

IBEHS 5P06
Biomedical Engineering Design

COURSE OUTLINE

Please refer to course website regularly for updated information and announcements.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This will be the Engineering Capstone course for your Biomedical Engineering Design project (IBEHS 5P06). This course is an intensive two-term project carried out under the supervision of McMaster Engineering faculty in the general area of biomedical engineering. A fifth-year course, the capstone project is a self-directed and hand-on learning experience in biomedical engineering research and design. Students or small teams of students will take initiative to practice effective time management, communication, and professionalism to be successful. Students will plan and execute this learning experience with inputs from both the scientific literature and their research environment and will communicate their findings in both written and oral form. Their engineering supervisors, mentors, and co-workers will be very important resources, and they will interact closely with a partner project client/stakeholder. There will also be tutorials and workshops with the course coordinators to underline key concepts needed for capstone course work.

Students will work in teams of at least 2 and no more than 4 together on the project. More than one engineering department needs to be represented for the interdisciplinary nature of the course design. For example, if one student's home department is Chemical Engineering, then another discipline must be represented on the team that is not afflicted with Chemical Engineering (e.g.. from Materials Science or Mechanical).

Key concepts: The design process; safety; a term project composed of small teams of students including an oral presentation and written report.

PRE-REQUISITES AND ANTI-REQUISITES

Prerequisite(s): Registration in Level V of the Integrated Biomedical Engineering and Health Sciences program

Antirequisite(s):

SCHEDULE

Lectures: Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30pm.

For the fall term lectures will be synchronous and on-line through the IBEHS 5P06 Capstone Teams site.

INSTRUCTOR

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Office Hours: Team meetings to be determined.

COURSE SITES

Avenue to Learn: [Avenue to Learn IBEHS 5P06A: Biomedical Capstone Design Project](#)

Team Site: [IBEHS 5P06 Capstone Teams Site](#)

COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

- Formulate an engineering problem in a precise manner understanding approximations and risks.
- Be able to select and apply appropriate materials and supplies to tackle design problem.
- Independently acquire knowledge from a variety of sources.
- Work in a group in an effective and efficient manner.
- Manage time effectively to achieve project goals.
- Clearly communicate engineering design work in both written and oral formats.
- Understand and articulate the impact of their work on society and stakeholders.

ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE

This course applies all acquired knowledge from the program.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required Texts: None.

COURSE TIMELINE

Date/Week	Topic
Mid-September	Final announcement of approved groups and project.
Mid-October	Project pitch presentation. Project proposal and report: Each group must prepare a complete description of their proposed project. Submission is through Avenue to Learn.
Mid-December	Interim Report - Report and self-evaluation/peer evaluation - A short project report will be required of each group. It is expected that the interim report will focus on the design plans for the project. Submission is through Avenue to Learn.
Late-March	Final Report – The final report for the Capstone Project to be submitted. It is expected that the final report will describe the testing and implementation process of the design. Submission is through Avenue to Learn.

Early-April	Capstone Expo – Students must prepare and present a poster outlining their design and present it to their peers and the community at large. Full or partial demonstration of project operation is encouraged to aid presentation. Individual marks will be assigned to each group member.
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ASSESSMENT

Component	Weight
Project Pitch	15%
Interim Report- Design Element and Self- and Peer-Evaluation	30%
Final Report	40%
Final Presentation- at Capstone Expo	10%
Quizzes/Capstone Lecture Deliverables	5%
Total	100%

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 Method(s)
Recognizes and follows an engineering design process. (This means an iterative activity that might include recognizing the goal, specifying the constraints and desired outcomes, proposing solutions, evaluating alternatives, deciding on a solution, and implementing.)	4.1	Proposal
Recognizes and follows engineering design principles including appropriate consideration of environmental, social and economic aspects as well as health and safety issues.	4.2	Proposal and Progress Reports
Proposes solutions to open-ended problems.	4.3	Progress reports, Final Report
Employs appropriate techniques for generation of creative ideas such as brainstorming and structured inventive thinking.	4.4	Progress reports, Final Report

Includes appropriate health and safety considerations	4.5	Final presentation, Final Report
Determines and employs applicable standards and codes of practice.	4.6	Proposal, Progress reports, Final Report
Creates, adapts, modifies, and extends tools and techniques as appropriate to solve problems.	5.3	Proposal, Progress reports, Final Report
Demonstrates an understanding of legal requirements governing engineering activities (including but not limited to personnel, health, safety, and risk issues).	8.2	Proposal, Progress reports, Final Report
Shows an awareness of the PEO and the role of licensing.	8.3	Proposal, Progress reports, Final Report
Addresses uncertainties in the prediction of interactions on society and the environment in a structured and transparent manner.	9.2	Final presentation, Final Report
Assesses possible options and design configurations from a sustainability engineering perspective, which emphasizes environmental stewardship, life-cycle analysis, and long-term decision-making principles.	9.3	Final presentation, Final Report
Plans and effectively manages time, resources, and scope	11.2	Proposal, Progress reports, Final Report
Identifies, characterizes, assesses, and manages risks to project success	11.4	Proposal, Progress reports, Final Report
Critically evaluates and applies knowledge, methods and skills procured through self directed and self identified sources, including those that lie outside the nominal course curriculum	12.1	Final presentation, Final Report
Shows an awareness of the wide range of engineering societies, literature, conferences, and other information sources.	12.2	Final presentation, Final Report

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:

- 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.

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.

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.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS FOR RELIEF FOR MISSED ACADEMIC TERM WORK

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.

INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT STATEMENT

We consider this classroom to be a place where you will be treated with respect, and we welcome individuals of all ages, backgrounds, beliefs, ethnicities, genders, gender identities, gender expressions, national origins, religious affiliations, sexual orientations, ability – and other visible and non-visible differences. All members of this class are expected to contribute to a respectful, welcoming and inclusive environment for every other member of the class. We will gladly honour your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise us of this preference early in the term.

COURSES WITH AN ON-LINE ELEMENT

Some courses may use additional 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.

ONLINE PROCTORING

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.

REQUESTS FOR RELIEF FOR MISSED ACADEMIC TERM 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”.

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.

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 <https://reo.mcmaster.ca/>.

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.

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.

Integrated Biomedical Engineering & Health Sciences (IBEHS) Labs/Design Studio Safety

Information for Laboratory Safety and Important Contacts

This document is for users of IBEHS instructional laboratories at the following locations:

- ABB C104 (Design Studio)
- ETB 533 (Medical Imaging/Biomaterials Lab)
- ETB 534 (Medical Instrumentation/Robotics Lab)
- HSC 4N72 (Genetic Engineering Lab)

This document provides essential information for the healthy and safe operation of IBEHS instructional laboratories. This document is required reading for all laboratory supervisors, instructors, researchers, staff, and students working in or managing instructional laboratories in IBEHS. 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.

For Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), Health and Safety videos and other resources, follow [this link](#).

General Health and Safety Principles

Good laboratory practice requires that every laboratory worker and supervisor observe the following:

- Food and beverages are not permitted in the instructional laboratories.
- A Laboratory Information Sheet on each lab door identifying potential hazards and emergency contact names should be known.
- Laboratory equipment should only be used for its designed purpose.
- Proper and safe use of lab equipment should be known before using it.
- The lab tech or course TA leading the lab should be informed of any unsafe conditions.
- The location and correct use of all available safety equipment should be known.
- Potential hazards and appropriate safety precautions should be determined, and the sufficiency of existing safety equipment should be confirmed before beginning new operations.
- Proper waste disposal procedures should be followed.
- [Personal ergonomics](#) should be practiced when conducting lab work.
- [Current University health and safety](#) issues and protocols should be known.

Location of Safety Equipment

Fire Extinguisher

On walls in halls outside of labs or within labs

First Aid Kit

ABB C104, ETB 533, ETB 534, HSC 4N72 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.

Hospital Emergency Medical / Security:

For McMaster HSC, call Security at extension **5555** or **905-521-2100** from a cell phone.

Non-Emergency Accident or Incident: Immediately inform the Lab Tech, 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 Lab Tech, 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.

IBEHS Specific Instructional Laboratory Concerns: For non-emergency questions specific to the IBEHS laboratories, please contact appropriate personnel below from a McMaster phone:

- Leela Pilli, Laboratory Technician – 26888
- Parmveer Bola, Instructional Assistant – 23521
- Andrej Rusin, Wet Laboratory Technician – 28347
- Alexa Behar-Bannelier, Program Manager – 24548

In Case of a Fire (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 the floor and scream for help or
3. Wrap with fire blanket to smother flame (a coat or other nonflammable fiber may be used if a 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 Lab, press the 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 are not sure, ask!

Defined Roles

TA	The first point of contact for lab supervision	
IBEHS Lab Technician	Leela Pilli	pillil@mcmaster.ca
IBEHS Instructional Assistant	Parmveer Bola	bolap1@mcmaster.ca
IBEHS Wet Lab Tech	Andrej Rusin	rusina@mcmaster.ca
IBEHS Co-Directors	Dr. Greg Wohl Dr. Michelle MacDonald	wohlg@mcmaster.ca macdonml@mcmaster.ca
IBEHS Program Manager	Alexa Behar-Bannelier	alexa.behar@mcmaster.ca
IBEHS Course Instructor	Please contact your specific course instructor directly	