Course Details

**Course Title & Number:** BIOE 3270 INSTRUMENTATION AND MEASUREMENT FOR BIOSYSTEMS

**Number of Credit Hours:** 4

**Class Times & Days of Week:** Lectures: TR 10:00-11:15 am

**Location for classes/labs:** Classes: E2-221 Engineering & Information Technology Complex (EITC)
Labs: A-205 Agricultural Engineering Building (AEB)

**Pre-Requisites:** MATH 2132; ENG 1450

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**Course Description:**
This course provides students with an understanding of the principles involving basic instrumentation for measuring physical and electrical quantities associated with biological engineering and industry. Examples of the use of these quantities in engineering calculations are provided.

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General Course Information

Why is this course useful?
As an engineer, you would soon be working on measurement of one or more physical quantities such as temperature, pressure, stress, etc. This course aims to develop the student’s skills in basic measurement techniques by teaching the principles behind these techniques and instrumentation involved. The laboratory exercises reinforce this knowledge by teaching hands-on skills. This course will help you learn these fundamental engineering skills.

How does this course fit into the curriculum?
This is an engineering core course in the Biosystems Engineering program. It is intended that students take this course during the third year of the program. As mentioned above, this course introduces the student to several fundamental engineering skills that are very important when conducting experimental work. The skills obtained in this course will come in handy when doing the undergraduate thesis and doing on-site measurements in the industry (upon graduation or during co-op).

Course Goals

The intent of this course is to:

• introduce students to the basic theory and instrumentation involved in measurement of physical quantities
• provide students with an opportunity to use lab instruments to measure some of the physical quantities
• provide students with an opportunity to collaborate equitably with group members in a team setting to acquire hands-on skills of using lab instrumentation
• provide students with opportunities to effectively communicate experimental procedures, data and results

Intended Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the course, the student should be able to:

1. Understand the theory and principles involved in measurement of physical quantities such as electricity, temperature, stress/strain, pressure, humidity, and flow.
2. Understand definitions related to measurement of physical/electrical quantities such as precision, accuracy, repeatability, etc.
3. Be able to measure and determine basic electrical quantities (such as voltage, current, power, etc.) and physical quantities (such as temperature, stress/strain, pressure, humidity, and flow).
4. Understand the concept of designing an experiment and deal with the errors associated with
measurements of attributes.
5 Collaborate equitably with group members in a team setting to manage lab exercises
6 Set up experiments with proper instrumentation, take down experimental readings, analyze, present, and communicate experimental results obtained during laboratory exercises.

Textbook, Readings, Materials

2. Lecture materials: A set of class presentations in pdf format will be available on UM Learn
3. Instructional materials for labs will be posted on UM Learn
4. Assignments will be posted on UM Learn

Using Copyrighted Material

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Course Technology

As a courtesy to both the instructors and your classmates, use of cell phones is not permitted during class time. Please remember to switch your cell phone to vibrate mode to avoid interruptions. Laptop or tablet computers may be used during lectures only for the purpose of taking notes. Some course materials will be available through UM Learn.

Class Communication

The University requires all students to activate an official University email account. For full details of the Electronic Communication with Students please visit:
[http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Electronic_Communication_with_Students_Policy_-_2014_06_05.pdf](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Electronic_Communication_with_Students_Policy_-_2014_06_05.pdf)

Please note that all communication between you as a student and your instructors/TAs must comply with the electronic communication with student policy ([http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/electronic_communication_with_students_policy.html](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/electronic_communication_with_students_policy.html)). You are required to obtain and use your U of M email account for all communication between yourself and the university.

Expectations: You Can Expect Us To

Learning is most effective when both the teacher and the student are engaged in the subject material. The role of the teacher, therefore, is to create an environment that facilitates student engagement and learning.
Lectures will be mainly delivered using a tablet computer supported by PowerPoint presentations. Students will have access to a PDF format of the lecture material at the end of each lecture week. Also, some numerical problems will be solved during lectures. Laboratory work will be conducted in a group of two or three students. Instructional materials for each laboratory exercise will be provided on UM Learn a day before the lab. Assignments will be posted on UM Learn. Lab reports and assignments will be marked by a Teaching Assistant who will be available for consultations or additional clarifications of the evaluation of assignments and lab reports. The instructor(s) will be available for individual student consultation by appointment. Also, they will be available to answer short (2-3 min) questions at any time. You can expect an active learning environment in the classroom as well as the lab.

**Expectations: We Expect You To**

It is expected that you be in attendance, and on time, for all scheduled lectures. If you must be absent, please be courteous and send an e-mail notifying the instructor(s) of your absence. Laboratory work will require students to conduct experiments and to present written reports outlining the results. All labs need to be attended. Each student is obligated to perform their own tests and write a report based on their own data. No “borrowing” data is expected in this course. All e-mail communication needs to be done through the students’ university e-mail addresses. To benefit the most from this class, you will be expected to prepare for class by reading the assigned materials.

**Academic Integrity:**

Plagiarism or any other form of cheating in examinations, term tests or academic work is subject to serious academic penalty. Cheating in examinations or tests may take the form of copying from another student or bringing unauthorized materials into the exam room. Exam cheating can also include exam impersonation. A student found guilty of contributing to cheating in examinations or term assignments is also subject to serious academic penalty. Students should acquaint themselves with the University’s policy on plagiarism, cheating, exam impersonation and duplicate submission. Electronic detection tools may be used to screen assignments in cases of suspected plagiarism.

**Referencing Style**

Students are expected to follow the Canadian Biosystems Engineering (CBE) journal reference style when citing references in course assignments. The Instructions for preparing a paper for CBE is available through UM Learn. Please refer to this guide to ensure that you follow the correct referencing style.

**Students Accessibility Services (SAS)**

If you are a student who has any special requirements, please contact SAS for academic accommodation supports and services such as note-taking, interpreting, assistive technology and exam accommodations. Students who have, or think they may have, a disability (e.g. mental illness, learning, medical, hearing, injury-related, visual) are invited to contact SAS to arrange a confidential consultation. Student Accessibility Services [http://umanitoba.ca/student/saa/accessibility/](http://umanitoba.ca/student/saa/accessibility/)

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**Class & Lab Schedule**

**LECTURES** Three hours per week for one term (13 weeks, E2-350 EITC)
Week (Jan. 1)  Introduction
Week (Jan. 8)  Basic circuits
Week (Jan. 15)  Circuits
Week (Jan. 22)  Filters, Operational amplifiers
Week (Jan. 29)  Operational amplifiers, Instrumentation terms
Week (Feb. 5)  Error analysis, Order of instruments
Week (Feb. 12)  Temperature measurement,
Week (Feb. 19)  Reading Week
Week (Feb. 26)  Temperature measurement  **Mid-term exam (March 1, 2018)**
Week (Mar. 5)  Temperature measurement, Strain
Week (Mar. 12)  Strain measurement
Week (Mar. 19)  Strain measurement
Week (Mar. 26)  Pressure measurement
Week (Apr. 2)  Humidity measurement, Flow measurement

**March 1, 2018: Midterm Examination** (during lecture class)
**March 16, 2018: Voluntary Withdrawal Deadline**

**LABORATORIES: Rm. A-205 AEB**

One three-hour period per week. Labs will be conducted on Tuesdays for BO1 at 11:30 am – 2:20 pm and for BO2 at 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Laboratory work will require students to conduct experiments and prepare written reports outlining the results.

Lab. 1  (Jan. 9)  Introduction to circuitry/measurement
Lab. 2  (Jan. 16)  Wheatstone bridge
Lab. 3  (Jan. 23)  Pressure measurement
Lab. 4  (Jan. 30)  Operational amplifiers 1
Lab. 5  (Feb. 6)  Operational amplifiers 2
**NO LAB**  (Feb. 13)
**Reading Week (Feb. 20)**

Lab. 6  (Feb. 27)  Thermocouples 1
Lab. 7  (Mar. 6)  Thermocouples 2
**NO LAB**  (Mar. 13)
Lab. 8  (Mar. 20)  Strain gauge
Lab. 9  (Mar. 27)  DAS and thermistor

**Course Evaluation Methods**

Final letter grades will be assigned on the basis of the overall performance of the class, and the spread of the numerical marks.

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<td>Lab Reports</td>
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<td>Lab Books</td>
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<td>Mid-term Exam</td>
<td>25%</td>
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<td>Final Exam</td>
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There will be 3-4 assignments handed out through the term. The assignment problems deal with circuit design and numerical calculations associated with the measurement of different physical quantities. Other numerical examples will be done in the class during the lectures.

The exams (mid-term and final) will deal with problems (theoretical and numerical) that would be discussed throughout the term in lectures and assignments.

You must have Matt sign the Lab book at the end of each lab; failure to do so will result in poor grades for lab books. Laboratory reports are due in the lab, the week after you conduct the experiment. A pdf of your scanned lab book entries for that lab are due before your next lab and are to be submitted through UMLearn.

**Grading**

The grading scale used for this course is shown below.

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<td>92-100</td>
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<td>85-91</td>
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<td>B+</td>
<td>78-84</td>
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**Assignment Grading Times**

The last date for Voluntary Withdrawal (VW) from the course is March 16, 2018. Students can expect to receive grades for several of the assignments and the lab reports, and the midterm prior to the VW date. The evaluation feedback (Mid-term Examination) will be given to the students prior to the VW deadline. Grades for the remaining course assignments and lab reports will be available prior to the end of the term.

**Assignment Extension and Late Submission Policy**

Deadlines are a reality in the world of engineering; we expect assignments to be completed on time. All assignments need to be submitted during class. Late submissions will not be accepted; any assignment missed for an appropriate, documented reason will have the final exam mark instead. If you miss the midterm exam for a legitimate reason, the marks for it will be rolled over to the final (**there will be no ‘make-up’ midterm**).
Supplemental Course Information for BIOE 3270

All courses in the Biosystems Engineering program are expected to contribute, in some way, to the development of one or more of the 12 graduate attributes that have been identified by the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board. The 12 graduate attributes have been defined below for your information.

Graduate Attributes

1. **A Knowledge Base for Engineering:** Demonstrated competence in university level mathematics, natural sciences, engineering fundamentals, and specialized engineering knowledge appropriate to the program.

2. **Problem Analysis:** An ability to use appropriate knowledge and skills to identify, formulate, analyze, and solve complex engineering problems in order to reach substantiated conclusions.

3. **Investigation:** An ability to conduct investigations of complex problems by methods that include appropriate experiments, analysis and interpretation of data, and synthesis of information in order to reach valid conclusions.

4. **Design:** An ability to design solutions for complex, open-ended engineering problems and to design systems, components or processes that meet specified needs with appropriate attention to health and safety risks, applicable standards, and economic, environmental, cultural and societal considerations.

5. **Use of Engineering Tools:** An ability to create, select, apply, adapt, and extend appropriate techniques, resources, and modern engineering tools to a range of engineering activities, from simple to complex, with an understanding of the associated limitations.

6. **Individual and Team Work:** An ability to work effectively as a member and leader in teams, preferably in a multi-disciplinary setting.

7. **Communication Skills:** An ability to communicate complex engineering concepts within the profession and with society at large. Such ability includes reading, writing, speaking and listening, and the ability to comprehend and write effective reports and design documentation, and to give and effectively respond to clear instructions.

8. **Professionalism:** An understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the professional engineer in society, especially the primary role of protection of the public and the public interest.

9. **Impact of Engineering on Society and the Environment:** An ability to analyze social and environmental aspects of engineering activities. Such ability includes an understanding of the interactions that engineering has with the economic, social, health, safety, legal, and cultural aspects of society, the uncertainties in the prediction of such interactions; and the concepts of sustainable design and development and environmental stewardship.

10. **Ethics and Equity:** An ability to apply professional ethics, accountability, and equity.

11. **Economics and Project Management:** An ability to appropriately incorporate economics and business practices including project, risk, and change management into the practice of engineering and to understand their limitations.

12. **Life-long Learning:** An ability to identify and address their own educational needs in a changing world in ways sufficient to maintain their competence and to allow them to contribute to the advancement of knowledge.

While there are likely some aspects of many of these attributes that can be found in this course, the attributes being emphasized in this course are: 1) *A Knowledge Base for Engineering*, 2) *Problem Analysis*, 5) *Use of Engineering Tools*, 6) *Individual and Teamwork* and 8) *Professionalism.*
# Mapping of Course Evaluation to Graduate Attributes & Indicators

To maintain the accreditation of our Biosystems Engineering program, it is a requirement that student competency with respect to the 12 graduate attributes be assessed. To enable such assessment to occur in a meaningful manner, the Faculty of Engineering and representatives from industry developed a comprehensive list of indicators for each of the 12 graduate attributes. The indicators being formally assessed in BIOE 3270 are shown in the table below.

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<th>Specific Evaluation Point</th>
<th>Graduate Attribute</th>
<th>Indicators Being Assessed</th>
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<td>Knowledge base for Engineering</td>
<td>Assignments</td>
<td>Demonstrates competence in engineering fundamentals and measurement of electrical and physical quantities</td>
<td>Various indicators related to the ability to understand and apply theory in engineering problems.</td>
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<td>Lab Reports</td>
<td>Comprehends and applies information in engineering problems</td>
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<td>Various indicators related to the ability to carry out measurements, understand errors associated with these measurements, present and interpret results and see limitations.</td>
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<td>Midterm Examination</td>
<td>Demonstrates competence in specialized engineering problems</td>
<td>Various indicators related to the ability to understand and apply theory in engineering problems.</td>
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<td>Final Examination</td>
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<td>Problem Analysis</td>
<td>Assignments</td>
<td>Identify problem, select and implement solutions</td>
<td>Various indicators related to the ability to interpret results, identify limitations and implications.</td>
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<td>Use of Engineering Tools</td>
<td>Lab Reports</td>
<td>Evaluate and select tools to complete engineering activities</td>
<td>Two indicators are used: ability to explain principles behind applicability of engineering tools. Ability to understand the limitations of tools and the ability to discuss the assumptions.</td>
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<td>Final Exam</td>
<td>Evaluate tools to complete engineering activities</td>
<td>Ability to understand the limitations in the use of tools and the ability to discuss the assumptions.</td>
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<td>Individual and Team work</td>
<td>Assignments</td>
<td>Evaluate individual work contribution and time management</td>
<td>Ability to carry out individual responsibilities, manage time and complete jobs carefully, meticulously and punctually.</td>
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<td>Professionalism</td>
<td>Lab Work, Lab Reports and Assignments</td>
<td>Exhibit behaviour expected from a professional engineer</td>
<td>Demonstrates neat and detailed work, ability to adhere to deadlines and punctuality</td>
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The ultimate goal of mapping the course evaluation in specific courses to graduate attributes and indicators is the identification of potential deficiencies in the Biosystems Engineering program so that continuous improvement can occur. Data generated from this course will be compiled with data collected from other sources (i.e., other courses, SEEQ surveys, exit surveys, co-op surveys) to facilitate on-going review and improvement of the Biosystems Engineering curriculum.