



University of Manitoba
Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences
Department of Biosystem Engineering

Course Syllabus
BIOE 3530 Engineering Fundamentals

Academic Session: Fall 2025 (Sept. 3- Dec. 08, 2025)

COURSE DETAILS

Course Title & Number:	BIOE 3530: Engineering Fundamentals
Number of Credit Hours:	3
Class Times & Days of Week:	Class: M/W/F 10:30 - 11:20 am Lab: T 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Location for classes/labs/tutorials:	Class: EITC E2 164 Lab/tutorials: EITC E2 164
Pre-Requisites:	MATH1680 (136.168M) or the former 013.129 or 013.128

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Course Description

(Formerly 034.353) Principles of heat transfer, steam, psychometrics, fluid mechanics, material balances, electricity and refrigeration. Cannot be held for credit in the Faculty of Engineering. Not to be held with the former 034.329. Prerequisite: [MATH 1300 or equivalent] and [MATH 1500 or equivalent] or the former MATH 1680 (136.168).

General Course Information

Students' Learning Responsibilities

It is expected that students will be in attendance, and on time, for all scheduled lectures and labs. If you must be absent, please show the courtesy of sending an e-mail notifying your instructors of your absence. To benefit the most from this class, you must be willing to participate in class discussions. Deadlines are a reality in the world of engineering; We expect assignments to be completed on time. Finally, please respect both us as instructors and your classmates by turning off your cell phone during class time. Laptops may be used during lectures only if you are taking notes on the laptop.

Why this course is useful?

This course applies scientific concepts in practical applications and will help you to learn fundamentals in engineering.

Who should take this course?

Students whose futures work will involve agriculture/food processing or production industry. This is a required course in the Department of Food Science and a core course in the program of Agroecology.

How this course fits into the curriculum?

This course is a core course required by the accreditation in the Food Science program. Also, it gives the basis to the Food Engineering course.

Undergraduate Calendar Description

Physical quantities, mechanical concepts, basic fluid mechanics, basic electricity, steady-state heat transfer, and psychrometrics.

Description of Examinations

A one-hour quiz on basic math skills will be conducted at the beginning of the first lab on Sept. 10, 2024. Students are encouraged to brush-up their basic math skills. There will be two midterm tests (Oct. 08 and Nov. 12, 2024) conducted during the laboratory period. The mid-term tests will be graded and returned to the students a week later. The final examination will cover the material for the entire term and it will be scheduled by the Registrar's Office.

Course Goals

1. To understand and explain basic engineering principles involved in plant and animal production and food preservation.
2. To identify physical quantities, vectors, scalars, impulse, momentum, work, electromagnetic quantities, heat energy.
3. To apply principles of physics and engineering in solving numerical problems on basic mechanics, energy, electricity, fluids, heat transfer, and psychrometry.

Intended Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes assist: i) students to identify the knowledge, skills, attitudes and personal attributes expected of them to successfully complete their program of studies; ii) faculty to develop learning goals and objectives in their courses and programs, in prioritizing and focusing the learning experiences, and in the selection of appropriate assessment tools and; iii) potential students and outside agencies to assess the quality of our academic programs.

These learning outcomes areas include:

Scholar, Content and technical expertise, Social accountability, Communicator, and Professional

Additional Comments:

Students will be able to classify and explain basic engineering principles, employ units in practical problems, calculate engineering quantities, generate results, apply theory to practice, conclude

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Textbook, Readings, Materials

Textbook

Cutnell, J.D. and K.W. Johnson. 1998-2014. Physics. John Wiley and Sons, New York (or latter edition).

Supplementary readings – Any book on physics.

Additional Materials

PowerPoint presentations are available on the UMLearn (the University of Manitoba portal and course tools) website. When you enter this page, you will find files containing the slides in the pdf format. The slide files are numbered and can cover several lectures. New slide files will be added to the website as the course progresses. Because the slides are saved in the pdf format as handouts, you cannot change their configuration.

Course Technology

It is the general University of Manitoba policy that all technology resources are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner. The student can use all technology in classroom setting only for educational purposes approved by instructor and/or the University of Manitoba Student Accessibility Services. Student should not participate in personal direct electronic messaging / posting activities (e-mail, texting, video or voice chat, wikis, blogs, social networking (e.g. Facebook) online and offline “gaming” during scheduled class time. If student is on call (emergency) the student should switch his/her cell phone on vibrate mode and leave the classroom before using it.

Class Communication

The University requires all students to activate an official University email account. For full details of the Electronic Communication with Students please visit:

http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Electronic_Communication_with_Students_Policy - 2014_06_05.pdf

Please note that all communication between the instructors and you as a student must comply with the electronic communication with student policy (http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/electronic_communication_with_students_policy.html). You are required to obtain and use your U of M email account for all communication between yourself and the university.

Expectations: I Expect You To

We expect you to be in attendance, and on time, for all scheduled lectures and labs. If you must be absent, please show us the courtesy of sending an e-mail notifying us of your absence.

To benefit the most from this class, you must be willing to participate in class discussions. Therefore, you will be expected to prepare for class by reading the assigned materials.

Academic Integrity:

Plagiarism or any other form of cheating in examinations, term tests or academic work is subject to serious academic penalty. Cheating in examinations or tests may take the form of copying from another student or bringing unauthorized materials into the exam room. Exam cheating can also include exam impersonation. A student found guilty of contributing to cheating in examinations or term assignments is also subject to serious academic penalty. Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on plagiarism; cheating, exam impersonation, and duplicate submission.

Students Accessibility Services

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If you are a student with a disability, please contact SAS for academic accommodation supports and services such as note-taking, interpreting, assistive technology and exam accommodations. Students who have, or think they may have, a disability (e.g. mental illness, learning, medical, hearing, injury-related, visual) are invited to contact SAS to arrange a confidential consultation.

Student Accessibility: <https://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/accessibility>
520 University Centre
204 474 7423 (Main Office)

Expectations: You Can Expect Me To

Instructional Methods

In this course, dissemination of information will occur using the traditional lecture format. Examples of problems will aid in understanding steps involved in a solution process. Students will take home weekly numerical problems as assignments that will be evaluated by a teaching assistant; will perform laboratory experiments, work with laboratory equipment, will prepare written lab reports that will be evaluated.

Class Schedule

This schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor and/or based on the learning needs of the students. Changes are subject to Section 2.8 of the – [ROASS](#)- Procedure).

Topic	Lectures Dates
1. The Role of Units in Problem Solving - SI base units, derived SI units, some conversion factors, rounding.	Sep: 3/5
2. Physical Quantities - Scalars and vectors, addition and subtraction of vectors, resolving a vector into components, vector diagrams, importance of the slope, describing motion with velocity vs time graphs. Free fall and acceleration of gravity, kinematic equations.	Sep: 8/10/12
3. Basic mechanical concepts - Mass and force, Newton's laws, work against gravity, against friction, against pressure, kinetic and potential energy, power and torque, impulse and momentum theorem, principles of conservation of linear momentum.	Sep: 15/17/19/ /22/24/26/29; Oct 1
4. Basic Electricity - Basic units of electricity, direct and alternating current, basic electric circuits, power factor, generation of power, three-phase alternators, electrical transmission and distribution system, electric motors, single-phase electric motors, three-phase electric motors, electrical wires, fuses, electrical controls, receptacles.	Oct: 3/6/8/ 10/15/17/20
5. Fluids: Fluid static - pressure in fluids, instruments, buoyancy forces, hydrometers, hoop forces; Fluid dynamics – viscosity, Newtonian and non-Newtonian fluids, laminar and turbulent flow; pipeline flow – conservation of mass, conservation of energy, Bernoulli's equation; fluid power – friction losses, loss coefficient, examples of pumping to a reservoir, maximum lift; flow measurements – Pitot, tube, Venturi meter, Orifice plate, open channel flow, main parameters, maximum velocity.	Oct: 23/24/27/29/31, Nov: 3/5/7
6. Steady-State Heat Transfer - temperature, specific heat, modes of heat transfer; Conduction - thermal resistance, example of vegetable storage wall; Convection - forced convection, free convection, heat exchangers; Radiation - solar radiation, absorptivity, reflectivity, emissivity, net radiation balance	Nov: 17/19/ 21/24/26/28
7. Psychrometrics - Properties of moist air, perfect gas law, absolute humidity, relative humidity, psychrometric chart, enthalpy, air conditioning, drying, humidifying, mixing air streams.	Dec: 1/3/5/8

Important Dates (e.g., voluntary withdrawal date)

Sept. 9, 2025	Basic Math Quiz
Sept. 30	- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no classes)
Oct 13, 2025	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 14, 2025	Midterm I
Nov. 10 - Nov. 14, 2025	Fall Term Break (no classes)
Nov. 4, 2025	Midterm II
Nov. 18, 2025	Last day for Voluntary Withdrawal from courses
Dec. 9-20, 2025	Final examination period

Lab/Tutorial Schedule

(Sept.9) Math quiz
(Sept. 16) Lab 1: Thermocouples

(Sept. 23) Lab 2: Friction
(Oct. 7) Lab 3: Momentum
(Oct. 14) Midterm-Exam I
(Oct. 21) Lab 4: Circuits
(Oct. 28) Tutorial - optional
(Nov. 4) Midterm- Exam II
(Nov. 10 - 14) Midterm break
(Nov. 18) Lab 5: Hydraulic friction
(Nov. 25) Lab 6: Heat transfer
(Dec. 2) Lab 7: Psychrometry

Course Evaluation Methods

Grade Evaluation

The basis of the final grade will be as follows:

40% written final examination

40% two written mid-term tests (Test I = 20%; Test II = 20%)

15% problem assignments and lab reports

5% basic math quiz

Grading

Final marks will be assigned as follows: A+ = 100 - 92%, A = 91.9 – 85%, B+ = 84.9 – 78%, B = 77.9 – 70%, C+ = 69.9 – 62%, C = 61.9.9 – 55%, D = 54.9 – 50%, F = below 50%

Referencing Style

N/A- no referencing is required in assignments

Assignment Descriptions

During the lab period, numerical problems will be given as an assignment each week. These assignments will be posted on the UMLearn. Assignments should be neat, easy to read, and show the intervening steps leading to the solutions of the problems. The laboratory periods are to support and enhance lectures. Labs are also good for consulting the instructor on assignments and labs, and discussing the experimental results with other students (but not to copy other students' work).

Assignment Grading Times

Problems will be assigned weekly and are to be handed in a week later at the beginning of the lab period on the due date.

Assignment Extension and Late Submission Policy

Late Assignments

Penalties deducted for late assignments will be as follows: Marks will be deducted for assignments submitted late. A penalty of 10% will be applied for each day (calendar day not school day) the assignment is late. In the case of illness, students must submit a medical

certificate to the instructor in order to submit the assignment. For the final exam, a zero will be given for any late submissions.

Missed Assignments

Each missed assignment will be counted as 0%

Missed Exams

If a student misses a midterm exam due to a justifiable or important reason, the percentage of the missed midterm-exam will be added towards the final exam. For example; with one missed mid-term, the final exam will be valued at 60%. With two mid-terms missed, the final exam will be valued at 80%. If a final exam is missed, a university policy for such cases is followed.

Traditional Territories Acknowledgement

The University of Manitoba campuses are located on the original lands of Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anisininewuk, Dakota Oyate and Dene, and on the National Homeland of the Red River Métis.

We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.