

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: MENG 284 – Robotics & Automation
CLASS SECTION: 01ABC
TERM: 2024W
COURSE CREDITS: 3
DELIVERY METHOD(S): Lecture, Lab

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Imtehaze Heerah, BEng. (Hons), MAsc.
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HOURS: Mondays: 9.30 – 10.20 am
 Tuesdays: 9.30 – 10.20 am
 Also, by appointment

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Students will be introduced to the concepts of automation, as they apply to production plants and assembly processes. Sensors, controllers, actuators, materials, power-transmission systems, computer hardware and computer software will be examined. Basic principles of robotics will be considered.

PREREQUISITE(S): ECET 149, MENG 283
CO-REQUISITE(S): None
EXCLUSION(S): None

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify robotic and automation applications
2. Classification of industrial robots

3. Identify common robotic and automated systems components such as actuators, power transmission systems, sensors and grippers
4. Create control programs for a 5-axis robot
5. Mathematically analyze planar & simple spatial robotic systems for position control
6. Understand and know when to use fixed, programmable and flexible automation systems including computer integrated manufacturing (CIM) and automated work cells
7. Identify automation support systems including: materials handling, storage & retrieval, inspection & testing, identification & tracking

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

No textbook is required for this course. All necessary material will be provided in class notes and handouts on the course website.

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are **subject to change** with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

Lectures: M (10.30 – 12.20 am) in TEC 181, Tu (8.30 – 9.20 am) in TEC 174

Labs (TEC 135): Grp A: Tu (1.30 – 3.20 pm); Grp B: M (2.30 – 4.20 pm); Grp C: W (9.30 – 11.20 am)

WEEK	DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	Labs
1	Jan 08 – 12	Robotics – An overview, Robot applications, Components & Classification Sensory Devices & controllers	Lab Overview & Programming Review
2	Jan 15 – 19	Classification of stationary industrial robots	Lab 1
3	Jan 22 – 26	Robot design procedure Kinematic design	Lab 2
4	Jan 29 – Feb 02	Kinematic design (contd.) – mobility, Actuators Electric actuators	Lab 3
5	Feb 05 – 09	Electric actuators (contd.), motor selection, motor driver circuits	Lab 4
6	Feb 12 – 16	Stepper Motors & control options Brushless DC motors (BLDCs)	Lab 5
7	Feb 19 - 23	Reading Break – NO Lectures	No Labs
8	Feb 26 – Mar 01	Power transmission systems Sensors Term test 1	Project 1 work
9	Mar 04 – 08	Sensors (contd.)	Lab 6
10	Mar 11 - 15	Controllers Kinematic Analysis – Robot position analysis	Exercise 3 work
11	Mar 18 – 22	Kinematic Analysis – Robot position analysis (contd.) Differential Kinematic Analysis – Robot resolution analysis	Lab 7
12	Mar 25 – Mar 29	Differential Kinematic Analysis – Robot velocity analysis Term test 2 Good Friday – College closed	Lab 8

WEEK	DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	Labs
13	Apr 01 – 05	Kinematic analysis examples – Cylindrical robot & SCARA robot Easter Monday – College closed	Project 2
14	Apr 08 – 12	Automation peripheral systems	Project 2 demo
Exam Period	Apr 15 - 23	Final Exam	

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Labs & Assignments	20%
Project I	20%
Project II	10%
Term test 1	20%
Term test 2	15%
Final Exam	15%
TOTAL	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information.
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COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Course Material Access

- All lab handouts, course handouts and assignments will be posted on my website:
<https://imtehazeheerah.opened.ca/>
- D2L will be used for weekly course updates and submission of lab reports, assignments and project reports.
- Students are required to refer to the course website and D2L on a regular basis for updates, course deliverables and deadlines.

Lecture Attendance

- Students are expected to attend all classes and be on time.
- Students are responsible to acquire all information given during a class missed, including notes, handouts, changed exam dates etc.

Lab requirements

- Students will use the same lab kits they used for MENG 283 – Control Systems.
- Lab kits need to be brought to the lab on a weekly basis.

Due Dates and Late Assignments

- Assignments & Lab reports are typically due 1 week after being assigned, unless otherwise specified.
- Once the assignments have been marked and a sample solution posted, no late submission will be accepted.
- All assignments, lab & project reports will need to be submitted on D2L in the appropriate folders.

Exam Procedures

- All exams must be written at the scheduled times with the exception of students requiring an accommodation by the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL).
- The course schedule above shows tentative exam blocks (subject to change with reasonable advance notice).
- The use of cell phones is not allowed during any test/exam.

Study Habits

- Students should plan for approximately a 5 hr out-of-class workload for this course, every week.
- Do not hesitate to reach out to the instructor, if you need any assistance with the course. Make sure you take advantage of the office hours as well.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/

Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc.). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

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Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun’s Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student’s right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun’s Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College’s Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College’s expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.