

BME 3060: Biomedical Engineering Fundamentals
Spring 2023

Day	Periods	Time	Location
Tuesdays	8 & 9	3:00 – 4:55 pm	COM C1-009
Thursdays	9	4:05 – 4:55pm	

Instructor

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Office Hours: virtual office hours, see Canvas calendar for scheduled times, or by appointment

Supervised Teaching Students

STs are graduate students who will facilitate in-class learning exercises, homework sets, and some lectures. Please contact your STS through the Canvas website. See Canvas calendar for location and times of STS office hours.

- Rob Chen - rchen3@ufl.edu
- Ryan Clark - ryanclark@ufl.edu
- STS Office hours: virtual office hours, see Canvas calendar for scheduled times, or by appointment

Learning Assistant (LA)

Your LA is a fellow undergraduate student who will help design in-class activities to facilitate your learning.

- Sydney Irwin – irwin.sydney@ufl.edu
- LA Office hours: virtual office hours, see Canvas calendar for scheduled times, or by appointment

Course Description

Working specifically within the framework of biomedical engineering applications, this course provides the engineering fundamentals of the conservation laws of mass, energy, charge, and momentum.

Course Pre-Requisites / Co-Requisites

Prereq: CHM 2046 General Chemistry 2 or CHM 2096 Chemistry for Engineers 2

MAC 2313 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 3

each with minimum grades of C.

Coreq: PHY 2049 Physics with Calculus 2

MAP 2302 Elementary Differential Equations

BME 1008 Introduction to Biomedical Engineering

Course Objectives

The foundation of many biomedical engineering problems is based on conservation laws. The goals of this course are to develop problem-formulation and problem-solving skills, develop and understand conservation equations, and apply them to solve problems in biomedical engineering.

Materials and Supply Fees

None

Relation to Program Outcomes (ABET):

Outcome	Coverage*
1. An ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics	High
2. An ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors	
3. An ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences	

4. An ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts	
5. An ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives	
6. An ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions	
7. An ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies	

*Coverage is given as high, medium, or low. An empty box indicates that this outcome is not covered or assessed in the course.

Required Textbook

- Title: Bioengineering Fundamentals, 2nd Edition
- Author: A. Saterbak, K. San, and L. McIntire
- Publication date and edition: 2018, 2nd Edition
- ISBN number 9780134637433

You may use a hard copy or electronic version of the textbook. Please note that this course participates in the UF All Access program. Login at the following website and opt-in to gain access to an electronic version of your required textbook for \$31.00. <https://bsd.ufl.edu/allaccess>

Required Software

A means for solving systems of equations is required for completion of certain assignments (e.g. Matlab, graphing calculator, or Wolfram Alpha website).

Topics Covered in this Course:

- Approaching Problems from an Engineering Perspective
- Dimensional Analysis and Dimensionless Numbers
- Foundations of Engineering Calculations
- Conservation Principles
- Conservation of Mass
- Conservation of Energy
- Conservation of Charge
- Conservation of Momentum
- Applying Engineering Principles to Biological Systems

Course Schedule

See course website for the class schedule. The posted schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Class Website

- Canvas (elearning.ufl.edu) will be used extensively, including posting all assignments and grades.
- Each student is fully responsible for ensuring that they have access to Canvas and must check the course website routinely to ensure they are fully aware of all assignments and postings.
- Failure to check the course website will not be a valid excuse for not completing assignments.

Course Policies

Class attendance and participation

We will do a lot of in-class exercises to reinforce your learning; thus, in-person class attendance is emphasized for student success in this course. I trust each of you to use your best judgement to keep yourself and those around you healthy. Please do not attend class if you are feeling ill. Important additional information:

- Students are expected to attend and participate in class in person. Students will not be able to attend the lectures via Zoom synchronously.
- I will post recordings of lectures for your review after class. Recordings will not be available for class periods dedicated to primarily in-class exercises.
- There will be some in-person assignments for a grade, announced in advance (no pop quizzes)
- Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies in the undergraduate catalog (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>) and require appropriate documentation

Homework

- Homework is to be completed individually.
- In general, you will be given 1.5 weeks to complete assignments from when they are posted on Canvas.
- Homework is due at 11:59PM on the assigned date.
- Late homework will be accepted up to 48 hrs late with the following penalties:
 - 0-12hrs later - 10%
 - 12-24hrs later – 20%
 - 24 – 48hrs later – 30%
- Assignments are ONLY turned in electronically via Canvas as a single PDF.
- In the event of technical issues with the website please email your assignment to Dr. Porras.
- Technical issues with online submission do not excuse late assignments.
- Illegible work will not be graded and counts as 0 pts.

In-class Assignments

- In-class assignments, quizzes, and discussions will be provided to supplement and reinforce learning.
- Some in-class assignments will count for a grade, others will be for practice only.
- In-class assignments will be graded based on completion.

Exams

- There will be three exams, each worth 18% of the final grade.
- There is no cumulative final exam.
- Exams can only be taken in person during class time or the makeup exam period.

Make-Up Assignment Policy

- No late quizzes or exams will be accepted.
- See the **life-happens policy** which accounts for routine unexpected situations.
- Missed class/assignments due to official UF or professional travel (e.g. interview, scientific conference, etc.) must be arranged with the instructor in advance and will only be granted on an individual case-by-case basis. Any missed assignments must be submitted in advance.
- Extended university approved excused absences resulting in multiple missed assignments will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

'Life Happens' Policy

- This policy does not apply to exams.
- Students are permitted **three** unexcused in-class graded assignments, no questions asked.
- Students are permitted **one** unexcused homework, no questions asked.
- Students are also permitted **one** unexcused quiz, no question asked.
- Beyond one missed assignment, documentation of a university approved absence is required

Make-Up Exam Policy:

- Make up exams are permitted only for documented university approved excused absences.
- Please review your student handbook to ensure that you understand the requirements for a university approved absence. Excused absences are consistent with university policies and require appropriate documentation. (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>).

Communication:

- Address the instructor as Dr. Porrás or Professor Porrás in all communication.
- Prof. Porrás will do her best to be available to all students for questions and discussion.
- Class announcements will be posted to Canvas. All students are responsible for ensuring awareness of these postings. Failure to review the course website is not an excuse for missing announcements.
- Please use only your official UF email address to communicate with Dr. Porrás or your STS.
- Dr. Porrás prefers that you use Canvas when sending messages for automatic association with the class.
- Include BME 3060 in the subject line.
- Although I am usually faster, please allow up to 48 hours for Dr. Porrás or Dr. Phelps to respond, longer if at night or on the weekend / holidays / breaks.

Tips for Success in This Class

Assistance with Course Material

You should expect this course to challenge you and require time, effort, and thoughtful analysis for success. When a concept or problem presents a challenge, spend the time to really think about how to approach the problem, as this thoughtful analysis will train you for success in exams (and future classes). If you are struggling with a concept or problem, you have 3 primary resources: 1) your peers, 2) your STs, and 3) your professors. Before you reach out to any of these resources, you are expected to have spent considerable time on your own attempting to understand or complete the problem.

Peers

Establishing a strong and fruitful peer network is an important resource in your major and will help serve you well as you progress in BME, so seek out colleagues that can serve as a strong peer network. Brainstorming on problems with your peer group (after you have attempted to solve them independently) is permitted; however, this dynamic interaction should be one that leads to improved conceptual understanding on how to approach problems – not one used as a crutch to copy solutions. Assignments are used to train you for exams, so copying solutions from friends will inevitably result in a poor exam performance. In the end, individual assignments must be your own work, not a copied solution. All team members must participate in the collaborative assignments. See Plagiarism Policy.

STS/Professor

The STS and professor are another resource to assist you in succeeding in this course. You are welcome to see the STS or Dr. Porrás during posted office hours. Due to multiple demands, we are typically unavailable outside of these times, but can be reached via email. Office hours are for answering questions focused on clarifying concepts or providing a new perspective on how to approach a problem, not for providing answers to problems or walking you through each problem. When notes are left on assignments and exams to “see me”, this means that the professor or STS would like to take extra time to work out concepts with the student. Scheduling this time, however, is expected to be initiated by the student, otherwise the impression is given that the student is not willing to put in the extra effort to succeed in the course.

Grading

Evaluation of Grades

Assignment	Percentage of Final Grade
In-class assignments	6%
Quizzes	10%
Homework	30%
Exams (18% each)	54%
	100%

To maximize your partial credit in grading:

1. Write legibly and do not crowd your work.
2. Construct a clear diagram, if appropriate.
3. Write the equations you are using in symbols before substituting in numbers.

4. Label all numerical quantities/values with units.
5. Box your final answers.

Grading Policy

Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E
Percent	93.4-100	90.0-93.3	86.7-89.9	83.4-86.6	80.0-83.3	76.7-79.9	73.4-76.6	70.0-73.3	66.7-69.9	63.4-66.6	60.0-63.3	0-59.9
Grade Points	4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.00

More information on UF grading policy may be found at:

[UF Graduate Catalog](#)
[Grades and Grading Policies](#)

Final cumulative numerical grades will be rounded to the nearest tenth of a point. Curving of assignments is exceptionally rare and typically only due to the entire class missing a question. No extra assignments for additional credit are given in this course. **There is no curving of final grades.**

Note: A grade of “C” is the qualifying grade for critical tracking courses (BME 3060 is one of these). Thus, BME majors who earn a “C minus” or lower must retake this course.

Note: To graduate, students must have an overall GPA and an upper-division GPA of 2.0 or better (C or better). A grade of “C minus” is equivalent to a GPA of 1.67. For more information on grades and grading policies, please visit: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/advising/info/academic-progress.aspx>

Re-Grade Policy

We do our best to grade evenly and fairly, but mistakes in grading can happen. Requests to modify points on assignments, quiz, or exams must be submitted in writing to Dr. Porrás within 1 week from when the graded assignment was made available. The request should identify the question and provide clear justification/reasoning for the requested change. The instructor will then review the request and modify the grade, as necessary. For grade challenge requests, the instructor reserves the right to regrade the entire assignment, not just the points in question. The instructor also reserves the right to turn down unreasonable or frivolous grade challenge requests. Any request for re-grading where the student has altered the assignment after it was returned to gain a grade benefit will be considered a violation of the University honor code.

Classroom Environment

Professional conduct

- Students are expected to engage with the instructor and fellow students in a courteous and professional manner. Online participation in the course is expected to be professional and on-topic.
- Peer-evaluation and feedback should be respectful and constructive.
- Any student who behaves in a disrespectful or disorderly manner may be asked to leave the classroom or online forum.

Inclusion Statement

It is my intention that students from all backgrounds and perspectives will be well served by this course and that the diversity that students bring to this class will be viewed as an asset. I welcome individuals of all ages, backgrounds, beliefs, ethnicities, genders, gender identities, gender expressions, national origins, religious affiliations, sexual orientations, socioeconomic background, family education level, ability – and other visible and nonvisible differences. All members of this class are expected to contribute to a respectful and welcoming learning environment for every other member of the class.

Lived Name / Pronoun Statement

I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in the semester so that we may make appropriate changes to our records.

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

Parents and caretakers needing accommodations should contact Dr. Porras as soon as possible. We will work together to find solutions that don't ask you to fully compromise your personal responsibilities.

Relevant University Policies

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

In-Class Recording

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A "class lecture" is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To "publish" means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report

any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a common infraction to the UF Honor Code. If you are confused as to what constitutes plagiarism, see <https://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/copyright/plagiarism>. Plagiarism on any of your assignments **will be reported to the Dean of Students as a UF Student Honor Code violation**. Also, note that **copying solutions for any assignment, regardless of the source (e.g. other students, pirated website solutions), will be treated as plagiarism**. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor in this class. Note that failure to comply with this commitment will result in disciplinary action compliant with the UF Student Honor Code Procedures

Commitment to a Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment

The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering values broad diversity within our community and is committed to individual and group empowerment, inclusion, and the elimination of discrimination. It is expected that every person in this class will treat one another with dignity and respect regardless of gender, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, and culture.

If you feel like your performance in class is being impacted by discrimination or harassment of any kind, please contact your instructor or any of the following:

- Your academic advisor or Graduate Program Coordinator
- Jennifer Nappo, Director of Human Resources, 352-392-0904, jpennacc@ufl.edu
- Curtis Taylor, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, 352-392-2177, taylor@eng.ufl.edu
- Toshikazu Nishida, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, 352-392-0943, nishida@eng.ufl.edu

Software Use

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Student Privacy

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see: <https://registrar.ufl.edu/ferpa.html>

Campus Resources

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care:

Your well-being is important to the University of Florida. The U Matter, We Care initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352-392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.

Counseling and Wellness Center: <https://counseling.ufl.edu>, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Discrimination, Harassment, Assault, or Violence

If you or a friend has been subjected to sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, or violence contact the **Office of Title IX Compliance**, located at Yon Hall Room 427, 1908 Stadium Road, (352) 273-1094, title-ix@ufl.edu

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), or <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>.

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu.
<https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>.

Career Connections Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling;
<https://career.ufl.edu>.

Library Support, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.
<https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>.

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.
<https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>.

Student Complaints Campus: <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>; <https://care.dso.ufl.edu>.

On-Line Students Complaints: <https://distance.ufl.edu/state-authorization-status/#student-complaint>.