

**ENCMP100A - Computer Programming for Engineers**

3 Credits, 3 hours lecture, 1.5 hours lab, 3.8 Engineering Units for U. Alberta

This course is an introduction to MATLAB with applications to engineering problems. Topics to be covered include an introduction to algorithmic problem solving, design methodologies, MATLAB language structure and syntax. Weekly laboratories offer students the opportunity to translate concepts presented in lectures into interesting application programs.

*Prerequisites and/or co-requisites: None*

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**Office Hours**

Monday	11:00-11:50
Tuesday	14:00-14:50
Wednesday	14:00-14:50
Friday	11:00-11:50 & 14:00-14:50

**Hours of Instruction**

Monday	09:00-09:50
Tuesday	09:00-10:30 (Lab)
Wednesday	09:00-09:50
Thursday	09:00-09:50

**Required Resources**

MATLAB – A Practical Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving, S. Attaway, Elsevier, 2017, 4<sup>th</sup> ed  
Lecture/lab notebook

**Course Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student shall be able to:

- Use MATLAB as a tool to solve engineering problems.
- Develop modular MATLAB programs using user-defined functions.
- Visualize large sets of data using MATLAB plotting capabilities.

**Evaluation**

Assignments	5%
Labs	25%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	45%
Total	100%

*A grade of C- is required for progression or transfer.*

## Assignments

Textbook and related problems will be assigned on a biweekly basis. Each student will be given a unique problem set to complete in the allotted time; all program and script files are to be uploaded to the specified iLearn drop box by the specified date and time. Assessment of this component will be based on the quality and clarity of the submitted solution (MATLAB script and program files). Non-functioning programs or scripts will receive a score of zero.

NOTE: missed or incomplete assignments may result in a grade of F for the course. NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.

## Labs

Laboratory attendance is compulsory and no unexcused absences will be tolerated. An unexcused absence will result in a grade of zero for the missed lab and may result in course failure. See attendance policy. Ninety minutes per week will be used for laboratory exercises. The labs are designed to help you develop your programming and problem-solving skills by having you work out solutions to textbook problems or related exercises under the guidance of your instructor. Assessment of this component will be based on the quality and clarity of the submitted solution (MATLAB script and program files). Lab exercises are due at the end of the lab period, unless otherwise indicated. You are expected to work on lab exercises by yourself, though you may discuss your work with your instructor or a classmate; collaborative solutions are not allowed unless explicitly stated by your instructor.

## Exams

There will be one midterm exam and a final exam in this course. The midterm exam takes place during the lab period in the sixth week. The midterm will cover all topics covered up to the date of the exam. The two-hour final exam will take place during the exam period at the end of the term. The final exam is a closed book test where you are expected to demonstrate mastery of the subject. You will be expected to solve a set of problems, some similar to work you have previously done, some more challenging. The labs are designed to help you prepare for this examination, so make sure you take full advantage of these exercises. All examinations will involve a mix of written and practical work; the written component of exams must be completed and submitted before progressing to the practical, computer-based component of the examination.

## Grading System

Descriptor	Alpha Grade	4.0 Scale	Percent	Rubric for Letter Grades
Excellent	A+	4.0	> 92.9	Work shows in-depth and critical analysis, well developed ideas, creativity, excellent writing, clarity and proper format.
	A	4.0	85 – 92.9	
	A-	3.7	80 – 84.9	
Good	B+	3.3	77 – 79.9	Work is generally of high quality, well developed, well written, has clarity, and uses proper format.
	B	3.0	74 – 76.9	
	B-	2.7	70 – 73.9	
Satisfactory Progression	C+	2.3	67 – 69.9	Work has some developed ideas but needs more attention to clarity, style and formatting.
	C	2.0	64 – 66.9	
	C-	1.7	60 – 63.9	
Poor	D+	1.3	55 – 59.9	Work is completed in a general way with minimal support, or is poorly written or did not use proper format.
Minimum Pass	D	1.0	50 – 54.9	
Failure	F	0.0	< 50	Responses fail to demonstrate appropriate understanding or are fundamentally incomplete.

**Proposed Schedule of Topics**

Week	Chapter	Lecture Topic	Lab
1	1	MATLAB basics: variables, data types, basic scripts, I/O	Lab 1 - Intro to MATLAB
2	2	Vectors and Matrices	Lab 2 - Matrix and vector operations
3	3	MATLAB Programming	Lab 3 - Scripts - basics of algorithms
4	4	Selection Statements	Lab 4 - Selection Statements
5	5	Repetition Statements	Lab 5 – Repetition Statements
6	6	MATLAB Programming	Midterm
7		Family Day; Reading week	
8	7	String Programming	Lab 7 - Vectorization
9	8	Data Structures	Lab 8 - Strings
10	8	Data Structures	Lab 9 - Data Structures
11	9	File I/O	Lab 10 - Advanced I/O
12	10	Advanced Functions	Lab 11 - Advanced Functions
13	12	Advanced Graphics	Lab 12 - Advanced Plotting
14	14	Introduction to numerical methods	Lab 13 - Advanced Mathematics

**Please Note:**

Date and time allotted to each topic is subject to change.

**Performance Requirements****Student Responsibilities**

It is your responsibility as a student to contact the Office of the Registrar to complete the forms for Withdrawal or Change of Registration, and any other forms. Please refer to the list of important dates as noted in the Academic Schedule in the Keyano College credit calendar.

More specific details are found in the Student Rights and Student Code of Conduct section of the Keyano College credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Student Code of Conduct Policies.

**Laboratory Safety**

In the science laboratories, safety is important.

Students must complete the *WHMIS for Students* online training course on Moodle before entering the science laboratories.

Students must comply with the mandatory laboratory safety rules for this course as provided in the laboratory manual. Failure to do so will result in progressive discipline such as a verbal warning, refused entry into the laboratory, or suspension from the College.

### **Student Attendance**

Class attendance is useful for two reasons. First, class attendance maximizes a students' learning experience. Second, attending class is a good way to keep informed of matters relating to the administration of the course (e.g., the timing of assignments and exams). Ultimately, you are responsible for your own learning and performance in this course.

It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for all classes. Students who miss classes are responsible for the material covered in those classes and for ensuring that they are prepared for the next class, including the completion of any assignments and / or notes that may be due.

### **Academic Misconduct**

Students are considered to be responsible adults and should adhere to principles of intellectual integrity. Intellectual dishonesty may take many forms, such as:

- Plagiarism or the submission of another person's work as one's own
- The use of unauthorized aids in assignments or examinations (cheating)
- Collusion or the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing work
- The deliberate misrepresentation of qualifications
- The willful distortion of results or data
- Substitution in an examination by another person
- Handing in the same unchanged work as submitted for another assignment
- Breach of confidentiality.

The consequences for academic misconduct range from a verbal reprimand to expulsion from the College. More specific descriptions and details are found in the Student Rights and Student Code of Conduct section of the Keyano College credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Student Code of Conduct Policies.

In order to ensure your understanding of the concept of plagiarism, you must successfully complete the online tutorial found on [ilearn.keyano.ca](http://ilearn.keyano.ca). Then print the certificate, sign it, and show it to each of your instructors. Your course work will not be graded until you show this signed certificate.

## **Specialized Supports**

### **Counselling and Accessibility Services**

Counselling Services provides a wide range of specialized counselling services to prospective and registered students, including personal, career and academic counselling.

### **SKILL Centre**

The SKILL Centre is a learning space in the Clearwater Campus at Keyano College where students can gather to share ideas, collaborate on projects and get new perspectives on learning from our tutorial staff.

The SKILL Centre, through a variety of delivery methods, provides assistance in skill development to Keyano students. Assistance is provided by instructors, staff and student tutors. Individuals wishing to improve their mathematics, writing, grammar, study, or other skills, can take advantage of this unique service.