

**Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering  
University Of Texas at Arlington  
Measurements Lab II - MAE 3183 – RM 219 WH**

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**Office Hours:** MW 10:15 – 11:00 am (strictly enforced) and By Appointment

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**Prerequisites with a C or better:** MAE 2381 (Measurements I), 3310 (Thermodynamics I), 3314 (Heat Transfer), 3319 (Dynamic System Modeling and Simulation), and EE 2320 (Circuit Analysis) (or concurrent enrollment).

**Note: If you do not have ALL prerequisites  
you should contact Dr. Shiakolas immediately**

**Course Description:** Fundamental measurement techniques and experimental data analysis in mechanical engineering in the fields of thermal, fluid, structures, design, and dynamic systems. Introduction to sensor calibration, digital data acquisition, uncertainty analysis, and report writing.

**Course objectives:** To provide an understanding of fundamental measuring techniques, obtain measurements and analyze said measurements based on engineering principles for a number of experiments/engineering applications in order to bridge the gap between theory and practice.

**Topics covered:** Basic Concepts, Uncertainty Analysis, Report and Memorandum writing procedures, Digital and Analog Data Collection and Analysis

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

**(b) Design & Conduct Experiments**

This is a laboratory course and you are required to come prepared to the lab in order to conduct a series of experiments. In conducting the experiments you are required to familiarize yourselves first with safety issues and subsequently with the hardware, the type of measured equipment and software to be used for conducting the experiment. You are required to record your measurements on the provided sheets or save them in electronic format where applicable. The data sheets must be signed by the instructor or the teaching assistant once the experiment is completed and before the students leave the lab.

**(g) Communicate Effectively**

You are required to come prepared for each experiment to be performed by studying the lab manual and be ready to effectively communicate the theory and fundamentals of the experiment to the instructor through a weekly short question and answer period.

You are required to analyze the experimentally collected data using theory available in your lab manuals or your previous course work and engineering software for data analysis and graphing.

You are required to write professional technical formal lab reports or memoranda (you will be informed when a memorandum should be written) for each laboratory experiment performed. The reports should follow the procedures and format in the lab writing manual.

**Key Assignments**

***In order to earn a passing grade in the class, you should perform all the laboratory exercises, and obtain a passing grade (>60%) for all technical reports and in addition a passing grade (>60%) on the frequency response experiment both for the Q&A and technical report independently.***

## **SAFETY NOTE**

### **You MUST wear EYE Protection and CLOSED TOE Shoes at ALL times in the lab**

**Lab Assignments:** You will form **groups of two** during the first two class meetings. A lab schedule will be posted on the class web page. The experiments and reports are a group effort. If a group member does not show up for the lab session, he/she will get a grade of zero for the experiment unless arrangements are made to perform it later and submit an individual report.

You must prepare before coming to the lab by reading and understanding the theory for the experiment you are assigned to perform. You must also prepare **an individual pre-lab report (both electronic and written) and submit it when you come to class.** The TA and/or the instructor reserve the right to question you on the theoretical aspects of the experiment (15% of lab grade). If you are not fully prepared, you may be asked not to perform the experiment, restudy the material and retested in the lab or asked to leave and make arrangements to perform the experiment at a different day (based on GTA schedule and availability). The penalties for late performance and report write-up will be enforced.

The TA or Dr. Shiakolas reserve the right to ask anyone for information appearing in their lab report, and if you cannot answer, then you will be penalized. Experiments will be performed according to the schedule, and the reports both written and electronic must be turned in at the beginning of the following class meeting. The first graded report will be available for you on time, usually a day or two before the next report is due to allow enough time for you to correct, if needed, the report to be turned in on the next experiment.

In addition to the printed reports, you are required to provide an electronic version of the submitted report - bring it with you on flash drive or other removable media device. You will not be allowed to perform the assigned lab if the electronic version of the previous report is not turned in. You must also upload your electronic reports to Blackboard by midnight of the date your report is due. The UTA Blackboard can be accessed at **<http://www.uta.edu/blackboard>**. If you are not familiar with Blackboard, I urge you to complete the online training and become familiar and proficient with it for the purposes of this class (consider this as your first assignment but without credit).

Excerpt from **<http://www.uta.edu/blackboard/students/course-faq.php>**

**Per UT Arlington's Academic Dishonesty Regulation, "All students are expected to pursue their academic careers with honesty and integrity." Faculty are given the option to make assignments "SafeAssignments" which are indicated by the green checkmark icon.**

**SafeAssign is an anti-plagiarism tool that monitors your work against any other works found on the Internet. Upon submission, your work will be automatically added to the SafeAssign database whose purpose is to monitor future assignments submitted by anyone at UT Arlington.**

**For personal protection of your work, you are also given the option to include your submission not only within UT Arlington's SafeAssign database, but to the global SafeAssign database used by any others subscribed to SafeAssign.**

**\*Note: SafeAssign also checks against copies of assignments from previous semesters.**

**It is important to understand that all of your work submitted for credit through Blackboard will be added to its database and used in subsequent semesters. If it is found in the future, that your work is used by someone else for credit with your knowledge, then appropriate disciplinary actions might be taken against you and the person plagiarizing or using your work.**

**Q&A session and Written Report Clarification:** All the Q&A sessions and the reports/memos for all the labs are to be treated as examinations for which you are getting credit for them. The purpose is to assess your understanding of the theory behind the material that the experiment addresses so at the end you will have a better understanding of the material and also to evaluate your preparation for performing the experiment in a safe manner for you and your classmates. You are **not** allowed to discuss the Q&A sessions and questions asked with other students in any of the sessions for this class, and you are not allowed to share your reports. If in doubt when to collaborate with anyone, just ask the instructor or the GTA.

Also, if reports from previous or current semesters are used for any reason, this will be considered as unauthorized usage and cheating. Should it be found out that unauthorized collaboration or cheating is taking place actions will be taken according to the university policies, the university Academic Dishonesty policy and the college of engineering statement of ethics.

**On-time Lab Attendance:** It is important that you are in the lab on time at the university scheduled time. If you do not show up on time you might not be allowed in the lab and you will be penalized (see penalties note). **Closed toe shoes and eye protection** are required while in the lab.

**Course Manuals:** The required format for each report/memo is described in detail in the Introduction of the lab manual. The lab manuals are on the web at the above address in Adobe Acrobat PDF format. Microsoft Excel support files for some of the labs are available on the web as well.

### Experimental and Demonstration Testbeds

- Impulse Turbine
- Viscous Flow
- Frequency Response of a Physical System
- Concentric Tube Heat Exchanger
- Air Drag Force
- Strain Measurement
- Fuel Cell
- DAQ: Strain Gage and LabVIEW Interface
- Design of Experiments

**Course Web Page:** <http://mars.uta.edu>, **select** courses and then **select** Measurements Lab II – MAE 3183. Also material will be posted on Blackboard.

**Email Communication:** Email communication will be through the MyMav system to your official UTA issued email account and through Blackboard utilities. It is your responsibility to check your account often.

**Grading Policy:** Grading will be based on

Semester Comprehensive Exam (time to be announced later and possibly last week of classes)	10
Formal Lab Reports and Memos (2 memos = 1 formal, 1 DOE = 0.75 formal report)	80
Lab Partner Grade (due when turning in last group report)	10

Note that 15% of the Formal Lab Reports & Memos grade is allocated to Q&A.

**Penalties:** A report must be written in the required format for each experiment. Every report is due at the beginning of the class period one week after it was performed. Late reports will be subject to a late penalty of 10% (of the report grade) per day. If you miss a lab, you must make it up and the late penalty applies. The penalty for missing performing a lab will be 5% per day missed. The deadline for turning in the report remains the same irrespective of when the lab was performed.

**Guaranteed Grading Scale:** The guaranteed grading scale based upon the minimum percentage number of points obtained. No incompletes will be given unless prior arrangements are made with the instructor and only for extreme circumstances. **92.5% - 100% A, 85% - 92.5% B, 75% - 84% C, 60% - 74% D, 0 - 60% F**

**Drop Policy:** The drop policy is according to university regulations.

**Software:** You may use any computer software that you like, but make sure that you are proficient in it for solving the assignments for this class. Limited support will be provided for software tools: Microsoft Excel, MATLAB, SCILAB (<http://www.scilab.org>) and LabVIEW available in the MAE CAD Lab. **If you do not know how to use Excel (or any other spreadsheet) I would strongly encourage you to start learning.**

**Miscellaneous:** If you have a disability, any religious holidays that you need to observe or anything else that might interfere with this class and you would like for me to know about it you must inform me in writing no later than the second class meeting.

**Lab Schedule:** The lab schedule for the semester will be posted once you form groups of two.

## KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

### Americans with Disabilities Act

The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 93112-The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of new federal legislation entitled Americans with Disabilities Act – (ADA), pursuant to section 504 of The Rehabilitation Act, here is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens. As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide “reasonable accommodation” to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility primarily rests with informing faculty at the beginning of the semester and in providing *authorized* documentation through designated administrative channels. If you require an accommodation based on disability, I would like to meet with you in the privacy of my office no later than the second class meeting to make sure that you are properly accommodated.

### Academic Dishonesty

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I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or that I contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.

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