

SYLLABUS
MENG 3243-201: Computer Aided Engineering
(Required Course)
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Office Hours: Schedule posted on D2L. Other days and times by appointment.

Course Schedule: MW 9:00 - 9:50 AM. Lab: F 9:00 - 10:50 AM.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

An introduction to the MATLAB software and its programming tools. Introduction to Finite Elements through SolidWorks Simulation. Topics include static loads, frequency response, buckling of beams, and impacts. Study of LabVIEW software. Topics include arrays, while and for loops, case structures, shift register, and sequence locals. Companion lab.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

MENG 1132 Engineering Graphics, MENG 2223 Mechanics of Solids, MENG 3104 Fluid Mechanics. Co-requisite MENG 3243

OTHER PREREQUISITES

Basic computer skills, MS Word, MS Excel, hand calculator.

TEXTBOOK

Engineering Analysis with SolidWorks Simulation 2023, Paul M. Kurowski, SDC Publications.

OPTIONAL TEXTBOOK

MATLAB Programming with applications for engineers. Stephan J. Chapman, 7th Edition, Cengage Learning.

REFERENCES

Additional material will be put in D2L.

TOPICS COVERED AND TIMELINE

When	Topics	When	Topics
week 1	Introduction to MATLAB, commands window and editor	week 8	Finite Elements Analysis (FEA) and meshing
week 2	Basic operations, variables, basic Math functions and instructions	week 9	SolidWorks Simulation software, static, thermal stress FEA problems
week 3	Concept of array of variables, matrix manipulations, For and IF loops	week 10-12	Frequency response, heat transfer, buckling, and impact FEA problems
week 4	Plotting instructions	week 12	Exam 2
week 5-6	Symbolic language, derivatives and integrals, differential equations and MATLAB solvers	week 13	Introduction to ANSYS
week 7	Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)	week 14-16	Introduction to LabVIEW
week 7	Exam 1	week 17	Final exam

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT OUTCOMES

Outcome-Related Course Learning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Make use of MATLAB basic commands and editor tools	X	X					X
Master MATLAB Annotation tools and plot editing functions	X	X					X
Master matrix manipulation with MATLAB software	X	X					X
Master MATLAB differential equations solving tools – numerical analysis	X	X					X
Make use of MATLAB Fast Fourier Transform in vibration analysis	X	X					X
Master MATLAB symbolic language	X	X					X
Apply SolidWorks for Solid Modeling	X	X					X
Understand the concept of Finite Element Analysis and stress-strain computation	X	X					X
Investigate Von Mises stress distribution using SolidWorks Simulation Software	X	X		X			X
Determine frequency response and buckling load	X	X					X
Master the basic loop functions using LabVIEW software	X	X					X
Performing lab experiments using programming software			X			X	
Write formal and informal engineering reports			X			X	
Work as a part of a team			X		X		

1: an ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying the principles of engineering, science, and mathematics

2: an ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet 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 judgement to draw conclusions

7: an ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies

CONTRIBUTION OF COURSE TO PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT

This course contributes to the engineering science component of the mechanical engineering program.

COURSE ORGANIZATION AND STUDENT PERFORMANCES ASSESSMENT

- **Lecture Format**

The Computer Aided Engineering (CAE) class consists of a two 50-minutes sessions per week and two hours lab. The two hours class will be spent mostly explaining and discussing concepts, and solving relevant programming and numerical computer based problems. The other two class hours will be dedicated to a computer based lab, result analysis, and lab reports. 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 in the attitude grade.

The course instructor expects the students to behave professionally and ethically throughout the duration of the course. After class starts, the use of cellphones, laptops, or any other electronic devices is strictly prohibited. The students are required to use the provided computer. Any student caught browsing a website that is not related to the course, send emails or messages during class, misbehaving in class, using foul language, making unethical written or verbal derogatory remarks about their classmates or the instructor, conducting private conversations during class, working on anything that is not directly related to the current course, playing, watching games or movies, drinking, eating or sleeping in class, leaving the class without the express permission of the instructor or not attending the class at all will result in heavy penalties for the student attitude grade. If the above infractions are continuously repeated by the student, the instructor will drop the student from class and labs for the rest of the semester. Not attending or arriving late to scheduled lectures, labs may cost the student the full attitude grade. Student participation in class discussions is highly recommended and rewarded.

- **Exams**

There will be two regular exams plus a final one at the end of the semester. Each exam will have a set of textbook theoretical questions designed to test the students' ability to acquire a self-reading knowledge of the taught materials. The exam has also a set of practical questions designed to test the students' ability to program code, think logically, analyze, and solve engineering problems. Each exam is based on the course materials given before the first exam or between two consecutive exams. All exams will be in-class exams. Solutions for the exam should be written on an MS Word file and uploaded to a D2L Dropbox. Exam solutions should be organized and neatly written with the appropriate problems and subsequent questions numbering. During the exam, each student is allowed to use a one single page formula sheet, the textbook, the instructor digital files, and a copy of their homework solutions. Any other document is strictly prohibited. The use of ChatGPT during the exam is strictly prohibited.

You are expected to take the exam on the scheduled date and time it is given. If for any exceptional or unforeseen reason, a student misses an exam, he will be asked to provide a valid and convincing proof on why he missed it. If the instructor accepts the proof and depending on his availability, the instructor will write a make-up exam that will be administered on an agreed date with the student. The make-up exam testing materials could be very different from the regular given one. During the exam, it is strictly forbidden to use cellphones or any other electronic devices with the exception of the provided computer. All cellphones and other electronic devices will be collected at the beginning of the exam and restituted at the end of it.

- **Homework**

Homework will be posted on D2L from a set of chosen chapters by the instructor. The students are required to upload the homework to a D2L Dropbox in a single PDF file format; no other formats will be accepted. Solutions of the homework should be uploaded using the provided template with the appropriate homework questions sheet, organized with the proper questions numbering, neatly and legibly written. Homework have to be turned-in on the due date specified on the homework questions sheet. Not turning homework will affect your attitude grade, late homework will be accepted until the end of the semester and graded with a maximum grade of 50%. Each student is responsible for submitting his own individual personal homework written in his own words. No dual or group homework copy is accepted unless specified by the instructor.

Perfect homework including detailed calculations with correct answers. Student showed a lot of personal effort in writing, coding, and solving the homework	90%-100%
Homework including many calculations with few mistakes and/or some missing items, The homework is missing some details. Student showed some personal effort to complete the homework	80%-89%
Homework incomplete, missing some problems or questions, the copy is showing some wrong results, the copy is missing some detailed calculations, the homework is incomplete and superficial, no real efforts are shown by the student to complete the homework	70%-79%
Homework totally incomplete, poorly written, missing many problems and questions, most results are wrong, no efforts is showed by the student to complete the homework. The copy is lacking critical details	60%-69%
Homework not uploaded to D2L	0%

- **Lab Reports**

The students are required to upload the lab report to a D2L Dropbox in PDF format. The lab report should be written using the posted lab template. Lab reports should be organized with the appropriate questions numbering, neatly and legibly written. Lab reports have to be turned-in on the due date specified on the lab questions sheet. Late lab reports will be accepted until the end of the semester and graded with a maximum grade of 50%. Each group of students is responsible for submitting a group lab report, written by all members of the group (two (2) members). A student cannot add his name to a student lab report if absent during the lab. Lab reports are graded according to the content listed in the below table. Students are encouraged to finish their lab report and submit it during the lab session if possible.

Graded Items																						
Submitted/Behavior	10	9.5	9	8.5	8	7.5	7	6.5	6	5.5	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	0.5	0	
Motivation	10	9.5	9	8.5	8	7.5	7	6.5	6	5.5	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	0.5	0	
Lab Theory	15	14.5	14	13.5	13	12.5	12	11.5	11	10.5	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Programming	15	14.5	14	13.5	13	12.5	12	11.5	11	10.5	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Results and Discussion	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Conclusion	10	9.5	9	8.5	8	7.5	7	6.5	6	5.5	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	0.5	0	
Ref./Org./Neatness	10	9.5	9	8.5	8	7.5	7	6.5	6	5.5	5	4.5	4	3.5	3	2.5	2	1.5	1	0.5	0	

- **Course Grade**

It is brought to the attention of the students that each one of them will be graded individually. The final grade for the course will be based on the scores earned in the three mandatory exams, the average score earned in the homework, the average score earned in lab reports, and the general attitude grade. The first exam contributes 10%, the second exam contributes 25%, the third exam contributes 35%, homework average contribute 10%, lab reports average contributes 10%, and class participation, returned copies neatness, student behavior, attitude, and class attendance contribute 10%, for a total of 100%. The overall average score (X) for the course is determined as follows:

$$X = 0.10 \times (\text{exam1 score}) + 0.25 \times (\text{exam 2 score}) + 0.35 \times (\text{final exam score}) + 0.10 \times (\text{homework average score}) + 0.10 \times (\text{lab report average score}) + 0.10 \times (\text{participation, neatness, behavior, attitude, attendance scores, and ethics}).$$

It is brought to the attention of each student that two (2) bonus points will be added to the final exam grade if the student writes two summaries (full half page each) related to a presentation given during the 2025 Undergraduate and Creative Activities Forum. In addition, three (3) more point will be added to the final exam grade if the student completes the semester course evaluation. The student has to provide a convincing proof that he completed the course evaluation.

The final letter grade for the course is based on the value of X and is determined from the following grade levels:

Value Range of X (in %)	Letter Grade
$90 \leq X \leq 100$	A
$80 \leq X < 90$	B
$70 \leq X < 80$	C
$60 \leq X < 70$	D
< 60	F

STUDENT RESOURCES

https://msutexas.edu/academics/scienceandmath/student_resources.php

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Plan to spend 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 report, or prepare for the exam.
- Read the course material and do the homework after the day class.
- Utilize the instructor office hours throughout the semester to seek explanations from the instructor.
- Use engineering or blank paper for all homework assignments and exams. Use a systematic approach to solve problems. If a problem involves drawing a graph, use MATLAB to draw the graph. In engineering, neatness is a must, not a luxury. Be advised that you will be penalized for a lack of neatness.
- You are strongly encouraged to study in-group and seek tutoring.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

If a misunderstanding or a conflict arises between the student and the instructor. Please follow this conflict resolution procedure:

- 1) 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.
- 2) The student should notify the faculty via email again if the issue still did not get resolved after the first encounter or communication.
- 3) 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.
- 4) The student should notify the Chair via email if the issue still did not get resolved.
- 5) 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.

MIDTERM PROGRESS REPORT

In order to help students keep track of their progress toward course objectives, the instructor for this class will provide a Midterm Progress Report through each student's WebWorld account. At-risk students will be reported and will receive a midterm overall grade. Midterm grades will not be reported on the students' transcript; nor will they be calculated in the cumulative GPA. They simply give students an idea of where they stand at the midpoint of the semester. Students earning below a C at the midway point should have a meeting with the professor and seek out tutoring.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH INFORMATION

Research and Creative Activity Opportunities at MSU Texas

Enhancing Undergraduate Research Endeavors and Creative Activities (EURECA) is a program that provides opportunities for undergraduates to engage in high-quality research and creative activities with faculty. Please contact Dr. Azzouz to start a EURECA project with him. EURECA provides incentives and funding through a system that supports faculty and students in a cooperative research process. For more information contact the Office of Undergraduate Research, (940) 397-6275 or by sending a message to eureca@msutexas.edu or better yet, stop by the UGR office located in the atrium of the Clark Student Center, room 161. Information and resources are available at <https://msutexas.edu/eureca/>

Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)

To support undergraduate research and creative activities, Midwestern State University holds an enhanced institutional membership with the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR). This institutional membership includes unlimited memberships for any interested faculty, staff, and students. Students may find information on benefits and resources at: <https://www.cur.org/engage/undergraduate/>.

The CUR Undergraduate Resources Webpage contains:

Research Opportunities
Presentation Opportunities
Undergraduate Research Journals
CUR-Sponsored Student Events
and more!

UGROW

Like EURECA, the Undergraduate Research Opportunities and Summer Workshop, UGROW provides opportunities for students to conduct research with faculty. However, the research occurs in the summer. For five weeks, UGROW students experience the authenticity of scientific research in faculty's laboratories, in a highly interdisciplinary environment. Students work on projects of their choice and present their findings at the end of program and the MSU Undergraduate Research Forum. Faculty members publicize research projects in the spring. The application deadline for UGROW 2023 has not been established yet; however, it will be announced in the upcoming spring semester. Information and resources are available at <https://msutexas.edu/ugrow/>.

CAMPUS CARRY STATEMENT

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at <http://msutexas.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies>.

GENERAL EDUCATION STATEMENT

Students in this course must demonstrate their competency in oral and written communication through written homework assignments, lab reports, and exams. They must also demonstrate their ability to use the English language.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY AND ETHICS

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: <https://msutexas.edu/student-life/assets/files/handbook.pdf> 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. For more information, please visit the MCOSME student resources website: https://msutexas.edu/academics/scienceandmath/student_resources.php.

Since writing, analytical, and critical thinking skills are part of the learning outcomes of this course, all writing assignments should be prepared by the student. Developing strong competencies in this area will prepare you for a competitive workplace. Therefore, AI-generated submissions are not permitted and will be treated as plagiarism.

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

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

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Key decision-makers will monitor weather projections and communicate with local news agencies and WFISD leadership to make a delay or cancellation decision. The timeline is as follows:

Event	Time	Day	Decision
Inclement weather occurs during regular work/class day	3:30 PM	Day of inclement weather	Cancel classes/events after 5 PM
Overnight inclement weather expected	8 PM	Day before inclement weather	Close campus or delay opening
Delay called the day before but change to closure due to the extent of weather impact	6:15 AM	Day of delay	Close campus
No cancellation or delay decision made the night before	5:30 AM	Day after no decision made the night before	Close campus or delay opening

Delay/closure times are as follows:

- MWF class day: Delay to either 10 AM or 11 AM; all classes prior to opening do not meet.
- TR class day: Delay to 11 AM; all classes prior to opening do not meet
- Saturday or Sunday: Delay to either 10 AM or 11 AM; classes may start after campus is open.

Notification processes: Notification occurs through official campus channels and in communication with the local news networks. MSU channels include MSU Alert, MSU Safety app, Postmaster, and website headers. MSU Police and the Office of Marketing and Public Information.

During the campus closure, the instructor will upload the notes related to the missed classes on D2L. He will ask the students to thoroughly study them. When class resume, the instructor will go briefly over the notes and will respond to any issues raised by the students. If the closure lasts more than a week, the instructor will start using the Zoom software to teach remotely the current courses.

DISCLAIMER STATEMENT

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

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