COURSE DETAILS

Units of Credit  6
Contact hours  1 hour in week 2; up to 3 hours in weeks 8 or 9; 3 hours in week 12
Lecture  Online via Moodle
          (allow approximately 2 hours per week)
Laboratory  One of the following (wks 2 and 8/9 only):
            Tuesday 12 – 3pm  Neuroscience Research Australia
            Thursday 12 – 3pm  Neuroscience Research Australia
            Friday 9am – 12pm  Neuroscience Research Australia
Tutorial  One of the following (wk 12 only):
            Friday 9am – 12pm  CivEng701
            Friday 9am – 12pm  CLB4
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INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE

Biomechanics is the study of the effect of mechanical phenomena (forces, velocities, accelerations, energies, power, momenta, moments, friction, fatigue and failure) on human bodies. It relies on an understanding of mechanics and applies the fundamentals of mechanics to the structure and function of the human body.

Biomechanics is used in a diverse range of disciplines including biology, ergonomics, engineering, physiology, medicine, and mechanical physics. Many professionals – engineers, designers, physical therapists, oral and orthopaedic surgeons, cardiologists, and aerospace engineers – use practical applications of biomechanics.

Biomechanics has application in all areas of health care and medical problem solving that require physical manipulation. It may be the major area of concern in some instances (e.g. artificial joints, prosthetics and orthoses, mechanisms of physical injury) or it may be a vital adjunct to another area (e.g. design of an implantable pacemaker or specialist surgical tools).

This course covers in depth the methods used in the analysis of the biomechanics of the human musculoskeletal system. Methods to analyse body segment and joint kinematics, joint kinetics, work and power, muscle forces and associated energy costs will be covered. Applications of biomechanics in clinical, occupational and recreational areas will be presented.

HANDBOOK DESCRIPTION

OBJECTIVES

The aims of this course are to:

• Integrate the knowledge of anatomy and mechanics to develop a deeper understanding of human movement; and
• Introduce the measurement, description, analysis and assessment of human movement.

On completion of this course, you should:

• Have a broad understanding of the scope of biomechanics and its applications
• Understand the fundamental general mechanical principles used
• Be able to discuss, develop and apply mechanical principles to a range of problems and medical applications.
• Be able to describe and discuss the measurement, analysis and assessment of human movement.
• Critically review the literature in the area and apply knowledge gained from the course to analyse biomechanical applications
• Clearly summarise and communicate findings from literature research using oral and written methods.

Graduate attributes developed in this course include:

• The skills involved in scholarly enquiry
• An in-depth engagement with the relevant disciplinary knowledge in its inter-disciplinary context
• The capacity for analytical and critical thinking and for creative problem solving
• Information literacy – the skills to appropriately locate, evaluate and use relevant information
• An appreciation of and respect for diversity
• A capacity to contribute to and work within the international community
• The skills required for collaborative and multidisciplinary work
• A respect for ethical practice and social responsibility
• The skills of effective communication

TEACHING STRATEGIES

| Private Study          | • Review lecture material and textbook  
|                       | • Do set problems and assignments    
|                       | • Join Moodle discussions of problems  
|                       | • Reflect on class problems and assignments  
|                       | • Download materials from Moodle  
|                       | • Keep up with notices and find out marks via Moodle |
| Online Lectures       | • Find out what you must learn  
|                       | • See methods that are not in the textbook  
|                       | • Follow worked examples  
|                       | • Hear announcements on course changes |
| Tutorials             | • Independent study  
|                       | • Practice solving set problems  
|                       | • Ask questions |
| Assessments (multiple choice questions, quizzes, tests, examinations, assignments, site visit reports, hand-in tutorials, laboratory reports etc.) | • Demonstrate your knowledge and skills  
|                       | • Demonstrate higher understanding and problem solving |
| Laboratory Work       | • Hands-on work, to set studies in context |
Lectures will be delivered online and include concept development, problem solving and discussion sessions. These will cover the theory supporting experimental methods and the practical research problems. Laboratories (one per week) are designed to explain the concepts introduced in the online lectures using practical approaches. These strategies are intended to support you in attaining the learning outcomes. Content, including notes and videos, will be available via Moodle. Assessments and feedback will be provided to you regularly.

**Suggested approach to learning.** This course requires you to understand the lecture material and then apply the knowledge to biomechanical applications. It is important to understand the fundamental concepts as soon as possible and to ask for help if you do not understand. Complete all the lectures and if something is unclear, please ask questions. Make sure you review lecture notes and read all material that is suggested or handed out. Class participation through attendance at laboratories and group work is expected and will allow for alternative methods of absorbing the relevant information.

**Expectations of students.** Attendance at the practical activities is compulsory. Non-attendance for reasons other than misadventure will preclude you from submitting the activity related to the activity you missed. Your demonstrator will record attendance. Tutorials are designed to review problems distributed online, and it is expected that you will attempt these questions in your own time.

### COURSE PROGRAM

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<td>MoCap is made up of two compulsory individual assignments (MoCap I and MoCap II) and one optional individual assignment (MoCap III). Each assignment will be submitted as a report with associated files attached for testing.</td>
<td>• Scaling • Inverse Kinematics • Inverse Dynamics • Forward Simulations</td>
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<td>Ability to solve problems pertaining to linear kinetics, angular kinetics, and impulse-momentum.</td>
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Late submissions will be penalized at a rate of **10% per day** after the due time and date has expired.

RELEVANT RESOURCES

The recommended text for this course are:


Other useful reference books that are held in the UNSW Library are:


Students seeking additional resources can also obtain assistance from the UNSW Library at [http://library.unsw.edu.au/](http://library.unsw.edu.au/).

Additional readings and recommended websites will be listed on Moodle when required.
COURSE EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Student feedback has helped to shape and develop this course, including feedback obtained from online evaluations as part of UNSW’s myExperience process. Your feedback is much appreciated and taken very seriously. Continual improvements are made to the course based in part on such feedback and this helps us to improve the course for future students. Informal student feedback is also sought frequently throughout the semester and used to assist in the progression of the course.

DATES TO NOTE

Refer to MyUNSW for Important Dates, available at: https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/resources/KeyDates.html

PLAGIARISM

Beware! An assignment that includes plagiarised material will receive a 0% Fail, and students who plagiarise may fail the course. Students who plagiarise will have their names entered on a plagiarism register and will be liable to disciplinary action, including exclusion from enrolment.

It is expected that all students must at all times submit their own work for assessment. Submitting the work or ideas of someone else without clearly acknowledging the source of borrowed material or ideas is plagiarism.

All assessments which you hand in must have a Non Plagiarism Declaration Cover Sheet. This is for both individual and group work. Attach it to your assignment before submitting it to the Course Coordinator or at the School Office.

Plagiarism is the use of another person’s work or ideas as if they were your own. When it is necessary or desirable to use other people’s material you should adequately acknowledge whose words or ideas they are and where you found them (giving the complete reference details, including page number(s)). The Learning Centre provides further information on what constitutes Plagiarism at: https://student.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism

ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

Assignment submissions. Assignments must be submitted in soft-copy via Moodle.

Occupational Health and Safety. Each practical activity performed as part of this course has been assessed for risk. Your demonstrators will communicate the risks with you prior to the commencement of your practical activity.

Special consideration. Applications for special consideration must be lodged through myUNSW. In addition, it is recommended that you discuss your circumstances with your lecturer.

Disability Support Services. Those students who have a disability that requires some adjustment in their teaching or learning environment are encouraged to discuss their study needs with the course Convenor prior to, or at the commencement of, their course, or with the Disability Advisor at Disability Support Services (9385 4734 or https://student.unsw.edu.au/disability). Issues to be discussed may include access to materials, signers or note-takers, the provision of services and additional exam and assessment arrangements. Early notification is essential to enable any necessary adjustments to be made.
ACADEMIC ADVICE

For information about:

- Notes on assessments and plagiarism,
- Special Considerations,
- School Student Ethics Officer, and
- BESS

refer to the School website available at http://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/biomedical-engineering/