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TEACHING ASSISTANTS: To be announced on Avenue to Learn.

COURSE MATERIALS: Course notes will be made available on Avenue to Learn.

Additional examples (and cool videos!) will be presented during the lectures.

TUTORIALS: See note #2 on page 2.

COURSE OUTLINE

1. INTRODUCTION

- What is Mechatronics?
- The Role of Computer Simulations in Mechatronic Engineering
- Examples of Mechatronic Systems

2. SENSORS

- Sensor Performance Specifications
- Standard Industrial Sensors
- Sensor Interfacing
- Sensor Selection

3. ACTUATORS

- Mechanisms
- Electrical Actuators
- Pneumatic and Hydraulic Actuators

4. MATHEMATICAL MODELLING OF DYNAMIC SYSTEMS

- Building Block Approach
- Introduction to the State Space Method
- Discrete Time Models
- Introduction to the System Identification Method

5. PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLERS

- Operation of PLCs
- Ladder Logic Programming

6. DIGITAL CONTROL OF DYNAMIC SYSTEMS

- ON-OFF Control
- PID Control
- Model-Based Direct Digital Design

7. INTRODUCTION TO DESIGNING FOR SAFETY

- Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction
- System Faults and Fault Management
- Fault Detection and Fault Tolerance Techniques
- Issues related to System Architectures, Human Factors, and Reliability

8. DEMONSTRATIONS

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COURSE EVALUATION

In-class Pop Quizzes	5%
Test 1 (50 min)*	10%
Test 2 (50 min)*	15%
Test 3 (50 min)*	15%
Final Exam (2.5 hrs)*	55%

*Student ID required, Closed Book, McMaster Standard Calculator (Casio fx-991 MS or Casio fx-991 MS Plus).

The dates and times for tests 1, 2, and 3 will be as follows:

- Test 1: February 4, 2:30-3:20
- Test 2: March 3, 2:30-3:20 and
- Test 3: March 26, 2:30-3:20

The rooms for these tests will be announced on Avenue to Learn.

Notes: #1. Practice problems and solutions will be provided to help you to learn the course material.

#2. The only tutorial sessions will be on PLC programming. These will be held on March 16 and 17. The time and location of your tutorial is available on Mosaic.

#3. Please check Avenue to Learn regularly for information regarding course notes, tests, TA contact info, office-hours, etc.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course the student will be expected to have demonstrated the ability to:

1. List several types of sensors and actuators, and describe their properties.
2. Analyse a measurement system operating under static and dynamic conditions.
3. Design electro-mechanical, hydraulic and pneumatic actuators.
4. Derive mechanistic models for dynamic systems.
5. Design a model-based digital control system.
6. Design a functional PLC programs and write it using standard symbols.
7. Describe methods for improving the safety of mechatronic systems.