

**ELEC ENG 4CL4  
CONTROL SYSTEM DESIGN**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

Please refer to course website for updated information.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Design of linear control systems using classical and state-space techniques; performance limitation; sampled-data control; nonlinear systems; multi-input multi-output control systems

**Course Summary:** This is an advanced undergraduate course in analysis and design of modern control systems. The course focuses on continuous-time linear dynamical systems in the state-space domain. It exposes the students to fundamental concepts such as state-space representation of dynamics, solution of state-space dynamics, linearization of nonlinear dynamics, controllability and observability of state-space models, and stability of linear dynamical systems. The course also introduces methods for the design of linear feedback control systems via state and output feedback for regulation and tracking problems. The analysis and design topics cover examples from modern control engineering applications.

**PRE-REQUISITES AND ANTI-REQUISITES**

Prerequisite(s): ELECENG 3CL4, ELECENG 3TP4

**SCHEDULE And MODE OF DELIVERY**

The material for this course will be delivered through a mixture of online videos, textbook readings, live online lectures and tutorials (which are also recorded), and a virtualized laboratory project. The platform for each component is noted at the end of each line.

Lecture: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 1:30pm – 2:20pm – on Zoom (see course website for details)

Tutorial: Wednesday 9:30am – 1:20am – on Zoom (see course website for details)

Lab: Every Other Week at 2:30pm - 5:30pm – L01 Monday, L02 Tuesday, L03 Friday– on Zoom (see course website for details)

**INSTRUCTOR**

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Please note that during the university closures due to Covid-19 in the Fall Term, instructors will not be in their offices. Please see the course website for clarification on their availability.

#### TEACHING ASSISTANTS

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Office hours are provided on the course website (Avenue to Learn).

#### COURSE WEBSITE/S

<http://avenue.mcmaster.ca>

#### COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

- Develop state-space models from differential equations describing behaviour of a continuous-time system
- Linearize nonlinear continuous-time dynamics around operating points to obtain approximate linear state-space models
- Find solutions to linear-time-invariant (LTI) state-space dynamics using time-domain and Laplace-domain techniques
- Analyze fundamental properties of LTI state-space systems, i.e. stability, controllability, and observability
- Derive various equivalent canonical form representations of LTI state-space dynamics using similarity transformations
- Convert state-space and transfer matrix representations of LTI systems to each other
- Design state-feedback controllers for LTI state-space systems
- Design output-feedback controllers with state-space observers for LTI state-space systems

#### ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE

Background knowledge from an introductory course in linear controls using Laplace-domain techniques (e.g. ELEC ENG 3CL4) is essential. The course also requires a solid background in

linear algebra; students are also strongly encouraged to review the background linear algebra material in the third chapter of the textbook.

## COURSE MATERIALS

### Required Texts:

C.-T Chen, *Linear System Theory and Design*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, Oxford University Press, 2012.

### Calculator:

Any type of calculator will be permitted in tests and examinations.

### Other Materials:

- Instructor lecture recordings and slides available through avenue to learn.
- R. L. Williams II and D.A. Lawrence, *Linear State-Space Control Systems*, John Wiley & Sons Inc., 2007.
- R.A. Horn and C.R. Johnson, *Matrix Analysis*, Cambridge University Press, 1985.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Week	Topic
<b>1-3</b>	<b>State-space Representation of Dynamical Systems</b>
1	Concept of State Space Dynamics
1	Examples of State-space Representations of Electrical and Mechanical Systems
2	Linear (Time-Invariant) State-space Representation
2	Linearization of Nonlinear Dynamical Systems
3	Composite Dynamic Systems
<b>3-5</b>	<b>Response of Linear Time-invariant Systems</b>
3	Solution of State-space Differential Equations: Homogenous and General cases
3	Impulse Response and Transfer Function
4-5	State Coordinate Transformation
5	Modal Canonical Representation of State-space Dynamics
<b>6</b>	<b>Stability of Linear Dynamical Systems</b>
6	Internal Stability
6	Input-Output Stability
<b>7-8</b>	<b>Controllability</b>
7	Concept and Fundamental Results
7	State Transformations and Controllability
8	Controllability Canonical Form
8	Controllability Tests
<b>9</b>	<b>Observability</b>
9	Concept and Fundamental Results
9	State Transformations and Observability
9	Observability Canonical Form
9	Observability Tests
<b>9-10</b>	<b>Minimal Realization of Linear Dynamical Systems</b>

9	Single-input/Single-output Systems
10	Multiple-input/Multiple-output Systems
10	Controllable & Observable Canonical Form Realizations
<b>11-12</b>	<b>Linear State Feedback Control</b>
11	State-feedback Control Law
12	Pole Placement
12	Stabilizability
<b>13</b>	<b>Linear Output Feedback Control</b>
13	Observers and Detectability
13	Observer-based Feedback Control and the Separation Principle

At certain points in the course it may make good sense to modify the schedule. The instructor may modify elements of the course and will notify students accordingly (in class, on the course website).

**LABORATORY OVERVIEW: MODELING, IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL OF AN INVERTED PENDULUM MECHANISM**

The course has a virtual laboratory project that integrates multiple phases towards the eventual objective of controlling an inverted pendulum mechanism around a number of inherently unstable and stable equilibrium points. The idea is to expose the students to a full cycle of the control design process, from system modeling, system identification, and system analysis, to control design, implementation and verification. The project will also provide an opportunity for the students to work with some of the tools available in the MATLAB/ Simulink environment for control system modeling, analysis and design.

Date/Week	Topic
1	<b>Phase 0. Modeling and Simulation of State-space Control Systems in MATLAB/SIMULINK Environment:</b> Become familiar some of the tools available in MATLAB/Simulink environment for modelling and simulation of state-space dynamical systems.
2-3	<b>Phase 1. Analytical Modeling and Simulation:</b> Develop a full nonlinear model of the inverted pendulum mechanism in the state-space domain. Linearize the model around desired equilibrium points. Implement the model in Matlab/Simulink environment and simulate the system response.
4	<b>Phase 2. System Identification and Verification:</b> Estimate unknown model parameters by carrying out system identification experiments on a black box virtualized inverted pendulum mechanism. Evaluate the quality of the parameter estimates.
5	<b>Phase 3. State Feedback Control Synthesis of Inverted Pendulum:</b> Examine stability, controllability and observability of the open-loop linearized model. Design a state feedback controller to achieve the control objectives. Analyze and simulate the closed-loop system response in Matlab/Simulink environment in order to verify the design.
6	<b>Phase 4. Output Feedback Control of Inverted Pendulum:</b> Design an output feedback controller for the inverted pendulum using a combination of a state observer and a state-feedback controller. Analyze and simulate the closed-loop system response in Matlab/Simulink environment in order to verify the design.

### LABORATORY OPERATION

- Each student in the course is required to pass the lab safety quiz prior to attempting any of the laboratories. The video and quiz will be on Avenue to Learn.
- The lab project will be carried individually.
- Each student is required to submit an electronic report for each of the phases through avenue to learn. Detailed lab instructions for the project phases, reporting requirements, and information about deadlines and late submission penalties will be announced on avenue.
- Short introductory videos for each phases of the lab project will be posted on avenue to learn prior to their start.
- Students are required to attend virtual lab sessions on Zoom during the allotted time for their lab section. During these sessions, they will have opportunity to interact with the TA(s) and will be asked to demonstrate some aspects of their project work. The lab grade for each phase will be based on a combination virtual in-lab activities (30%) and the final report (70%).

### ASSESSMENT

<b>Component</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Midterm	25%
Laboratory Project	35%
Final Exam	40%
Total	100%

**Deferred Exams:** The weight of midterm exam for deferred tests will be carried over to the final examination. The instructor reserves the right to choose the format of any deferred final exam (i.e. format may be written or oral).

### 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, located at <https://secretariat.mcmaster.ca/university-policies-proceduresguidelines/>

The following illustrates only three forms of academic dishonesty:

- plagiarism, e.g. the submission of work that is not one's own or for which other credit has been obtained.
- improper collaboration in group work.
- 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](http://www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity).

#### **COURSES WITH AN ON-LINE ELEMENT**

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.

Some courses may use online proctoring software for tests and exams. This software may require students to turn on their video camera, present identification, monitor and record their computer activities, and/or lock/restrict their browser or other applications/software during tests or exams. This software may be required to be installed before the test/exam begins.

#### **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.

### **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 ACCOMMODATIONS**

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

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.

### **REQUESTS FOR RELIEF FOR MISSED ACADEMIC WORK**

McMaster Student Absence Form (MSAF): 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”.

### **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.

### ACCREDITATION LEARNING OUTCOMES

Note: The *Learning Outcomes* defined in this section are measured throughout the course and form part of the Department's continuous improvement process. They are a key component of the accreditation process for the program and will not be taken into consideration in determining a student's actual grade in the course. For more information on accreditation, please ask your instructor or visit: <http://www.engineerscanada.ca>.

Outcomes	Indicators	Measurement Methods(s)
Develop linear state-space models of physical systems and compute their response using time-domain and frequency (Laplace) domain techniques.	1.1 2.2	Questions in Midterm & Final Examinations
Understand and analyze fundamental properties of state-space linear time-invariant systems such as stability, controllability, and observability using linear algebra tools.	2.2	Questions in Midterm & Final Examinations
Understand the design process, and can design state feedback controllers and state observers for linear state-space systems. Use tools in Matlab/Simulink environment to design controllers/observers and evaluate their performance using a model of the system.	5.1 5.2 5.3	Questions in Midterm & Final Examinations
Use Matlab/Simulink tools for real-time hardware-in-the-loop experiments.	4.1 5.1 5.2 5.3	Performance in Laboratory Experiments & Lab Reports

## Electrical and Computer Engineering Lab Safety

### Information for Laboratory Safety and Important Contacts

This document provides important information for the healthy and safe operation of ECE instructional laboratories. This document is required reading for all laboratory supervisors, instructors, researchers, staff, and students working in or managing instructional laboratories in ECE. It is expected that revisions and updates to this document will be done continually. A McMaster University lab manual is also available to read in every laboratory and online <https://hr.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2019/07/2019-McMaster-Lab-Manual.pdf>

### General Health and Safety Principles

Good laboratory practice requires that every laboratory worker and supervisor observe the following whether conducting lab work at school or at home:

1. Food and beverages are not permitted in the instructional laboratories.



2. A Laboratory Information Sheet on each lab door identifying potential hazards and emergency contact names should be known.
3. Laboratory equipment should only be used for its designed purpose.
4. Proper and safe use of lab equipment should be known before using it.
5. The course TA leading the lab should be informed of any unsafe condition.
6. The location and correct use of all available safety equipment should be known.
7. Potential hazards and appropriate safety precautions should be determined, and sufficiency of existing safety equipment should be confirmed before beginning new operations.
8. Proper waste disposal procedures should be followed.
9. Personal ergonomics should be practiced when conducting lab work. <https://bit.ly/3fOE71E>
10. Current University health and safety issues, and protocol should be known.  
<https://hr.mcmaster.ca/resources/covid19/workplace-health-and-safety-guidance-during-covid-19/>

## Location of Safety Equipment

### Fire Extinguisher

On walls in halls outside of labs

### First Aid Kit

ITB A111, or dial "88" after 4:30 p.m.

### Telephone

On the wall of every lab near the door

### Fire Alarm Pulls

Near all building exit doors on all floors

## Who to Contact

**Emergency Medical / Security:** On McMaster University campus, call Security at extension 88 or 905-522-4135 from a cell phone.

**Non-Emergency Accident or Incident:** Immediately inform the TA on duty or Course Instructor.

**University Security (Enquiries / Non-Emergency):** Dial 24281 on a McMaster phone or dial 905-525-9140 ext. 24281 from a cell phone.

**See TA or Instructor:** For problems with heat, ventilation, fire extinguishers, or immediate repairs

**Environmental & Occupational Health Support Services (EOHSS):** For health and safety questions dial 24352 on a McMaster phone or dial 905-525-9140 ext. 24352 from a cell phone.

**ECE Specific Instructional Laboratory Concerns:** For non-emergency questions specific to the ECE laboratories, please contact 24103.

## In Case of a Fire (On Campus Dial 88)

When calling to report a fire, give name, exact location, and building.

1. Immediately vacate the building via the nearest Exit Route. Do not use elevators!
2. Everyone is responsible for knowing the location of the nearest fire extinguisher, the fire

alarm, and the nearest fire escape.

3. The safety of all people in the vicinity of a fire is of foremost importance. But do not endanger yourself!
4. In the event of a fire in your work area shout “*Fire!*” and pull the nearest fire alarm.
5. Do not attempt to extinguish a fire unless you are confident it can be done in a prompt and safe manner utilizing a hand-held fire extinguisher. Use the appropriate fire extinguisher for the specific type of fire. Most labs are equipped with Class A, B, and C extinguishers. Do not attempt to extinguish Class D fires which involve combustible metals such as magnesium, titanium, sodium, potassium, zirconium, lithium, and any other finely divided metals which are oxidizable. Use a fire sand bucket for Class D fires.
6. Do not attempt to fight a major fire on your own.
7. If possible, make sure the room is evacuated; close but do not lock the door and safely exit the building.

## Clothing on Fire

**Do not use a fire extinguisher on people**

1. Douse with water from safety shower immediately or
2. Roll on floor and scream for help or
3. Wrap with fire blanket to smother flame (a coat or other nonflammable fiber may be used if blanket is unavailable). Do not wrap a standing person; rather, lay the victim down to extinguish the fire. The blanket should be removed once the fire is out to disperse the heat.

## Equipment Failure or Hazard

**Failure of equipment may be indicative of a safety hazard - You must report all incidents.**

Should you observe excessive heat, excessive noise, damage, and/or abnormal behaviour of the lab equipment:

1. Immediately discontinue use of the equipment.
2. In power labs, press wall-mounted emergency shut-off button.
3. Inform your TA of the problem.
4. Wait for further instructions from your TA.
5. TA must file an incident report.

## Protocol For Safe Laboratory Practice

**Leave equipment in a safe state for the next person - if you're not sure, ask!**

In general, leave equipment in a safe state when you finish with it. When in doubt, consult the course TA.

## Defined Roles

TA	The first point of contact for lab supervision	
ECE Lab Supervisor	Steve Spencer- ITB 147	<a href="mailto:steve@mail.ece.mcmaster.ca">steve@mail.ece.mcmaster.ca</a>

ECE Chair	Tim Davidson- ITB A111	<a href="mailto:davidson@mcmaster.ca">davidson@mcmaster.ca</a>
ECE Administrator	Kerri Hastings- ITB A111	<a href="mailto:hastings@mcmaster.ca">hastings@mcmaster.ca</a>
ECE Course Instructor	Please contact your specific course instructor directly	

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