vessel Design**

**COURSE OUTLINE – 2015-2016**

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**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:** This course examines the theory and design of pressure vessels. The goal is to design a safe and economical pressure vessel to meet specified requirements. Pressure vessel design is strictly regulated by design codes, with an emphasis on stress analysis. In this course, the ASME Section VIII Pressure Vessel Design Code will be examined in detail, and students will design a pressure vessel using professional software based on ASME Pressure Vessel code.

**COURSE INFORMATION:**

Instructor: Dr. R.O. Buchal  
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Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 2pm-3pm

Lectures: M W F 12:30pm-1:30pm, UCC 54B

Labs: Tu 3:30pm-5:30pm, SEB 2200/SEB 1012

**PREREQUISITES:** MME 2202A/B, MME2259A/B, MME 3360A/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

**ANTIREQUISITES:** None.

**ACCREDITATION UNITS:** Engineering Science: 50%, Engineering Design: 50%

**TOPICS:**

- Overview of pressure vessels
- Overview of the ASME Section VIII pressure vessel code
- Design philosophy
- Structural design criteria
- Stress/failure theories
- Load categories
- Failure categories
- Stress categories and limits
- Design of cylindrical shells
- Design of heads and covers
- Design of nozzles and openings
- Fatigue assessment of pressure vessels
- Bolted flange connections
- Design of vessel supports
- Use of pressure vessel design software
- New trends in pressure vessel design

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:** Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to

- Explain and apply the fundamental principles of loads and stresses as applied to pressure vessels
- Select and apply appropriate failure theories in the design of pressure vessels

- Design a variety of different pressure vessels based on the ASME Pressure Vessel Code
- Evaluate an existing pressure vessel to ensure its safety and compliance with the Code
- Understand and explain all calculations used by the Code, and relate them to fundamental principles.

**CONTACT HOURS:** 3 lecture hours, 2 laboratory hours, half course

**TEXT:** None.

**REFERENCES:** Chattopadhyay, Somnath. Pressure Vessels: Design and Practice, 2005, CRC Press, ISBN 0-8493-1369-4. (Available as e-book).

**UNITS:** SI and US Customary

**EVALUATION:**

Deliverable	Weight	Due Dates
Assignments	25% Six Assignments equally weighted	1. January 19 2. January 26 3. February 2 4. February 9 5. February 16 6. February 23
Design project	25%	Due April 6, 2016.
Final Exam (Closed book)	50%	Date TBA

The penalty for late assignments will be 10% per day late, and assignments that are more than 3 days late will not be marked and will receive a grade of zero.

If a minimum mark of 50% is not obtained on the final examination, the student cannot receive a final mark greater than 48%.

**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:** 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.

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Students that are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western, <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> , for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

**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.

*December 22, 2015*

**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 ACCOMMODATION 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 ACCOMMODATION WILL BE CONSIDERED. DIFFERENT REGULATIONS APPLY TO TERM TESTS, FINAL EXAMINATIONS AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS. READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. (SEE THE 2015 UWO 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 exam that is worth MORE THAN 10% of your final grade, you will report to the Undergraduate Services Office, SEB 2097. Otherwise, you will report to your department office to request accommodation.
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 MORE THAN 10% of your final grade you will report to the Undergraduate Services Office, SEB 2097 to request accommodation. Otherwise, you will report to your department office to request accommodation.
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.

**N.B. 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 Ms. Karen Murray 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). **This note must contain the following information: severity of illness, effect on academic studies and duration of absence. Regular doctors 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 2015 Western Academic Calendar available at [www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca).

Absences Due to Illness: <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2015/pg117.html>  
Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2015/pg118.html>  
Academic Accommodations for Religious or Holy Days: <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2015/pg118.html>  
Course Withdrawals: <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2015/pg157.html>  
Examinations: <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2015/pg129.html>  
Scheduling of Term Assignments: <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2015/pg97.html>  
Scholastic Offences: <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2015/pg113.html>  
Student Medical Certificate: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf)  
Engineering Academic Regulations: <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2015/pg1442.html>

**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.

### **Drop Deadlines:**

First term half course (i.e. "A" or "F"):	November 5, 2015
Full courses and full-year half courses (i.e. "E", "Y" or no suffix):	November 30, 2015
Second term half or second term full course (i.e. "B" or "G"):	March 7, 2016

### **Contact Information:**

Undergraduate Services Office:	SEB 2097	Telephone: (519) 661-2130	Fax: (519) 661-3757
Dept. of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering & Green Process Engineering:	TEB 477	Telephone: (519) 661-2131	Fax: (519) 661-3498
Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering:	SEB 3005	Telephone: (519) 661-2139	Fax: (519) 661-3779
Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Software Engineering & Mechatronics Engineering:	TEB 279	Telephone: (519) 661-3758	Fax: (519) 850-2436
Dept. of Mechanical and Materials Engineering:	SEB 3002	Telephone: (519) 661-4122	Fax: (519) 661-3020