



ELEC3024

Control Systems

Session 1, Weekday attendance, North Ryde 2021

School of Engineering

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group activities on campus, and most will keep an online version available to those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

((ELEC2040 or ELEC240) or (MTRN2060 or ELEC260)) and (MATH2055 or MATH235) and (ELEC2070 or ELEC270)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit develops fundamental knowledge and skills in the area of control design and analysis of dynamic systems. Topics covered include: an introduction to control system design process and applications; mathematical modelling of electrical and mechanical systems in the frequency domain; performance and stability analysis of single-input single-output linear control systems; design of feedback control systems using root locus and frequency response techniques; an introduction to digital control systems; and design of digital versus analogue control systems. This unit uses problem/team based learning approach, where students have to choose a project topic and their team members. Each team performs the modelling, analysis, control design, and simulation of the control system related to their project. Simulink/MATLAB and a control board are used to implement a real-time digital control system.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates>

Learning Outcomes

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

ULO1: Describe a control system's design process and control systems analysis

ULO2: Develop appropriate mathematical models of electrical and mechanical systems

to be controlled in the frequency domain

ULO3: Analyse the performance and stability of single-input single-output linear control systems

ULO4: Design feedback control systems using tools such as MATLAB & Simulink to achieve specific performance requirements

ULO5: Characterise the behaviour of elementary feedback control systems using microcontroller based experiments

General Assessment Information

Grading and Passing Requirement for Unit

- 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, or HD).
- For further details about grading, please refer below in the policies and procedures section.
- If you receive special consideration for the oral presentation and demonstration of the Project, a supplementary conventional exam will be scheduled by the faculty during a supplementary exam period, typically about 3 to 4 weeks after the normal exam period. By making a special consideration application for the oral presentation and demonstration of the Project you are declaring yourself available for a conventional exam during the supplementary examination period and will not be eligible for a second special consideration approval based on pre-existing commitments. Please ensure you are familiar with the policy prior to applying. Approved applicants will receive an individual notification one week prior to the exam with the exact date and time of their supplementary examination.

Hurdle Requirements

- Students must attend and participate in at least **6 of the 7 weekly PC Labs** (Weeks 1-7) to pass this unit.
- Students must attend and participate in at least **5 of the 6 weekly Project Labs** (Weeks 8-13) to pass this unit.

Late Submissions and Re-submissions

- Late report submissions will attract a penalty of <10/100, 10%> marks per day. Extenuating circumstances will be considered upon lodgement of an application for special consideration.
- Re-submissions of work are not allowed.

Students are reminded of the University policies regarding [assessment](#), [academic integrity](#) and [disruption to studies](#).

Requests for extension on assessable work are to be made to the Unit Coordinator but will only be considered in the event of illness or misadventure.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Pre-Class Quiz (Lectorials)	10%	No	Weeks 2-7
Assignments (PC Labs)	20%	No	Weeks 2-7
Class Quiz (Lectorials)	20%	No	Week 8
Assessment (Project)	50%	No	Weeks 13-14

Pre-Class Quiz (Lectorials)

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 5 hours

Due: **Weeks 2-7**

Weighting: **10%**

Students are expected to go through the iLearn content, understand the theory and attempt the online quiz each week prior to attending the class activities of that week.

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Assignments (PC Labs)

Assessment Type ¹: Problem set

Indicative Time on Task ²: 12 hours

Due: **Weeks 2-7**

Weighting: **20%**

Evaluation of Lab activity during first part of the semester. This evaluation focuses on students ability to solve problems and perform modelling, design and implementation of control systems

using MATLAB/Simulink.

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Class Quiz (Lectorials)

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 5 hours

Due: **Week 8**

Weighting: **20%**

A quiz is scheduled right after the mid-semester break. The quiz will assess both factual knowledge and problem solving.

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Assessment (Project)

Assessment Type ¹: Project

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **Weeks 13-14**

Weighting: **50%**

This is the major assessment of this Unit. It will consist of 3 individual assessments and 1 team assessment, as follows: - Individual assessments: ◦ Oral presentation and demonstration of the project; ◦ Peer assessment regarding the actual contribution of each team member; ◦ Evaluation of project log book of each team member. - Team assessment: ◦ Project report to be submitted in iLearn by each team.

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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Learning Skills Unit](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

UNIT WEBSITE

- The iLearn website for this unit can be found at: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/>.
 - *Note! All information and communications relevant to this Unit will be via the iLearn website.*

TEXTBOOK

- [Control Systems Engineering \(Digital or Print\)](#), 8th Australia & New Zealand Edition 2019, Norman S. Nise, Wiley, ISBN: 9781119594352 (Digital version recommended).
 - *Note! Links will be provided to specific sections of the Digital version in iLearn for each Lectorial.*
- or, [Control Systems Engineering \(Print\)](#), 7th Edition 2014, Norman S. Nise, John Wiley & Sons, ISBN: 9781118170519.
 - *Note! Only if you already have this textbook.*
- *Remark: All students are expected to have access to this textbook.*
- [Support Website: http://www.wileydigitalsolutions.com.au/support/article/student/](http://www.wileydigitalsolutions.com.au/support/article/student/) – link to the Wiley's digital solutions support page and live chat for students.

LECTORIALS

- There will be a Lectorial (3 hours) for every week in the first part of the semester (Weeks 1-7). The Lectorial will comprise of: - discussion session on fundamental knowledge. - many practical examples. - interactive problem solving involving the students.
- Lectorials are a combination of traditional lecture and tutorial teaching modes and are designed to improve student engagement inside/outside classes.
- The Lectorials are organised in a flipped classroom fashion.
- Outside class
 - links to E-Text specific sections, brief videos and/or lecture notes are posted in iLearn each week.
 - students are expected to read these E-Text sections, try to solve any given examples, and watch any videos and/or read any posted notes prior to attending the Lectorials.
- Inside class
 - brief discussion sessions on fundamental principles.
 - plenty of practical examples.
 - interactive problem solving involving students.

LABORATORIES

- PC Lab activities take place once a week (Weeks 1-7) according to the Unit schedule.
 - *Note! Students must enrol in one of the three available weekly Lab sessions.*
- Interactive PC Labs use MATLAB/Simulink software platform to assist with the modelling and design of control systems.

PROJECTS

- Project activities take place once a week (Weeks 8-13) according to the Unit schedule.
 - *Note! Teams must enrol in one of the available weekly Project sessions.*
- The team Project is the core component of this Unit. The Projects cover practical aspects of control theory to be used in future Electrical, Electronics and Mechatronics units.
- Students are required to form teams and choose one project topic from a given list of projects.
 - *Note! When forming teams, students should agree in which weekly Project session they want to enrol.*
 - *All Project activities are performed in teams.*

TECHNOLOGY

- The laboratory work will rely on the use of MATLAB/Simulink software platform.

- The software is available through [AppStream](#) and/or on Faculty PCs.
- Each team will be given an Arduino kit for the second half of the semester to perform experimental activities.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Students are reminded the University will communicate all official notices by email to official MQ student's account. Students should read their @student.mq.edu.au email regularly or forward it to an account they check regularly.
- All announcements and other communications regarding this Unit will be via iLearn platform.

WEB RESOURCES

- **Control Tutorials for MATLAB and Simulink (CTMS):**
 - <http://ctms.engin.umich.edu/CTMS/index.php?aux=Home>
 - These tutorials are designed to help students learn how to use MATLAB/Simulink for the analysis and design of automatic control systems.
 - They cover the basics of MATLAB/Simulink and introduce the most common classical and modern control design techniques.
- **MathWorks Website (MATLAB, Simulink, user-guides, tutorials, etc):**
 - [MATLAB Courseware](#)
 - <https://au.mathworks.com/academia/courseware.html>
 - [MATLAB Onramp](#)
 - <https://au.mathworks.com/learn/tutorials/matlab-onramp.html>

Unit Schedule

Refer to iLearn website for a detailed Unit schedule.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)

- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/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/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.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 help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Enquiry Service

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

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity 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.

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.

Changes from Previous Offering

This Unit has been revised compared to previous offering as follows:

- Pre-Class Quizzes prior to Lectorials (Weeks 2-7)
- Single main Quiz after Lectorials end (Week 8)