

Engineering Physics 4US2  
Modern and Applied Physics Laboratory – Smart Systems  
Fall 2023  
Course Outline

**CALENDAR/COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is one of five advanced laboratory courses in the areas of applied physics.

In 4US2 Modern and Applied Physics Laboratory – Smart Systems, students will gain hands-on experiences in design, building, and performance evaluation of integrated systems with sensors, sensor networks and active feedback controls. In this advanced lab course, the focus is on experiential learning with both prescribed tasks and open-ended modules allow students to explore different design and functionalities.

The course is designed to have two phases/modules. In the first module, the students will individually work on an ambient environment sensor system for continued real time measurement of parameters such as temperature, humidity, light, and movements.

In the second module, the students will work as a team to build a smart indoor positioning systems with real time data upload to a cloud computing platform and sensor data fusion algorithms to track the position and movement of multiple users.

**PRE-REQUISITES AND ANTI-REQUISITES**

Prerequisite(s): ENGPYS 3W04 A/B and PHYSICS 3B06, or both ENGPYS 3BA3 and ENGPYS 3BB3  
Antirequisite(s):

**INSTRUCTOR OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

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#### COURSE MEETING TIME

All lab sessions are in person during scheduled times. Attendance is required.

#### COURSE WEBSITE/ALTERNATE METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

The course website, including all course information will be hosted on Avenue to Learn (A2L): <http://avenue.mcmaster.ca/> All course-related submissions must be done through A2L Dropboxes. It is the students' responsibility to check regularly the course web page on A2L for updates and announcements. Students are required to obtain and maintain McMaster e-mail accounts for timely communications between the instructors and the students.

The students and the instruction team (instructor, TA, and lab technician) will also use Microsoft Teams for file sharing and communications.

#### COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objective of this course is to apply previously learned electronics and control knowledge to develop basic smart systems. Through these experiential learning activities, the students will learn about the controls and interactions between the components involved in these two projects.

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Understand the mechanisms and role of sensors in the design of the smart systems
- Understand the control mechanisms and learn how to use microcontrollers to build compact data acquisition systems.
- Learn how to use cloud computing platforms for continuous data acquisition, processing, and analysis.
- Be familiar with all the circuit components used to create their projects
- Understand the impact of smart sensors in the real world

#### MATERIALS AND FEES

**Required Texts:** N/A

**Calculator:** Any

**Other Materials:**

All experimental components and test instruments will be provided in the lab. These components and instruments belong to the Department (i.e., McMaster University).

#### COURSE OVERVIEW

Date/Week	Topic	Readings
<b>Week 1-5</b>	Module 1 Sensors	
<b>Week 7-12</b>	Module 2: smart systems integration	
<b>Week 13</b>	Project demonstration and final evaluation	

#### ASSESSMENT

Component	Weight
Module 1 Sensors (individual)	30%
Module 2 Systems (group)	60%
Final individual report	10%
Total	100%

#### ACCREDITATION LEARNING OUTCOMES

The Learning Outcomes defined in this section are measured for Accreditation purposes only, and will not be directly taken into consideration in determining a student's actual grade in the course.

5.1, 5.2, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 12.1

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

#### 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.

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.

It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty. For information on the various types of academic dishonesty please refer to the Academic Integrity Policy, located at <http://www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity>

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.
2. Improper collaboration in group work.
3. Copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

#### ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

Students who require academic accommodation must contact Student accessibility Services (SAS) to make arrangements with a Program Coordinator. Academic accommodations must be arranged for each term of study. Student Accessibility Services can be contact by phone at 905.525.9140 ext. 28652 or e-mail at [sas@mcmaster.ca](mailto:sas@mcmaster.ca). For further information, consult McMaster University's Policy for [Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities](#).

#### NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCE AND SUBMISSION OF REQUEST FOR RELIEF FOR MISSED ACADEMIC WORK

1. The [McMaster Student Absence Form](#) is a self-reporting tool for Undergraduate Students to report absences DUE TO MINOR MEDICAL SITUATIONS that last up to 3 days and provides the ability to request accommodation for any missed academic work. Please note this tool cannot be used during any final examination period.
2. You may submit a maximum of 1 Academic Work Missed request per term. It is YOUR responsibility to follow up with your Instructor immediately (NORMALLY WITHIN TWO WORKING DAYS) regarding the nature of the accommodation. Relief for missed academic work is not guaranteed.
3. If you are absent for reasons other than medical reasons, for more than 3 days, or exceed 1 request per term you MUST contact the Associate Dean's Office. You may be required to provide supporting documentation.
4. This form must be submitted during the period of absence or the following day, and is only valid for academic work missed during this period of absence.
5. It is the prerogative of the instructor of the course to determine the appropriate relief for missed term work in his/her course.
6. You should expect to have academic commitments Monday through Saturday but not on Sunday or statutory holidays. If you require an accommodation to meet a religious obligation or to celebrate an important religious holiday, you may submit the Academic Accommodation for Religious, Indigenous and Spiritual Observances (RISO) Form to the Associate Dean's Office. You can find all paperwork needed here: <https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/programs/academic-advising>

#### NOTICE REGARDING POSSIBLE COURSE MODIFICATION

The instructor and university reserve the right to modify elements of the course during the term. The university may change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances. If either type of modification becomes necessary, reasonable notice and communication with the students will be given with explanation and the opportunity to comment on changes. It is the responsibility of the student to check their McMaster email and course websites weekly during the term and to note any changes.

#### TURNITIN.COM STATEMENT

In this course we will be using a web-based service (Turnitin.com) to reveal plagiarism. Students will be expected to submit their work electronically to Turnitin.com and in hard copy so that it can be checked for academic dishonesty. Students who do not wish to submit their wok to Turnitin.com must still submit a copy to the instructor. No penalty

will be assigned to a student who does not submit work to Turnitin.com. All submitted work is subject to normal verification that standards of academic integrity have been upheld (e.g., on-line search, etc.). To see the Turnitin.com Policy, please go to <http://www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity/>.

#### ON-LINE STATEMENT FOR COURSES REQUIRING ONLINE ACCESS OR WORK

In this course, we will be using Avenue to Learn. Students should be aware that, when they access the electronic components of this course, 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 this course will be deemed consent to this disclosure. If you have any questions or concerns about such disclosure, please discuss this with the course instructor.

#### REFERENCE TO RESEARCH ETHICS

The two principles underlying integrity in research in a university setting are these: a researcher must be honest in proposing, seeking support for, conducting, and reporting research; a researcher must respect the rights of others in these activities. Any departure from these principles will diminish the integrity of the research enterprise. This policy applies to all those conducting research at or under the aegis of McMaster University. It is incumbent upon all members of the university community to practice and to promote ethical behaviour. To see the Policy on Research Ethics at McMaster University, please go to <http://www.mcmaster.ca/policy/faculty/Conduct/ResearchEthicsPolicy.pdf>.