University of Manitoba
Faculty of Agricultural & Food Sciences
Department of Biosystems Engineering

COURSE DETAILS

Course Title & Number: BIOE 4950 Biosystems Engineering Design 4
Number of Credit Hours: 4
Lecture/Lab Times: MWF 1:30-2:20 pm & WF 2:30-4:20 pm
Classroom Location: Online (remote)
Lab Location: Online (remote)
Pre-Requisites: BIOE 4900 Biosystems Design 3

Undergraduate Calendar Description
BIOE 4950 focuses on the fabrication of a prototype. Engineering communication topics are integrated alongside design concepts. Design teams take the design developed in BIOE 4900 and fabricate a prototype. Prerequisite: BIOE 4900.

How does this course fit into the curriculum?
This is a required course in the Biosystems Engineering program; the prerequisite for BIOE 4950 is BIOE 4900. The Biosystems Engineering program has four design courses that build upon basics that were introduced in ENG 1430 (i.e., introduction to the engineering design process and the dynamics of working as a team to solve an engineering problem). BIOE 4950 is the fourth of these courses and is to be taken during the 4th year of the program. This course will provide the student with the opportunity to use skills from other courses, build on fundamental engineering competencies, and develop engineering communication skills that are most important in industry. BIOE 4950 provides students with the opportunity to produce a prototype or proof-of-concept designed in the BIOE 4900 proposal phase.

Why is this course useful?
It is often said that design is what engineers do. Engineers use a wide variety of skills and knowledge to take an idea, formulate a concept and develop a design. To clearly articulate a design an engineer must be able to communicate effectively in written form, through design drawings and via oral presentations. This course will provide the student with the opportunity to develop these skills by means of a hands-on project.
Instructor Contact Information

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All email communication must conform to the Communicating with Students university policy. We will do our best to respond to your questions within 24 h.

Textbook, Readings, Materials

Course Goals

The intent of this course is to allow students to complete the design project initiated in BIOE 4900. Design teams will be required to evaluate their design using an appropriate strategy prior to making a final recommendation to their industry client in the form of both a written project report and a formal presentation.

Intended Learning Outcomes

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

1. Use appropriate communication strategies to manage an engineering design project.
2. Use project management tools and fundamentals to manage an engineering design project.
3. Evaluate an engineering design using an appropriate strategy (i.e., prototype, proof-of-concept model, computer simulation, mathematical model).
4. Write an engineering project report for an external client.
5. Disseminate technical information in a formal presentation.
7. Exhibit professional behaviour expected of an engineering professional.

Expected Competency Level **

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*CEAB Graduate Attributes:

KB A knowledge base for engineering
PA Problem analysis
IN Investigation
DE Design
ET Use of engineering tools
IT Individual and team work
CS Communication skills
PR Professionalism
IE Impact of engineering on society/environment
EE Ethics and equity
EP Economics and project management
LL Lifelong learning

**Expected Level of Development:**

I - Introductory
D – Developing
A- Advanced
Using Copyrighted Material

Please respect copyright. We will use copyrighted content in this course. We have ensured that the content used is appropriately acknowledged and is copied in accordance with copyright laws and University guidelines. Copyrighted works, including those created by us, are made available for private study and research and must not be distributed in any format without permission.

Recording Class Lectures

The course instructors and the University of Manitoba hold copyright over the course materials, presentations and lectures that form part of this course. No audio or video recording of lectures or presentations is allowed in any format, openly or surreptitiously, in whole or in part without permission from the course instructors. Course materials are for the participant’s private study and research.

Course Technology

It is the general University of Manitoba policy that all technology resources are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner. The student can use all technology in classroom setting only for educational purposes approved by instructor and/or the University of Manitoba Student Accessibility Services. While we recognize the importance of technology in our daily lives (laptops, cell phones, blackberries) we ask that you use them with discretion. For example, this includes turning off cell phones during class time and if working on a laptop, ensuring that the work is related exclusively to the lecture/course. Some course materials will be available through UM Learn.

Class Communication

In accordance with university policy all email communication for this course shall be conducted using your University of Manitoba email address only.

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

Please note that all communication between you as a student and your instructors must comply with the electronic communication with student policy: (http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/electronic_communication_with_students_policy.html).

Please ensure that you are also monitoring your UM Learn account for this course.

Expectations: You Can Expect Us To

Learning is most effective when both the instructors and the students are engaged in the subject material. The role of the instructors, therefore, is to create an environment that facilitates student engagement and learning. In this course, you can expect an active learning environment. Some dissemination of information will occur using the traditional lecture format. However, a substantial portion of the course will be used to facilitate teamwork and the development of teams’ design projects. The nature of design tends to be open-ended, iterative and relies on the self-discipline of the engineer to see a project through to completion. The schedule for this course provides for multiple blocks of time each week, in which a portion of the time will be used to present more traditional lecture material for certain aspects of the course. This will be done to
provide direction for assignments and other activities required for the course. The remainder of class time will be reserved to work on design projects. This time will be used for a variety of activities, including: consulting with the instructors, working on design drawings, meeting with industry members, sourcing product information, and evaluating the proposed design.

**Expectations: We Expect You To**

Attendance and punctuality are expected, primarily as this is a team-based course, requiring students to maximize opportunities to work effectively with their teammates in class. If you must be absent, please notify your team members and us beforehand via email. When we are engaged in class discussion and interaction, your full attention is requested. While instruction time for this course is less structured than in a traditional analysis course, successful completion of the course requirements demands that this time be used wisely.

**Academic Integrity:**
All applicable rules and regulations in the University of Manitoba General Calendar, including those on plagiarism, cheating (Section 7.1) and examination impersonation (Section 4.2.8) are to be read and followed. Continued registration in this course implies that you accept, and will comply, with these conditions. Reproduction of another student’s work is not acceptable. Please refer to the “Academic Integrity” section of the University of Manitoba Undergraduate Academic Calendar. ([http://crscalprod.ad.umanitoba.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx?pageid=viewcatalog&catalogid=341&chapterid=4295&loaduseredits=False](http://crscalprod.ad.umanitoba.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx?pageid=viewcatalog&catalogid=341&chapterid=4295&loaduseredits=False)).

**Referencing Style**

Students are expected to follow the CSBE reference style when citing references in course assignments. The *Biosystems Engineering Citation Guide – CSBE Style* is available through UM Learn. Please refer to this guide to ensure that you follow the correct referencing style.

**Students Accessibility Services**

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If you are a student with a disability, 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/)
520 University Centre
204 474 7423
[Student_accessibility@umanitoba.ca](mailto:Student_accessibility@umanitoba.ca)
# Class & Lab Schedule

**Week 1**  
January 18  Course overview  
January 20  Design reviews with all teams (4 teams)  
January 22  Design reviews with all teams (4 teams)

**Week 2**  
January 25  Unstructured design time; **Project Update Memo #1 due**  
January 27  Engineering Practice Lecture  
January 29  Unstructured design time; Meeting with individual teams

**Week 3**  
February 1  Unstructured design time  
February 3  Engineering Practice Lecture; James relationships between manufacturers and distributors  
February 5  Unstructured design time

**Week 4**  
February 8  Unstructured design time  
February 10  Engineering Practice Lecture  
February 12  Unstructured design time

**Week 5**  
February 22  Unstructured design time; **Project Update Memo #2 due**  
February 24  Engineering Practice Lecture  
February 26  Unstructured design time

**Week 6**  
March 1  Unstructured design time  
March 3  Engineering Practice Lecture  
March 5  Unstructured design time

**Week 7**  
March 8  Unstructured design time  
March 10  Engineering Practice Lecture  
March 12  Unstructured design time

**Week 8**  
March 15  Unstructured design time; **Project Update Memo #3 due**  
March 17  Engineering Practice Lecture  
March 19  Unstructured design time

**Week 9**  
March 22  Unstructured design time  
March 24  Engineering Practice Lecture  
March 26  Review of Engineering Logbooks

**Week 10**  
March 29  Unstructured design time  
March 31  Engineering Practice Lecture  
April 2  Good Friday
Week 11
April 5      Engineering Practice Lecture
April 7      Design Project Presentations
April 9      Design Project Presentations

Week 12
April 12    Instructions for Self & Peer Evaluations discussed; Lecture Summaries due
April 14    Unstructured design time
April 16    Course evaluations to be completed. Design Project Report due.
            Self & Peer Evaluation due; Capstone Experience Reflection due

Important Dates:
February 15-19:  No classes – Louis Riel Day & Winter Break
March 31:         Last date for Voluntary Withdrawal for winter term courses.
April 7 & 9:      Design Project Presentations
April 16:         Design Project Reports due

Course Evaluation Methods

Engineering Design Project (65% of course grade)
- Design Project Report (50%)
- Design Project Presentation (10%)
- Client Evaluation (5%)

Term Assignments (10% of course grade)
- Engineering Logbook/Journal
- Project Update Memos (3)

Lifelong Learning (10% of course grade)
- Lecture Summaries
- Capstone Experience Reflection

Professionalism (15% of course grade)
- Attendance at lectures (5%)
- Self & Peer Evaluations (10%)
Grading

The grading scale used for this course is shown below.

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Assignment Descriptions

**Engineering Design Project (65% of course grade)**

**Design Project Report (50%):** Design teams are required to submit a written project report that summarizes the project work over both semesters (BIOE 4900 & BIOE 4950), with emphasis on the evaluation of the design work completed during the current semester (i.e., process used to evaluate the design). This report will be shared with the industry client as a final record of the project that has been completed. The report will also be graded by the course instructors. An assessment rubric will be provided to students that will give an overview of the content expected to be contained in the Design Project Report.

**Design Project Presentation (10%):** At the end of the term, each student is expected to participate in a Design Project Presentation. The industry client will be invited to these presentations.

**Client Evaluation (5%):** The design team’s industry client will be asked to assess the final design.

**Term Assignments (10% of course grade)**

**Engineering Logbook/Journal:** Students are expected to keep an engineering logbook/journal for their design project.

**Project Update Memos:** Design teams are expected to provide regular progress updates to the course instructors using the format of written memos.

**Lifelong Learning (10% of course grade)**

**Lecture Summaries:** We have arranged a series of lectures, some to be delivered by guests, covering topics that are relevant to the practicing engineer. You will be expected to take notes and write a short reflection indicating how the topic might be relevant to the engineering career that you envision.
**Capstone Experience Reflection**: The capstone experience is intended to provide the engineering student with an opportunity to integrate knowledge gained throughout the engineering program into an open-ended real-world design problem presented by an industry client. You will be asked to prepare a written reflection on this experience.

**Professionalism (15% of course grade)**

**Attendance (5%)**: Attendance will be taken for each class. Students who have unexcused absences will forfeit all or part of the 5% Attendance grade.

**Self & Peer Evaluations (10%)**: Through confidential peer evaluations conducted at the end of term, each student will be given the opportunity to assess his/her teammates in terms of their collaborative and design contributions throughout the project period.

**Assignment Extension and Late Submission Policy**

Deadlines are a reality in the world of engineering. We expect assignments to be completed on time. Assignments submitted after the due date will be deducted 10% per day. Missed assignments will receive a grade of zero.