

**1. Department, Course Number, and Course Title:**

**MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

**ME 417 MACHINE ANALYSIS LAB**

**2. Designation:** Required  Elective   
Lower Division  Upper Division

**3. Course Description:** Experimental analysis of steady state and transient characteristics of machine components and of complete machines.

**4. Prerequisites:** ME 321, ME 323

**5. Text and Materials:** No text. In class handouts from Instructor.

**6. Course Objectives:** Students will learn about the various devices and methods for making mechanical measurements, develop a fundamental understanding of current data acquisition techniques, and make mechanical measurements using actual machines.

Course Outcomes

- the ability to understand and to use the various means for making mechanical measurements.
- the ability to use and understand typical sensing devices used for the measurement of displacement, velocity, acceleration, force torque, and speed.
- the ability to employ electronic instrumentation and state-of-the-art data acquisition software in mechanical measurements.
- the ability to acquire and analyze data involving mechanical measurements of displacement, velocity, acceleration, force, torque, and speed, and to evaluate the accuracy of the data.

**7. Topics Covered:** (in Order of Presentation)

- Strain gages, sensor design and application.
- Experimental determination of moment of inertia.
- Experiment involving the motion and dynamics in a four-bar linkage.
- Theoretical analysis aspects of cams, kinematics and dynamics.
- Experiment involving the motion and dynamics of cams; eccentric, parabolic, SHM, and cycloidal.
- Experiment involving the balancing of a un-balanced rotor in its own bearing

**8. Class Schedule:** Number of Sessions per week: 1  
Duration of each session: 2 hour 50 minutes

**9. Contribution of course to meeting the professional component:**

This course is part of the 4 units of technical lab electives required for the mechanical engineering program.  
Engineering Science 1 units

**10. Relationship of course to program objectives:**

This course relates to the program objectives by contributing to the following measurable outcomes at the level indicated for all engineering graduates:

Knowledge outcomes:

- an ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering (abet a)
- the broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context (abet h)
- a knowledge of measurement techniques

Skill outcomes:

- an ability to design and conduct experiments as well as to analyze and interpret data (abet b)
- an ability to function on multidisciplinary teams (abet e)

- an ability to communicate effectively (abet g)
- an ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice (abet k)
- an ability to think in a logical sequential process

Attitudes Outcome:

- an understanding of professional and ethical responsibility (abet f)
- a desire to be a flexible and adaptable team player (collaborative attitude)

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