

ME753 – Advanced Fluid Mechanics
Fall 2026
Course Outline

CALENDAR/COURSE DESCRIPTION

Review of vectors, tensors, tensor notation, hydrostatics and stresses in fluid, and Eulerian and Lagrangian coordinate systems. Develop conservation of mass, momentum, and energy equations and examine their properties. Analyze boundary layer flows, potential flows, and introduce transition to turbulence and turbulence flows.

COURSE TOPICS

1. Cartesian Tensors.
2. Kinematics.
3. Conservation Laws.
4. Scaling and Dynamic Similarity.
5. Laminar Flows.
6. Vorticity Dynamics.
7. Boundary Layer Flows – *time permit*.

INSTRUCTOR OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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COURSE WEBSITE/ALTERNATE METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

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

SUGGESTED TEXTBOOKS

- 1) “Fluid Mechanics”, by P. K. Kundu and I. M. Cohen, 5th edition, Academic Press, 2012.
- 2) “Viscous Fluid Flow”, by Frank M. White, 2nd edition, McGraw-Hill, 1991.
- 3) “Boundary-Layer Theory” by H. Schlichting, 8th edition, Springer, 2000.

COURSE FORMAT AND EXPECTATIONS

The course is organized as follows:

- 1 three-hour, in-class, lecture per week.
- 1 open-book, in-class, midterm test.
- Open-book, in-class, final exam. The final exam covers all course material.
- The midterm and the final exam will include questions on theory and concepts covered during class discussions.

ASSESSMENT

Component	Date/Time	Weight
Midterm Test	TBA	25%
Assignments	Roughly every week	25%
Final Exam	TBA	50%
Total		100%

LECTURES

- **Starting Thursday Sept 10th**, in-class weekly lectures will be delivered on Thursdays at 3:30-6:30 PM, EST in JHE-323.
- Attending lectures is very important and highly recommended.

ASSIGNMENTS

- Roughly, every week, textbook problems and questions based on class discussions will be assigned and posted on A2L.
- Assignments must be submitted on A2L. Email submissions are not acceptable, with no exceptions.
- Requests for submission extensions due to legitimate reasons must be submitted by email, at least, two days in advance of the deadline.
- A late submission will receive a 10 % deduction per day, for up to three days.
- After that, submissions will not be accepted and will be deemed missed.
- A zero mark will be entered for any missed submission.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

Every registered student belongs in this course. Diversity of backgrounds and experiences is expected and welcome. You can 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 Mechanical Engineering 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.
2. improper collaboration in group work.
3. copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

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 A2L, 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 on A2L for updates and announcements.
2. The weight of any missed work that has been properly reported and approved using MSAF will be automatically added to the weight of the final examination. No other accommodation will be provided for missed work.

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 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.
 - ***In ME753, the weight of any missed work that has been properly reported and approved using MSAF will be automatically added to the weight of the final examination.***

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.