ENGG100
Introduction to Engineering
S1 Day 2015
Dept of Engineering

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# General Information

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**Credit points**  
3

**Prerequisites**

**Corequisites**

**Co-badged status**

**Unit description**

This unit involves a series of lectures, laboratory sessions, self-study, group work and other activities centred around a set of projects. Students learn about the process of engineering such as solving ill-defined problems, constrained design, and product development by working in groups on a sequence of projects. The unit also gives students an opportunity to develop and practise generic skills such as written and oral communication.

# Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at [https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates](https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates)

# Learning Outcomes

1. Students who complete this unit should have an understanding of the ways in which
university learning is different to other learning.

2. Students should, early in this unit, know the ethical requirements of students at MQ. Students who complete this unit should have knowledge of the codes of ethics of professions, corporations and societies.

3. Students who complete this unit should have an understanding of how to make their way through the process of completing a BE at MQ; and will have evaluated their own skills for this task.

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6. Students who complete this unit should be able to differentiate between different types of Engineering; know the requirements of a professional Engineer; and be aware of Engineers Australia and its purposes.

7. Students who complete this unit will have demonstrated effective interpersonal skills and have an understanding of team processes and the development of team tasks.

General Assessment Information

Assessment requirements and submission methods are on iLearn.

Students must attend a minimum of 75% of workshops (/tutorials/pracs) to be eligible for the final exam.

Any student who misses 20 mins of a workshop will be deemed absent for that workshop.

Late assignments will incur at least a 50% mark penalty. Formal extensions will only be considered if a student documents a Disruption to Studies.

Only in-class assessments should be handwritten, in blue or black ink; all other assessments must be typed.

Diagrams should be drawn neatly and be presented in a legible manner. Any work that is deemed untidy may not be marked or marks may be deducted.

All numerical answers must have correct units and an appropriate number of trailing digits. A mark deduction will be made for answers without appropriate units and trailing digits.

All citations should be referenced appropriately.

Do not exceed the maximum word/length requirement. Any work that exceeds the specified word or page limit may not be marked or marks will be deducted.

Your name, your student number, your tutor’s name and your workshop class time should be clearly indicated on your assignment. Assignments without this information may not be marked.
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All submitted assignments should have the Faculty coversheet attached. Assignments without coversheets will not be marked. (http://web.science.mq.edu.au/intranet/lt/barcode/coversheet.php)

All submitted assignments should be submitted on iLearn via Turnitin.

In order to pass this unit, a student must achieve an overall mark of 50%, including satisfactory performance in all aspects of the unit and in the examination.

## Assessment Tasks

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### A1 Online diagnostic quiz

**Due:** 6/3/2015  
**Weighting:** 2%

Quiz on mathematics, units, conversions and other assumed knowledge.

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A2 Learning style evaluation
Due: 13/3/2015
Weighting: 5%

A 500 word short essay on your learning style. To be submitted on ilearn via Turnitin.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
• Students who complete this unit should have an understanding of the ways in which university learning is different to other learning.

A3 Class Test
Due: 02/04/2015
Weighting: 10%

Written test in lecture.

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A4 First laboratory report
Due: 10/04/2015
Weighting: 5%

Lab report on tensile testing.

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**A5 Failure analysis report**

Due: 24/04/2015  
Weighting: 8%

Report on an engineering failure.

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- Students who complete this unit should know the WH&S requirements for their activities at MQ; understand the chain of WH&S responsibility for any BE activity; and be capable of carrying out a risk evaluation and completing a Risk Assessment document.

**A6 Report, group presentations**

Due: **Week 9**  
Weighting: 15%

Group report and presentation for week 6 - 9.

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**A7 Report, group presentations**

Due: **Week 13**
Unit guide ENGG100 Introduction to Engineering

Weighting: 15%

Group report and presentation for week 10-13.

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A8 Participation

Due: Session 1

Weighting: 10%

In class participation.

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Final examination

Due: Exams period 9-26 June 2015

Weighting: 30%
Students are encouraged to check the examination dates at www.timetables.mq.edu.au.

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Delivery and Resources

Access information on this unit on iLearn at https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/MQ/

Some resources to start with;

Useful books


*To Engineer is Human*, Henry Petroski; several publishers and editions starting 1985.

Useful urls

www.engineersaustralia.org.au

Google Scholar

This video provides a quick introduction to Google Scholar and how to search it effectively. It also shows how to access it to ensure you link to full text material Macquarie University Library already subscribe to.
How to find a government report

This short video provides you with tips and tricks for finding government reports easily using Google

Acknowledging the words and ideas of others

This video introduces Referencing the ideas and works of others, copyright and creative commons licencing.

Unit Schedule

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### Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Consideration Policy.

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/](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.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

Student Support

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

Learning Skills

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://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 Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.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


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

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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

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Assessment tasks

• A2 Learning style evaluation
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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.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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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.

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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.
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.

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

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Assessment tasks

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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.

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