Contact Information and Times For MEC 440 Fall 2019

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| Prerequisites: | MEC 225, 300, 310, 317, 320, 325; MEC major; U4 standing | MEC441
| Co-requisites: | MEC 410 and 411 | MEC440 |

**Textbook:** No textbook is required.


**Course sequence description**

This two-semester capstone design project sequence provides senior mechanical engineering undergraduate students with significant senior design experience to practice knowledge, motivate learning, prepare for their careers, collaborate, develop innovative techniques and serve the community. Students will work in groups, designing and implementing their projects based on the total design methodology.

The design process consists of the following major steps:

1. Teaming and project selection
2. Market and user needs analysis
3. Product design specification (PDS) and product design criteria (PDC) development
4. Develop design concepts
5. Review and select/develop a concept for prototyping
6. Detail design
7. Prototyping
8. Testing
9. Final prototype presentation
10. Final project report

The design process spans two semesters. The first semester will emphasize design concept development and detail design (which includes analytical modeling, analysis, development of solid models, assembly instructions, etc.). By the end of the first semester, each team should generate a complete set of design details of the project, so that it is ready for fabrication. During the detail design process, the design must be cleared for manufacturability, considering the available manufacturing capabilities at the college. The second semester will emphasize the fabrication and testing of the prototype. Students will fabricate and refine their prototypes, based on the test results.

To fulfill the course requirement, each design team must submit a project proposal and five progress reports. At the end of the first semester, each team must give an oral presentation of their design steps and results. At the end of the second semester, each team must give an oral presentation of the product implementation process, and demonstrate a working prototype.
**Course learning objectives**

A. **MEC440**
   1) Synthesize engineering knowledge to identify a problem and plan tasks of a mechanical engineering solution to the problem within a team environment.
   2) Consider market and public welfare issues in PDS as relevant to individuals and the broader society.
   3) Develop design specifications (PDS) and Product Design Criteria (PDC) according to identified needs and constraints.
   4) Generate and evaluate conceptual designs per the PDS and PDC
   5) Conduct detail design and analysis incorporating engineering standards and manufacturing constraints
   6) Accept individual professional responsibility for the project.
   7) Prepare three design reports and give oral presentations with visual materials.

B. **MEC441**
   1) Build and refine a working prototype that meets the PDS and PDC based on a detailed testing protocol.
   2) Identify and acquire new knowledge/information that are required for the project but not taught in classroom.
   3) Use modern engineering tools to implement the project.
   4) Gain a better appreciation of how engineering solutions can have impact on the society and people’s lives.
   5) Prepare two design reports and give oral presentations with visualized materials.
   6) Develop an ability to function on a multidisciplinary team.

**Team Rules**

1) The design project should be worked on as a team of 3-4 people, based on the needs of the chosen project. No single person teams are allowed. A two-mechanical engineering team is allowed only when it is part of a four-person collaborative team with another engineering department.

2) You may choose a project advisor from the ME department faculty, if the requested professor agrees to your request. Otherwise, the ME department will provide an advisor for you. In either case, you must maintain regular meetings with your advisor on a mutually agreeable schedule.

3) If you are not part of a team of appropriate size, your professor will select your teammates.

4) Each team must schedule meetings with Rafael Tejada in the detail design phase and prototype phases to review manufacturability issues.

**Grading**

- The letter grade will be issued at the end of the spring semester and count for 6 credits.
- Each team will have an aggregate score of up to 100 points.
• Letter grades are given as follows: A(96-100), A-(91-95.9), B+(87-90.9), B(82-86.9), B-(78-81.9), C+(74-77.9), C(70-73.9), C-(67-69.9), D+(64-66.9), D(60-63.9), F(59.9 or below).

1. Reports

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   1) Project Proposal due 09/1/2019
   2) Project Proposal Approved, start project: 09/9/2019
   3) Project Advisor Selected 09/23/2019
   4) Progress report 1 (market/user needs analysis) due 09/27/19 10%
   5) Progress report 2 (conceptual design) due 11/1/19 10%
   6) Updated conceptual design due 11/22/19
   7) Progress report 3 (updated conceptual design + detail design) due 12/19/19 15%
   8) Fall Semester Presentation 02/03/20 and 02/05/20 5%
   9) Class attendance and team effort (class lectures, presentations and small group meetings) 5%

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   10) Progress report 4 (First working prototype) due 03/13/20 10%
   11) First Product testing per PDC and PDS due 04/10/19
   12) Progress report 5 (Final working prototype and design) due 05/15/20 35%
   13) Spring Semester Presentation approximately 05/13/2020 5%
   14) Class attendance and team effort (class lectures, presentations and small group meetings) 5%

General Class Grading Rules

• Each report will be submitted and graded on a team basis. Late submission of your report will cost 5% of that report per day. Reports will not be accepted after they are 3 days late.
• It is our goal to give the same grade for each member for a successful team. However, the grade for each student may be adjusted according to his/her contribution to the project.
• Your attendance of class presentations and small group meetings will be counted towards your grade. If you miss 1/3 or more of them, you will lose your class attendance and teamwork points (5% for each of fall semester and spring semester).
• Any team that does not have an academic advisor will lose their class attendance and teamwork points.
• Students are expected to clean up after themselves in the senior design lab and machine shop with regards to all parts and tools that they use and in terms of cleaning up waste material. They must also follow all lab and university policies with regards to avoiding the use of food and beverages in laboratories. Students must return all keys to the lab to the mechanical engineering department staff. Confer with Mr. Rafael Tejada for further
explanation. Any student in violation of these policies may be subject to discipline including reductions in grades.

• Your attendance and participation at the URECA campus-wide undergraduate research symposium held each April is mandatory. You are expected to help your group prepare a poster and take turns explaining your work to all visitors to your area. If you miss the URECA symposium, you will be penalized 3% from your aggregate score for the class, which translates to roughly 1/3 of a letter grade.

Fall Semester Grading Rules

• Student groups must submit their choice from the project list by 09/1/19. Up to two groups will be allowed to work on one project. Choices are solidified by 09/9/19. The class professors will decide which groups will work on a project, when too many groups select the same one.

• Students that wish to work on their own project idea must receive approval from their class professor. Their project proposal must come with a complete set of product design criteria, as illustrated in the project list.

• A zero grade will be given on report 1 for groups that do not have an approved project by the 09/9/2019. Then your class professor will assign you a project.

• Final designs with fully dimensioned drawings and BOMs are required in report 3. Groups that do not have a coherent final design will not be allowed to continue onwards to MEC441 in spring semester.

Spring Semester Grading Rules

• In order to get a grade for report 5, a working prototype must be finished. No grade will be given for an incomplete prototype.

• Prototype work should start at the beginning of the spring semester, leaving sufficient time to refine and improve the design

• The fifth report will be graded by the instructors and the project advisor. It is your responsibility to make sure that you submit these reports to your project advisor by the deadline.

Project budget and reimbursement policy

1) *The budget limit per student is $280.*

2) The reimbursement of project related purchase covers only materials and components.

3) Travel expenses are not reimbursable.

4) Detailed instructions and policy statements are shown in the document “Senior Design Reimbursement Packet 2019-20.pdf”, which will be loaded into Blackboard.

5) *Additional funding is available for assistive technology projects, through University and NSF grant funding for these projects.*
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http://blackboard.stonybrook.edu

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