

ENGPYHS 3L04
Engineering Metrology: Fundamentals and Applications
Undergraduate Studies
Winter 2024
Course Outline

CALENDAR/COURSE DESCRIPTION

Statistics for engineering measurements, error analysis of experimental data, sensors for pervasive engineering measurements, radiation detectors (thermal, optical, nuclear), noise and interference, instrument response and uncertainty, signal conditioning, data communications, reliability and safety, introduction to feedback and control, and selected topics in state-of-the-art technologies.

Three lectures, one lab (three hours each) every other week, one tutorial; second term.

PRE-REQUISITES AND ANTI-REQUISITES

Prerequisite(s): Registration in Level III or above of any Engineering Physics program
Antirequisite(s): None

INSTRUCTOR OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours:
By appointment

TEACHING ASSISTANT OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

For technical difficulties with the Arduino set up or sensors, contact the lab technician.

COURSE WEBSITE/ALTERNATE METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

<http://avenue.mcmaster.ca/>

Communication is through ATL (Avenue to Learn) email.
Students are assumed to have received and read any emails sent through ATL regarding the course.

COURSE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, students should be able to understand the following metrology topics:

- Electrical transducers
- Magnetic transducers
- Data analysis
- Dimensional metrology
- Force metrology
- Dynamic response
- Accelerometers and seismometers

- Angular-related metrology
- Pressure metrology
- Flow metrology
- Thermometry metrology
- Photodetectors
- Infrared devices
- Fiber optic devices
- Optical spectroscopy
- Radiation metrology
- Time & frequency metrology
- Quantum metrology
- The international system of units (SI)

MATERIALS AND FEES

Required Texts:

None

Recommended Additional Texts:

- 1) A.J. Wheeler, Introduction to Engineering Experimentation (3rd edition, Pearson, 2010).
- 2) J.P. Holman, Experimental Methods for Engineers (8th edition, McGraw-Hill, 2012).
- 3) J.G. Webster and H. Eren, Measurement, Instrumentation, and Sensors Handbook (2nd edition, CRC Press, 2014).

Lecture notes:

To be posted on Avenue to Learn

Lab manuals:

To be posted on Avenue to Learn

Calculator:

Only the McMaster Standard Calculator will be permitted in tests and examinations. This is available at the Campus Store.

Other Materials:

An Arduino and a sensor lab kit are required for this course. Details are provided in “Lecture 0: Course Outline” posted in Avenue.

The course will also use Matlab and/or Excel. Use of Python is allowed, but TA support may be limited.

COURSE FORMAT AND EXPECTATIONS

The course is organized as follows:

- 3 classroom-based in-person lectures per week
- 1 in-person tutorial per week
- 5 labs; one lab every 2 weeks
- 1 midterm and 1 final exam

Details are provided in “Lecture 0: Course Outline” posted in Avenue.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Readings	Topic
1	Lecture 0-1	Electrical transducers
2	Lecture 2-4	Electrical transducers, magnetic transducers, data analysis
3	Lecture 5-7	Signal processing, dimensional metrology
4	Lecture 8-10	Force metrology, dynamic response, accelerometers
5	Lecture 11-13	Angular metrology, pressure metrology
6	Lecture 14-16	Flow metrology, thermometry
7	Midterm recess	
8	Lecture 17-19	Thermometry, photodetectors
9	Lecture 20-22	Photodetectors, infrared devices, fiber optic devices
10	Lecture 23-25	Optical spectroscopy
11	Lecture 26-28	Radiation metrology, time and frequency metrology
12	Lecture 29-31	Time and frequency metrology, quantum metrology
13	Lecture 32-34	Quantum metrology, international system of units
14	Lecture 35-36	International system of units

ASSESSMENT

Component	Due Date	Weight
Labs 1-5	Before start of next lab	25%
Tutorials	End of tutorial hour	25%
Midterm exam	TBD	10% (weight transferred to final if lower)
Final Exam	TBD	40% (or 50%)
Total		100%

ACCREDITATION LEARNING OUTCOMES

The Learning Outcomes defined in this section are measured for no good reason and will not be directly taken into consideration in determining a student's grade in the course.

Outcomes	Indicators
I	1.1, 1.3, 2.3
ii	1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 4.3
iii	1.2, 3.1
iv	5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3
V	12.1

For more information on Accreditation, please visit: <https://www.engineerscanada.ca>

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

Every student registered for this course belongs in this course. Diversity of backgrounds and experiences is expected and welcome. You may expect your instructor to be respectful of this diversity in all aspects of the course, and the same is expected of you.

The Department of Engineering Physics is committed to creating an environment in which students of all genders, cultures, ethnicities, races, sexual orientations, abilities, and socioeconomic backgrounds have equal access to education and are welcomed and treated fairly. If you have any concerns regarding inclusion in our Department, in particular if you or one of your peers is experiencing harassment or discrimination, you are encouraged to contact the Chair, Associate Undergraduate Chair, Academic Advisor or to contact the [Equity and Inclusion Office](#).

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

For a list of McMaster University's resources, please refer to the [Student Wellness Centre](#).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

You are expected to exhibit honesty and use ethical behaviour in all aspects of the learning process. Academic credentials you earn are rooted in principles of honesty and academic integrity. **It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty.**

Academic dishonesty is to knowingly act or fail to act in a way that results or could result in unearned academic credit or advantage. This behaviour can result in serious consequences, e.g. the grade of zero on an assignment, loss of credit with a notation on the transcript (notation reads: "Grade of F assigned for academic dishonesty"), and/or suspension or expulsion from the university. For information on the various types of academic dishonesty please refer to the [Academic Integrity Policy](https://secretariat.mcmaster.ca/university-policies-procedures-guidelines/), located at <https://secretariat.mcmaster.ca/university-policies-procedures-guidelines/>

The following illustrates only three forms of academic dishonesty:

1. plagiarism, e.g. the submission of work that is not one's own or for which other credit has been obtained; this includes the direct use of ChatGPT.
2. improper collaboration in group work.
3. copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

AUTHENTICITY / PLAGIARISM DETECTION

Some courses may use a web-based service (Turnitin.com) to reveal authenticity and ownership of student submitted work. For courses using such software, students will be expected to submit their work electronically either directly to Turnitin.com or via an online learning platform (e.g. A2L, etc.) using plagiarism detection (a service supported by Turnitin.com) so it can be checked for academic dishonesty.

Students who do not wish their work to be submitted through the plagiarism detection software must inform the Instructor before the assignment is due. No penalty will be assigned to a student who does not submit work to the plagiarism detection software. **All submitted work is subject to normal verification that standards of academic integrity have been upheld** (e.g., on-line search, other software, etc.). For more details about McMaster's use of Turnitin.com please go to www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity.

COURSES WITH AN ON-LINE ELEMENT

McMaster is committed to an inclusive and respectful community. These principles and expectations extend to online activities including electronic chat groups, video calls and other learning platforms.

Some courses may use on-line elements (e.g. e-mail, Avenue to Learn (A2L), LearnLink, web pages, capa, Moodle, ThinkingCap, etc.). Students should be aware that, when they access the electronic components of a course using these elements, private information such as first and last names, user names for the McMaster e-mail accounts, and program affiliation may become apparent to all other students in the same course. The available information is dependent on the technology used. Continuation in a course that uses on-line elements will be deemed consent to this disclosure. If you have any questions or concerns about such disclosure, please discuss this with the course instructor.

CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

As a McMaster student, you have the right to experience, and the responsibility to demonstrate, respectful and dignified interactions within all of our living, learning and working communities. These expectations are described in the [Code of Student Rights & Responsibilities](#) (the "Code"). All students share the responsibility of maintaining a positive environment for the academic and personal growth of all McMaster community members, **whether in person or online.**

It is essential that students be mindful of their interactions online, as the Code remains in effect in virtual learning environments. The Code applies to any interactions that adversely affect, disrupt, or interfere with reasonable participation in University activities. Student disruptions or behaviours that interfere with university functions on online platforms (e.g. use of Avenue 2 Learn, WebEx or Zoom for delivery), will be taken very seriously and will be investigated. Outcomes may include restriction or removal of the involved students' access to these platforms.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who require academic accommodation must contact [Student Accessibility Services](#) (SAS) at 905-525-9140 ext. 28652 or sas@mcmaster.ca to make arrangements with a Program Coordinator. For further information, consult McMaster University's [Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities](#) policy.

COURSE POLICY ON MISSED WORK, EXTENSIONS, AND LATE PENALTIES

1. It is the students' responsibility to regularly check the course webpage (i.e. Avenue to Learn) for updates and announcements.
2. Submissions of an **MSAF** (see below):
 - a. The weight of the missed tutorial quiz is shifted to the other quizzes.
 - b. The due date for a lab submission is automatically extended by **three** days, starting from the due date of the missed work, **not the day of the msaf submission.**
3. Tutorial quizzes cannot be submitted late.
4. Late submission of lab work will result in a penalty of 10% of the original mark per day.
5. Accommodations for SAS students must be established with the instructor **before** the due date of the work.
 - a. Accommodation for the tutorial quizzes is made by sending the quiz to the students at least one day before the quiz.
 - b. Accommodation for the lab write-ups is made by allowing two weeks for the report, instead of one week.

SUBMISSION OF REQUEST FOR RELIEF FOR MISSED ACADEMIC WORK

In the event of an absence for medical or other reasons, students should review and follow the Academic Regulation in the Undergraduate Calendar “Requests for Relief for Missed Academic Term Work”.

1. **Relief for missed academic work worth less than 25% of the final grade resulting from medical or personal situations lasting up to three calendar days:**
 - Use the [McMaster Student Absence Form](#) (MSAF) on-line self-reporting tool. No further documentation is required.
 - Students may submit requests for relief using the MSAF once per term.
 - An automated email will be sent to the course instructor, who will determine the appropriate relief. Students must immediately follow up with their instructors. Failure to do so may negate the opportunity for relief.
 - The MSAF cannot be used to meet a religious obligation or to celebrate an important religious holiday.
 - The MSAF cannot be used for academic work that has already been completed or attempted.
 - An MSAF applies only to work that is due within the period for which the MSAF applies, i.e. the 3-day period that is specified in the MSAF; however, all work due in that period can be covered by one MSAF.
 - The MSAF cannot be used to apply for relief for any final examination or its equivalent. See *Petitions for Special Consideration* above.

2. **For medical or personal situations lasting more than three calendar days, and/or for missed academic work worth 25% or more of the final grade, and/or for any request for relief in a term where the MSAF has been used previously in that term:**
 - Students must report to their Faculty Office to discuss their situation and will be required to provide appropriate **supporting documentation**.
 - If warranted, the Faculty Office will approve the absence, and the instructor will determine appropriate relief.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION FOR RELIGIOUS, INDIGENOUS OR SPIRITUAL OBSERVANCES (RISO)

Students requiring academic accommodation based on religious, indigenous or spiritual observances should follow the procedures set out in the [RISO](#) policy. Students should submit their request to their Faculty Office **normally within 10 working days** of the beginning of term in which they anticipate a need for accommodation or to the Registrar's Office prior to their examinations. Students should also contact their instructors as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements for classes, assignments, and tests.

COPYRIGHT AND RECORDING

Students are advised that lectures, demonstrations, performances, and any other course material provided by an instructor include copyright protected works. The Copyright Act and copyright law protect every original literary, dramatic, musical and artistic work, **including lectures** by University instructors

The recording of lectures, tutorials, or other methods of instruction may occur during a course. Recording may be done by either the instructor for the purpose of authorized distribution, or by a student for the purpose of personal study. Students should be aware that their voice and/or image may be recorded by others during the class. Please speak with the instructor if this is a concern for you.

EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES

The University reserves the right to change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances (e.g., severe weather, labour disruptions, etc.). Changes will be communicated through regular McMaster communication channels, such as McMaster Daily News, A2L and/or McMaster email.