ELEC260

Introduction to Mechatronics

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Dept of Engineering

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General Information

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Credit points
3

Prerequisites
COMP115 and ((ENGG150 or ENGG170 or ELEC170) and (PHYS140 or PHYS106) and (MATH132 or MATH135))

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit introduces the basic components of mechatronic systems including sensors, actuators, decision-making components and the electronics that connect them. It details how these individual components work, and how they are integrated into simple systems. This process empowers students to be engineers and makers who see how instrumentation and automation surround us and enable modern life. The unit builds on foundations in electricity, mechanics, and programming and asks participants to learn how sensors and actuators work (physics), how they interact (signals), and how they behave (system response). The unit is essential for further study in the field of mechatronic engineering, where the simple systems examined and experimented with here are built into complex automated electromechanical machines.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Demonstrate theoretical and practical use of a variety of sensors and actuators, including an understanding of interface electronics.
- Demonstrate use and theoretical practical understanding of a modern microcontroller

• Demonstrate practical use and theoretical understanding of electromechanics and small DC motors.

• Demonstrate creativity and initiative in building small open ended mechatronic systems. Demonstrate a qualitative understanding of system response, including 2nd order systems.

General Assessment Information

Grading and passing requirement for unit

For further details about grading, please refer below in the policies and procedures section.

In order to pass this unit a student must obtain a mark of 50 or more for the unit (i.e. obtain a passing grade P/ CR/ D/ HD).

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Final Exam	45%	No	Exam period
Practical Exam	12%	No	13
Online Quizes	15%	No	Weeks 2-13
Labs/Practicals	25%	No	Weeks 2-12
Homework Problem Set	3%	No	Week 6

Final Exam

Due: **Exam period**
Weighting: **45%**

You will be permitted to bring one, double sided sheet of hand written notes and a calculator. No other formulas will be given during the exam.

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- • Demonstrate practical use and theoretical understanding of electromechanics and small DC motors.
- Demonstrate a qualitative understanding of system response, including 2nd order systems.

Practical Exam

Due: **13**
Weighting: **12%**

In week 13 you will be given an individual and invigilated practical test. The rubric for this exam will be posted in advance.

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- • Demonstrate use and theoretical practical understanding of a modern microcontroller
- • Demonstrate practical use and theoretical understanding of electromechanics and small DC motors.

Online Quizes

Due: **Weeks 2-13**
Weighting: **15%**

From weeks 2 to 4 and 6 to 13 there will be online quizzes. The quizzes can be taken outside of class and can be attempted multiple times.

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Labs/Practicals

Due: **Weeks 2-12**
Weighting: **25%**

Practicals will be completed in pairs. Work is assessed via a worksheet that is individually assessed.

In most cases 30-60 minutes of prep work is required. It is important that all grades for pracs be awarded early enough to allow students to disassemble, put components away and tidy up before departing. To encourage this, a 1/100 mark per minute reduction will be applied to every

grade awarded after 2.5 hours from the start of the lab. Also, if the tutors need to disassemble your project, or put your components away, a 5, 10 ,or 20 mark reduction will be applied depending on the degree of assistance needed from tutors.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- • Demonstrate theoretical and practical use of a variety of sensors and actuators, including an understanding of interface electronics.
- • Demonstrate use and theoretical practical understanding of a modern microcontroller
- • Demonstrate practical use and theoretical understanding of electromechanics and small DC motors.
- • Demonstrate creativity and initiative in building small open ended mechatronic systems.

Homework Problem Set

Due: **Week 6**
Weighting: **3%**

A conventional assignment which will include processing of sensor data.

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Delivery and Resources

Textbook

Introduction to Mechatronics and Measurement Systems by Alciatore and Histand. (3rd or 4th Edition is suitable)

Equipment

It is strongly recommended that you purchase a hobby electronics controller such as an Arduino, and some components. A typical kit costs $40-$100.

Textbook homepage: http://mechatronics.colostate.edu/

Technology and Software: We will make use of Labview, and NI myDAQ, and Arduino in the practical sessions. You will also be expected to analyse data using matlab, MS Excel or some other program of your choice.

Late Submissions: Unless agreed to in advance of due dates, late submissions will not be allowed.

Extensions: Extensions may be granted if a valid case for disruption to studies exits. See policies and procedures below.

Unit Schedule

A unit schedule will be available on iLearn.

Learning and Teaching Activities

Practicals

Students will work in pairs in formative assessments. Students will be required to periodically change partners and roles with the group.

Online Quizes

Students will complete short quizzes most weeks which review key concepts

Drop in Workshops

The lecturer will attend 1 or 2 (depending on need) workshops per week. These are optional and are a chance to ask questions, review concepts, talk about projects, and deepen engagement.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy_2016.html

Grade Appeal Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html

Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html

Disruption to Studies Policy (in effect until Dec 4th, 2017): http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html

Special Consideration Policy (in effect from Dec 4th, 2017): https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/special-consideration

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.m

q.edu.au.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- • Demonstrate use and theoretical practical understanding of a modern microcontroller
- • Demonstrate creativity and initiative in building small open ended mechatronic systems.

Assessment tasks

- Practical Exam

- Labs/Practicals

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- • Demonstrate creativity and initiative in building small open ended mechatronic systems.

Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Assessment tasks

- Online Quizes
- Labs/Practicals
- Homework Problem Set

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Assessment tasks

- Final Exam
- Labs/Practicals
- Homework Problem Set

Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Assessment task

- Homework Problem Set

Changes from Previous Offering

The unit will not cover AC motors, and will have more coverage of op-amps.

There will be no internet access during the prac exam.

Changes in Response to Student Feedback

The weighting of the prac exam has been reduced.

The level of difficulty of the prac exam questions will be more uniform.

Changes since First Published

Date	Description
28/07/2017	prac exam no longer pass/fail