



SYLLABUS

MENG 3123: MEASUREMENTS AND INSTRUMENTATIONS

(Required Course - Fall 2026)

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

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COURSE SCHEDULE: TR 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM, MY 207

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MSU CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Fundamentals of measurement systems, standards, treatment of data, statistics, uncertainty analysis, data acquisition, transducers, strain, force, acceleration, pressure, temperature, and fluid flow, Companion lab. Student will need to learn how to use data acquisition system and process the data as required.

COURSE PRE-REQUISITES

MENG 2204 Electronics, and MATH 3433 or concurrent enrollment therein.

OTHER PREREQUISITES

Basic computer skills, MS Excel, hand calculator

TEXTBOOK

Experimental Methods for Engineers. J. P. Holman. Seventh Edition

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

Additional material will be distributed in the form of handouts if any.

LIST OF TOPICS COVERED

Characteristics of Instruments, Calibrations, Measurement Uncertainty, A/D Conversion and Data Acquisition, Signal Processing and Digital Filters, Temperature Measurements, Stress and Strain Measurements, Mass, Force, and Torque Measurement, Displacement and Acceleration, Rotational Motion Transducers (optional), Pressure Measurement (optional)

Additional material may be covered as time permits.

COURSE OBJECTIVES MATCHED WITH THE ABET OUTCOMES

- Understand the characteristics of instruments (HW, Lab, Exam): outcomes 1, 6, 7
- Understand the basics of instrument calibration (Lab): outcomes 1, 6, 7
- Ability to analyze the uncertainty of measurements (HW, Exam): outcomes 1, 6, 7
- Understand the basics of binary numbers and Analog to Digital conversion (HW, Exam): outcomes 1, 6, 7
- Ability to identify a data acquisition device base on the need of resolution and sampling frequency (HW, Exam): outcomes 1, 6, 7
- Understand Nyquist frequency and aliasing phenomenon (HW, Lab, Project, Exam): outcomes 1, 6, 7
- Ability to perform data analysis using MATLAB (HW, Lab, Project, Exam): outcomes 1, 5, 6, 7
- Ability to perform frequency analysis and design digital filters (HW, Lab, Project, Exam): outcomes 1, 5, 6, 7
- Understand the basics of temperature measurement (Lab): outcomes 1, 6, 7
- Understand the basics of Stress and Strain Measurements (HW, Lab, Exam): outcomes 1, 6, 7
- Understand the basics of force and torque measurement (HW, Lab, Exam): outcomes 1, 6, 7
- Understand the basics of displacement and acceleration measurement (Lab, Exam): outcomes 1, 6, 7
- Understand the basics of rotational motion measurement (Lab, Exam): outcomes 1, 6, 7
- Understand the basics of pressure measurement (Lab): outcomes 1, 6, 7

LIST OF THE ABET OUTCOMES

1. an ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics.
2. an ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meets specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors.
3. an ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences.
4. an ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgements, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts.
5. an ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives.
6. an ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions.
7. an ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.

COURSE ORGANIZATION AND STUDENT PERFORMANCES ASSESSMENT

- Lecture Format

This course consists of a two 50-minutes sessions per week. The three hours class will be spent mostly explaining and discussing concepts, and solving relevant case problems. Lectures will not be used to communicate the entire textbook course content and thus, students will have to study a set of course paragraphs specified by the instructor on their own to further their understanding. Student participation in class discussions is highly recommended and rewarded.

- Attendance

Attendance is required for each student. Absences of more than five lectures without proofs of legitimate excuses will result in a failing grade. **For each absence without proofs of acceptable excuses there will be 1 point off from Attendance & Class performance.**

- Student Attitude

Once class starts, the use of cell phones, reading of newspapers, conducting private discussions, using the computer (unless requested by the instructor), working on anything that is not directly related to the course, and making derogatory remarks about your classmates or instructor will not be accepted and may result in your dismissal from the class. **Each time you are caught will result in 1 point off from Attendance & Class performance. Total grade for Attendance & Class performance is 10 points at beginning and it could become negative.**

- Homework

Homework will be assigned from a set of chosen chapters. It will be turned in each week, unless specified by the instructor. **Homework must be turned in at the beginning of class. Once class starts, late homework will be graded 80% of the full grade. If you arrived late, your homework will also be counted as late. Late homework will only be accepted until the end of due day.** You will not lose points if you make less than 3 mistakes total in one homework. However, if you copied from solution manual or from your classmates, you will receive zero points.

- Exams

There will be two regular exams plus one comprehensive exam at the end of the semester. Exam will be close book; no cheat sheet is allowed. **No AI glasses or smart calculators (any calculator that is able to store files) are allowed.** Each exam is based on the course materials developed between two consecutive exams, except for the final which is comprehensive. Students are expected to take the exam on the scheduled date and time it is given. However, if for some acceptable reason the student is not able to do so, he must inform the instructor in advance in writing. The instructor will decide whether he will be allowed to take a makeup exam, depending on the validity of his excuse. There is only one chance of makeup exam no matter what.

- Evaluation Method

Your performance will be tested regularly throughout the semester by in-class exams and homework assignments. There will be three exams. While homework assignments may contain a number of problems, it may be the case that only a subset of problems will be graded. However, you must attempt all problems. Do not try to guess which (if any) problems will not be graded.

- Course Grade

2	Midterms	20% (together)
1	Final	45%
1	Final Project	10%
	Homework & Labs	15%
	Attendance & Class performance	10%

*** Bonus point in any case will only apply to those with a final grade lower than C.**

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Plan on spending at least 6 hours outside of class to study the material and to work on homework assignments, and lab experiments. Do not wait until the last day to start working on your assignment, or prepare for the exam.
- Read the course material before coming to class.
- Utilize the office hours throughout the semester to seek explanations from the instructor.
- In engineering, neatness is a must, not a luxury. Be advised that you will be penalized for lack of neatness.
- You are strongly encouraged to study in group. You must choose different partner for the lab experiments.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- a. The student should contact the instructor face to face or via e-mail if there is an issue with the course or the instructor. The faculty and the student will discuss this face to face or via email. Hopefully, a resolution is reached on the issue.
- b. The student should notify the faculty via email again if the issue still did not get resolved after the first encounter or communication.
- c. The student can then contact the Chair of the McCoy School of Engineering, Dr. Desai, face to face or via email, (raj.desai@msutexas.edu), and discuss this issue. Dr. Desai will discuss the issue at hand with the faculty member. Dr. Desai will discuss the result of this discussion with the student. Hopefully, a resolution is reached on the issue after this.
- d. The student should notify the Chair via email if the issue still did not get resolved.
- e. The Chair will contact the Dean and try to resolve the conflict. In case the conflict deals with the student grade, she will forward the case to the Grade Appeals Committee if necessary.

GENERAL EDUCATION STATEMENT

Students in this course must demonstrate their competency in oral and written communication through written project tasks assignments. They must also demonstrate their ability to use the English language.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Scholastic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent. You are expected to have read and understood the current issue of the student handbook regarding student responsibilities & rights, and the intellectual property policy information about procedures and what constitutes acceptable on-campus behavior. Any form of plagiarism will not be accepted, and will be heavily reprimanded.

RECORDING CLASSES

***Recording classes is generally prohibited without the professor's explicit permission.** Such recordings, when permitted, are for personal use only and may not be uploaded to the internet or otherwise shared, transmitted, or published without the professor's prior consent. Some faculty may not permit recordings of their classes. When it is feasible and appropriate, students may record classes to accommodate disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act, with prior approval of Disability Support Services. Such recordings may not be uploaded to the internet or otherwise shared, transmitted, or published.

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Students registered with Disability Support Services should have a letter verifying their disability and the appropriate accommodations.

DISCLAIMER STATEMENT

Information contained in this syllabus, other than grading, late assignments, and attendance policies, may be subject to change with advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.