



ENEX14001 Mechatronics Systems Design

Term 1 - 2022

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General Information

Overview

This unit will introduce you to supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system design and development using industry standard SCADA software. You will also learn how to analyse system requirements for a given mechatronics system task, evaluate and select mechatronics modules and components from a pool of mechatronics modules and components. You will design custom components and fabricate them, develop concept designs and select the best option, design and develop a mechatronics solution for a given complex task. You will also program the developed mechatronics system using industry standard control systems and SCADA software, and commission the system. In this unit, you must complete compulsory practical activities. Refer to the Engineering Undergraduate Course Moodle site for proposed dates.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 4*

Credit Points: 12

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.25

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prerequisites: ENEX13001 Instrumentation and Industrial Automation AND ENEX13003 Design of Mechatronics Elements

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2022

- Mackay
- Mixed Mode

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 12-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 25 hours of study per week, making a total of 300 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 25%

2. **Practical Assessment**

Weighting: 25%

3. **Portfolio**

Weighting: 50%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from 'Have Your Say' Feedback

Feedback

This is a very practical and engaging unit.

Recommendation

The unit will be kept in the same practical way and delivered in the same way.

Feedback from 'Have Your Say' Feedback

Feedback

Assessments were well aligned with content learned and practical skills developed.

Recommendation

Assessments will be kept similar focusing on practical projects.

Feedback from 'Have Your Say' Feedback

Feedback

It will help if all pre-recorded videos are released early.

Recommendation

The pre-recorded videos will be released after the residential school as there are certain procedures students need to understand to follow the instructions in these videos and they are being taught in the residential school.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Apply skills in industry standard data acquisition and control software to acquire sensor signals and control actuators
2. Apply the design process to propose a mechatronics system for a real-world application
3. Assemble a mechatronics system designed and fabricated from custom components
4. Develop industry-standard control systems and SCADA systems to operate the designed mechatronic system
5. Work individually and collaboratively in teams, communicate professionally using mechatronics engineering terminology, symbols and diagrams that conform to Australian and international standards.

The Learning Outcomes for this unit are linked with the Engineers Australia Stage 1 Competency Standards for Professional Engineers in the areas of 1. Knowledge and Skill Base, 2. Engineering Application Ability and 3. Professional and Personal Attributes at the following levels:

Intermediate 1.2 Conceptual understanding of the mathematics, numerical analysis, statistics, and computer and information sciences which underpin the engineering discipline. (LO: 5I)

Advanced 1.1 Comprehensive, theory-based understanding of the underpinning natural and physical sciences and the engineering fundamentals applicable to the engineering discipline. (LO: 1I 2I 3A 4A 5A) 1.3 In-depth understanding of specialist bodies of knowledge within the engineering discipline. (LO: 1I 2I 3I 4A 5A) 1.4 Discernment of knowledge development and research directions within the engineering discipline. (LO: 1I 2I 4A 5A) 1.5 Knowledge of engineering design practice and contextual factors impacting the engineering discipline. (LO: 1A 2I 4A 5A) 1.6 Understanding of the scope, principles, norms, accountabilities and bounds of sustainable engineering practice in the specific discipline. (LO: 1A 2I 4A 5A) 2.1 Application of established engineering methods to complex engineering problem solving. (LO: 1I 2I 3I 4A 5A) 2.2 Fluent application of engineering techniques, tools and resources. (LO: 1I 2I 3I 4A 5A) 2.3 Application of systematic engineering synthesis and design processes. (LO: 1I 2I 3I 4A 5A) 2.4 Application of systematic approaches to the conduct and management of engineering projects. (LO: 1I 2I 3I 4A 5A) 3.1 Ethical conduct and professional accountability. (LO: 5A 6A) 3.2 Effective oral and written communication in professional and lay domains. (LO: 5A 6A) 3.3 Creative, innovative and pro-active demeanour. (LO: 5A 6A) 3.4 Professional use and management of information. (LO: 1A 2A 5I 6A) 3.5 Orderly management of self, and professional conduct. (LO: 5A 6A) 3.6 Effective team membership and team leadership. (LO: 5A 6A)

Note: LO refers to the Learning Outcome number(s) which link to the competency and the levels: N - Introductory, I - Intermediate and A - Advanced.

Refer to the Engineering Undergraduate Course Moodle site for further information on the Engineers Australia's Stage 1 Competency Standard for Professional Engineers and course level mapping information <https://moodle.cqu.edu.au/course/view.php?id=1511>

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

| Assessment Tasks | Learning Outcomes | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 - Written Assessment - 25% | | | • | | |
| 2 - Practical Assessment - 25% | • | • | | • | • |

| Assessment Tasks | Learning Outcomes | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3 - Portfolio - 50% | • | • | • | • | • |

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

| Graduate Attributes | Learning Outcomes | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 - Communication | | | | | • |
| 2 - Problem Solving | • | • | • | • | |
| 3 - Critical Thinking | • | • | • | • | |
| 4 - Information Literacy | | • | | | • |
| 5 - Team Work | | | | | • |
| 6 - Information Technology Competence | • | | | • | |
| 7 - Cross Cultural Competence | | | | | |
| 8 - Ethical practice | | | | | |
| 9 - Social Innovation | | | | | |
| 10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures | | | | | |

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

| Assessment Tasks | Graduate Attributes | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 1 - Written Assessment - 25% | | • | • | | | | | | | |
| 2 - Practical Assessment - 25% | | • | • | | | • | | | | |
| 3 - Portfolio - 50% | • | • | • | • | • | • | | • | | |

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- A computer with speaker & microphone, Microsoft Windows OS(7 or later) with admin rights to install software, and good internet connectivity
- Access to a document scanner and a software that can create pdf documents
- LabView 2019 or latest (provided by CQU)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 07 Mar 2022

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---|---------|------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Mechatronics Systems Design• Introduction to LabView | N/A | |

Week 2 - 14 Mar 2022

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---|---------|------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kinematics of robotic systems | N/A | |

Week 3 - 21 Mar 2022

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3-D Design and analysis of robotic systems | N/A | |

Week 4 - 28 Mar 2022

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LabVIEW - Virtual Instruments | N/A | |

Week 5 - 04 Apr 2022

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LabVIEW - MathScripts | N/A | Assignment 1 - Mechatronics systems Design (Mechanical) Due: Week 5 Friday (8 Apr 2022) 11:45 pm AEST |

Vacation Week - 11 Apr 2022

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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Week 6 - 18 Apr 2022

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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| • LabVIEW - Editing and Debugging Virtual Instruments | N/A | |

Week 7 - 25 Apr 2022

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| • LabVIEW - Programming Structures | N/A | |

Week 8 - 02 May 2022

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---|---------|------------------------------|
| • LabVIEW - Sub VIs, Hardware Interfacing | N/A | |

Week 9 - 09 May 2022

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|---------------------------------|---------|---|
| • LabVIEW - Arrays and Clusters | N/A | Residential School at the Mackay Ooralea Campus |

Week 10 - 16 May 2022

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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| • LabVIEW - Charts and Graphs | N/A | Assignment 2 - Labview (Practical Assessment 25%) Due: Week 10 Friday (20 May 2022) 11:45 pm AEST |

Week 11 - 23 May 2022

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
|------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| • LabVIEW - Data Acquisition | N/A | |

Week 12 - 30 May 2022

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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| • Advanced Mechatronics Systems and Future Opportunities | N/A | Portfolio Assessment Due: Week 12 Friday (3 June 2022) 11:45 pm AEST |

Review/Exam Week - 06 Jun 2022

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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Exam Week - 13 Jun 2022

| Module/Topic | Chapter | Events and Submissions/Topic |
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Term Specific Information

The **compulsory residential school** for **all students** will be held in Mackay. Check the online timetable for details.

Assessment Tasks

1 Assignment 1 - Mechatronics systems Design (Mechanical)

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Students will design mechanical components for a given mechatronics system. The designed mechanical

hardware will be analyzed for stresses using CAD simulation tools. Each student will do an individual design and will submit the drawings and data files suitable for 3d-printing of individual element. Specific design requirements will be available on Moodle.

Assessment Due Date

Week 5 Friday (8 Apr 2022) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Marked assignment with feedback. However, there will be no model answers provided as this is a design.

Weighting

25%

Assessment Criteria

To obtain full marks students must address the design problem systematically and develop their individual design as per the relevant design standards and rules. All design assumptions must be clearly mentioned and justified. Need to explain the design process by providing a soft copy of student work book as an evidence of chronological development of the design solution. Submitting a design file without evidence for development process will receive only up to a maximum of 70% of the allocated marks for this assignment.

All drawings and writing must be clear and legible. Must provide the final design as a soft copy which will run on 3D-CAD without any modifications (all needed sub components must be included in the submission with proper directory structure).

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

No submission method provided.

Submission Instructions

As a single zipped folder containing everything.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Assemble a mechatronics system designed and fabricated from custom components

Graduate Attributes

- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking

2 Assignment 2 - Labview (Practical Assessment 25%)

Assessment Type

Practical Assessment

Task Description

Students will design virtual instruments for various tasks. Each student will do their own individual designs and will submit the LabVIEW VI file compatible files to run on LabView2018/2019 or later.

Specific virtual instrument requirements will be available in the assignment on Moodle.

Assessment Due Date

Week 10 Friday (20 May 2022) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Marked assignment with feedback. However, there will be no model answers provided.

Weighting

25%

Minimum mark or grade

50%

Assessment Criteria

To obtain full marks students must address the design problem systematically and develop their individual

design as per the relevant design standards and rules. Since this is an individual design and there are multiple options available in LabView for the same task, every design must be unique. All design assumptions must be clearly mentioned and justified. Need to explain the design process by providing a soft copy of student work book as an evidence of chronological development of the design solution. Submitting the final design file without evidence for development process will receive only up to a maximum of 70% of the allocated marks for this assignment.

All drawings and writing diagrams must be clear and legible. Must provide the final design as a soft copy which will run on LabVIEW without any modifications(all needed sub components must be included in the submission with proper directory structure).

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

No submission method provided.

Submission Instructions

As a single pdf file.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Apply skills in industry standard data acquisition and control software to acquire sensor signals and control actuators
- Apply the design process to propose a mechatronics system for a real-world application
- Develop industry-standard control systems and SCADA systems to operate the designed mechatronic system
- Work individually and collaboratively in teams, communicate professionally using mechatronics engineering terminology, symbols and diagrams that conform to Australian and international standards.

Graduate Attributes

- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Technology Competence

3 Portfolio Assessment

Assessment Type

Portfolio

Task Description

The main project is to develop a mobile robotic platform with obstacle avoidance and move along a prescribed path. It will be carried out in teams for assembly and testing. However each student must develop their own Labview program for the given requirements to control the assembled hardware. The entire group will work on testing each sensor and actuator on the system working individually as well as working together. once the mobile platform is prepared students will load their own program for the given task and tested by individual student. Your portfolio will have two parts where the first part is about the development of the mobile platform by the group and the second part is your individual program to control it.

Assessment Due Date

Week 12 Friday (3 June 2022) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

The portfolio will not be returned until the unit grades are released as there is no final examination for this unit.

Weighting

50%

Minimum mark or grade

50%

Assessment Criteria

To obtain full marks students must;

- Provide all required components of the portfolio (a detailed document is available on Moodle)
- Provide the Labview control program developed by the individual student

- Provide a report discussing the control behaviour of the mechatronics system using their own LabView program
- Provide a report on all laboratory experiments conducted with detailed discussion

All drawings and writing must be clear and legible.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

No submission method provided.

Submission Instructions

as a single pdf file.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Apply skills in industry standard data acquisition and control software to acquire sensor signals and control actuators
- Apply the design process to propose a mechatronics system for a real-world application
- Assemble a mechatronics system designed and fabricated from custom components
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Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Team Work
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem