

**TO: All MEng Students**

**DATE: 30 July 2020**

**SUBJECT: MEng Student Course Selection**

Please follow these instructions while selecting courses:

1. Consult the [list of graduate courses posted on the UTIAS website](#) to select courses for your entire MEng program, breaking down course selection by term.
2. Complete the [fillable form](#) with your course selections and email the form to the [UTIAS MEng Office](#)
3. You may enrol using ACORN as soon as you have selected your courses; you need not wait for approval from the UTIAS Graduate Office. Changes to course selection can be made up to the add / drop dates for the relevant term.
4. MEng students seeking advice regarding course selection are encouraged to contact [Professor Nair](#), Associate Director, Graduate Studies.

## **Selecting MEng Courses**

### *Course requirements*

All MEng students are required to take five Full-Course Equivalents (FCEs). As most graduate courses are considered to be half-courses (0.5 FCEs), this means ten courses. Students may take courses from UTIAS (AER and ROB courses), other UofT engineering departments (MIE, CIV, CSC, etc), or from the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering (APS). There are restrictions on which courses may be taken:

1. At least half of the courses must be AER or ROB.
2. At least seven courses must be technical. Note that AER 1601H is the only non-technical AER course. Most courses offered by other engineering departments are technical; most APS courses are non-technical. If you are unsure whether a course is technical or non-technical, **contact the Graduate Office for advice before the course starts.**
3. At most three courses may be 500-level.
4. All MEng students may take a maximum of 10 (ten) half courses (5.0 FCEs). The only exception is for MEng students wishing to qualify for the [ELITE certificate](#), who may take seven technical courses and four non-technical courses, or 5.5 FCEs. AER1601 is considered a non-technical course.
5. Students wishing to take the ELITE certificate, and hence take eleven courses, must take at least six AER/ROB courses to satisfy the requirement that at least half of their courses are AER/ROB.
6. Students will be recommended for graduation at the conclusion of the term in which they complete their tenth course (eleventh course if pursuing the ELITE certificate).

*Course load limitations by program*

MEng students are registered in one of three options: full-time, extended full-time or part-time. The maximum course load per term or academic year are determined by the MEng option. Course load limitations for each status are as follows:

1. Full-time: Full-time MEng students are not restricted in the number of courses they may take per academic term or per academic year.
2. Extended full-time: Extended full-time MEng students may take a maximum of 3 (three) courses per term, and a maximum of 6 (six) courses per academic year. This means that it will take at least five terms from the start of the program to complete the course requirements.
3. Part-time: Part-time MEng students may take a maximum of 2 (two) courses per term and 4 (four) courses per academic year.

*Course Timing*

All AER and ROB courses except AER 1810 MEng Project and AER 1820 Directed Reading are taught in either the Fall term or the Winter term. When selecting courses please consult the [timetable](#) to ensure that you are spreading your courses through appropriate terms. During Summer term there are very few technical courses available. Many students elect to take AER 1810 and AER 1820 during Summer term. There are, however, [non-technical APS courses related to the ELITE program](#), which many students elect to take.

*Post-graduation work authorization*

Many international students wish to apply for a Canadian work visa following graduation. To apply prior to convocation requires a Confirmation of Degree Requirements from the School of Graduate Studies stating that all the degree requirements are complete. Before issuing this letter, UTIAS must send a Master's Degree Recommendation to the School of Graduate Studies. **UTIAS cannot under any circumstances send this recommendation before ALL course grades are posted on ROSI.** This applies even if a missing grade is for a course that is surplus to the degree requirements. As a consequence, if you wish to apply for a work authorization as early as possible, it is advisable to avoid selecting courses in the second half of the summer term to ensure that all grades are available as early as possible.

*Thematic course selections*

Many students want to take a selection of courses that follow a particular theme. The following groups of courses are related to the various research themes pursued at UTIAS. They will form only part of the required total of ten courses. It is not necessary to select courses from one of these themes. Students may select any courses from the UofT calendar that satisfy the MEng requirements, but some students find these lists helpful. It is also possible to qualify for an Emphasis, which is recorded on the transcript. The Emphases available to UTIAS students are listed in the [School of Graduate Studies calendar](#). Note that the themes listed below are NOT Emphases.

Theme: Robotics

ROB 501	Computer Vision for Robotics	
AER 1217	Development of Autonomous UAS	
AER 1513	State Estimation for Aerospace Vehicles	
AER 1515	Perception for Robotics	
AER 1516	Robotic Motion Planning	not offered 2020/21
AER 1517	Control for Robotics	not offered 2020/21
CSC 2503	Foundations of Computer Vision	
CSC 2515	Introduction to Machine Learning	

Theme: Fluid Mechanics and Aerodynamics

AER 1303	Advanced Fluid Mechanics	
AER 1308	Introduction to Modern Flow Control	
AER 1310	Turbulence Modelling	
AER 1311	Unsteady Gasdynamics	
MIE 1201	Advanced Fluid Mechanics	

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Theme: Computational Engineering

AER 1316	Fundamentals of Computational Fluid Mechanics
AER 1319	Finite Volume Methods for CFD
AER 1410	Topology Optimization
AER 1415	Computational Optimization
AER 1416	Numerical Methods for Uncertainty Quantification
AER 1418	Variational Methods for Partial Differential Equations

Theme: Structures and Materials

AER 501	Computational Structural Mechanics and Design Optimization
AER 503	Aeroelasticity
AER 1403	Advanced Aerospace Structures
AER 1410	Topology Optimization
AER 1415	Computational Optimization
MIE 1804	Finite Element Method in Mechanical Engineering

Theme: Propulsion and Combustion

AER 510	Aerospace Propulsion	
AER 1301	Kinetic Theory of Gases	
AER 1304	Fundamentals of Combustion	not offered 2020/21
AER 1311	Unsteady Gasdynamics	
MIE 1222	Multiphase Flows	

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Theme: UAVs and Drones

ROB 501	Computer Vision for Robotics
AER 1202	Advanced Flight Dynamics
AER 1216	Fundamentals of UAVs
AER 1217	Development of Autonomous UAS
AER 1513	State Estimation for Aerospace Vehicles
CSC 2503	Foundations of Computer Vision

Theme: Space Systems

AER 506	Spacecraft Dynamics and Control I	
AER 510	Aerospace Propulsion	
AER 1503	Spacecraft Dynamics and Control II	
AER 1512	Multibody Dynamics	not offered 2020/21
AER 1513	State Estimation for Aerospace Vehicles	