Fluid and Energy Transfer Operations Laboratory
(Unit Operations Lab 1)
ECH 4224L

Sections: 2775 (Wednesday) and 2G31 (Thursday)
Class Periods: 2 - 5 (8:30 am – 12:35 pm)
Locations: Unit Operations Lab (CHE 100, 200, 300), and CHE 220
Academic Term: Fall 2023

Instructor:
Dr. Fernando J. Mérida Figueróa
You can call me Prof./Dr. Mérida, or Fernando if you feel comfortable. Remember that calling your instructors by their names must encompass the same level of professionalism and respect as using professional titles.

➢ e-mail: fmerida@ufl.edu
➢ Office Hours: Mondays, 9:00 – 11:00 AM (via Zoom).
  o Reservation of 15-minute slots for office hours is required. A Google Calendar will be used.
  o When booking your slot please delete the information shown in the "What" field and replace it by the following: your name & last name, section & team#, and a few words describing what you want to discuss during office hours. An example is available under the "description" field in the Google calendar.

Contacting Dr. Mérida:
• E-mail is my preferred communication platform. Please do NOT message via Canvas messages. Make sure the subject line of your message has the label "UO1 - Day - Question" ("day" refers to your day/section; you can use the first three letters of the day that corresponds to your section. You should expect a response within 48 hours (M-F) and within 72 hours (weekend). Failure to use the CODE described above might lead to an overlooked message which can take more time to be responded.
• Announcements will be periodically posted on Canvas. All students must be signed up to receive Canvas notifications during the term.

Peer Tutors:
• Please use peer tutor (or just “tutor”) for students who will assist you in experiments. Avoid calling them “TA” since this title refers to a graduate student in a different role.
• You may contact peer-tutors through the Canvas message or via e-mail (see Table 1). Modifications to the list below may be required and will be announced through Canvas if necessary.

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Additional point persons:
- Lab Engineer: Mr. Preston Towns, ptowns@che.ufl.edu (Office: CHE 118)
- Unit Ops 2 course instructor: Dr. LiLu Funkenbusch, lilu.funkenbusch@ufl.edu (Office: CHE 219)

Course Description
(2 credits) Experimental work in fundamentals of Unit Operations involving heat and momentum transfer.

Course Pre-Requisites
ECH 3101 (Process Thermodynamics), ECH 3203 (Fluid and Solid Operations), ECH 3223 (Energy Transfer Operations), ENC 3246 (Professional Communication for Engineers)

Course Co-Requisites
ECH 4714 (Chemical Process Safety)

Materials and Supply Fees: $100.24

Course Objectives
1. Reinforce classroom theory by the collection and use of data in practical experiments with all their inherent problems and limitations.
2. Gain proficiency in writing technical reports and/or oral presentations.
3. Gain experience in working in teams.
4. Create a sense of professional responsibility for the quality and integrity of engineering work.
5. Learn the importance of working under Safety guidelines thus promoting a safe environment for others.
6. Learn equipment, instrumentation, and procedures not covered in lectures
7. Learn and apply basic concepts of statistical analysis and Design of Experiments whenever is possible.

Relation to Program Outcomes (ABET):

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<td>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</td>
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<td>3. An ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>6. An ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions</td>
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<td>7. An ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies</td>
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*Coverage is given as high, medium, or low. An empty box indicates that this outcome is not covered or assessed in the course.
**Course websites**

- **Canvas website:** [http://elearning.ufl.edu/](http://elearning.ufl.edu/)

  Canvas will be used as the main repository of information and other resources for preparation of experiments, submission of reports/memos, projects, and other assignments. It will also be used for posting of grades, announcements, and general information for the class. **Please note that due to the inability of Canvas to properly weigh assignments with special points or bonus given to assignments, final grades will be computed externally by the course instructor.**

- **CATME**

  This software will be used for two purposes: a) group formation (first week of the semester), and b) team evaluations (every two weeks). Additional instructions are available in Canvas.

**Recommended Literature:**

There is no required textbook for this class. The following titles are recommended to support fundamentals and theoretical background, physical constants, empirical correlations, and other concepts:


**Course overview**

- The course consists of six experimental modules; each module lasts for two weeks. This two-week period is called **rotation**. In each rotation, students will be performing one or more experiments corresponding to a given module.

- Each course section is divided into teams of 4 students, and teams **rotate** through all six modules. A few teams might have 3 members depending on final enrollment at the end of the add/drop period. **Any student switching sections or adding to the class during the add/drop week must notify the course instructor.**

**Student teams**

Team formation will be performed via CATME’s team building algorithms according to instructor-determined criteria aiming to optimize the student team composition thus making groups more heterogenous and having similar meeting times outside the class. **Each student must complete a CATME Team Maker survey by the date indicated in the Orientation Meeting (first day of classes).** If a student cannot attend the Orientation Meeting due to justifiable reasons or the student got enrolled in the class during the add/drop period (but after the Orientation Meeting), the student must contact the course instructor as soon as possible. Completion of CATME Team Maker survey by all students must be done no later than the end of the add/drop period. **Failure to complete the survey by the end of the add/drop period will lead to students being dropped from the class.**

- Once teams are formed, each team will prepare and sign a **team contract** to define the team’s mission, overall goals, commitment, resources, boundaries, constraints, etc. Team contracts will be prepared and signed by each member of a team on the second week of classes.

- Each team member will have **rotating** roles throughout the semester (e.g., leader, recorder, analyst, planner). Tasks associated to each role and strategies to monitor role effectiveness will be discussed in class.

- Regardless of individual contributions, each team member is responsible for understanding all elements of each experiment including theory, experimental design, system configuration, experimental protocol, etc. in the different modules.
Module description

The six experimental modules may be subdivided into one or more experiments to be conducted within the two-week period (rotation). Exceptions may exist to the two-week duration due to either a tight semester schedule or for unforeseen reasons. One example is Rotation 6, which will be comprised of one week only. More information about logistics for this rotation will be posted on Canvas. Teams will complete six rotations across the six modules throughout the semester. Names and nomenclature for experimental modules are provided below. Technical details and lab manuals for each module are available via Canvas.

- **TFE**: Thin Film Evaporator
- **FLU**: Fluid Flow
- **CUR**: Flow Characterization Curves
- **FIL**: Filtration
- **HEX**: Heat Exchangers
- **BED**: Fixed and Fluidized Bed Columns

Course schedule

Schedule is summarized in Table 2 using the module nomenclature previously defined. **Modifications to the schedule may be required** depending on performance of equipment/instrumentation, class cancellation due to atmospheric phenomena, or other reasons not listed in this document. Announcements will be posted on Canvas regarding any modification of the course schedule.

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Attendance Policy & Class Expectations, Tardiness, and Make-Up Policy

- **Attendance at class activities (experiments, lectures, workshops, presentations) is mandatory, no exceptions.** Students are required to attend all activities described in table 2. In case of foreseeing an absence due to justifiable reasons (excused absences) such as job interview, health/medical issues, etc., the student must e-mail the course instructor (with copy to the peer-tutor) no later than the day before the missed class.
Excused absences must be consistent with university policies in the undergraduate catalog and require appropriate documentation. For more information click here:

https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx

- In case of unexpected situations or other emergencies that cannot be planned, the student must notify the course instructor, teammates, and peer-tutor no later than 10:00 am the day of the corresponding class. Depending on the type of unexpected situation/emergency and the appropriate documentation, the course instructor will determine whether it qualifies for excused absence or not. Failure to notify the course instructor will result in unexcused absence (see below for unexcused absences)
  - Keep in mind that the course instructor will file a UMatter WeCare report in case the student does not notify the absence by 10 am, just to make sure that the student is safe.
  - All excused absences must be made-up. This will be coordinated between the course instructor and the student. Failure to make-up the class will result on 5% reduction of the total grade obtained in the class.

- Unexcused absences: One unexcused absence will result on 5% reduction of the total grade obtained in the class. In addition, the class must be made up (this will be coordinated between the course instructor and the student)
  - Failure to make-up the class will result on an additional 5% reduction of the total grade obtained in the class.
  - A second unexcused absence will result in a failing grade in the course (D; see Evaluation of Grades)

- Tardiness: students must be on time for all activities (labs, lectures, workshops, etc.)
  - A one-time tardiness within the first 10 minutes after starting the class without appropriate notification to the course instructor and teammates will involve a “warning” and will slightly affect participation grade. In case of an uncontrollable situation or emergency, the student must notify team members and course instructor as soon as possible (see above for excused absences)
  - A second case of tardiness within the first 10 minutes after starting the class without appropriate notification will result on a 3% overall grade reduction in the course.
  - A third case of tardiness within the first 10 minutes after starting the class without appropriate notification to the course instructor and teammates will result in a failing grade in the course (D; see Evaluation of Grades)
  - Any tardiness 10 minutes after starting the class and before 10:00 AM will become an excused absence only if appropriate notification is sent to the course instructor (before 10:00 AM) and the reason for tardiness is justifiable (see “Excused Absences”). Otherwise, tardiness will become an unexcused absence (see “Unexcused Absences”).

- Make-up classes: Any missed lab (excused or unexcused) must be made-up. Dates and logistics for make-up labs will be coordinated between the student and the course instructor. Keep in mind that making-up a lab will not remove any grade deduction or penalty associated with the absence as explained above.

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies. Click here to read the university attendance policies:

https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/
Evaluation of Grades

Table 3. Grade distribution

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* Full credit is required; see Homework, due dates, format, and policies.
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Important: Grades for individual and group assignments, and other class activities as described in Table 3 will be posted on Canvas. However, the final grade will be computed outside Canvas to avoid incorrect weighing frequently observed in Canvas gradebooks.

Homework, due dates, format, and policies:
Instructions to prepare all assignments are available on Canvas. Generic dates are specified below. For specific due dates, students must check the course schedule available in the Canvas Home Page along with other supporting information provided by the course instructor. Keep in mind that the course schedule might be subject to change due to class cancellation caused by uncontrollable scenarios (e.g., hurricane/tropical storm watch). Announcements will be posted on Canvas to inform people of any change to the course schedule.

- **Assessments:** → Format: Canvas survey; individual. Unlimited attempts will be allowed until getting full credit.
  
  Two mandatory, individual assessments will be administered as Canvas “quizzes” to assess the understanding of the topics described below. Each assessment will be open for 24 hours; you will have unlimited attempts to answer all questions correctly before the survey closes. Supporting materials will be available via Canvas (even before surveys open!) for the completion of these two assessments. **Failure to complete these two assessments with full credit will automatically drop students from the class.**
  
  a) Syllabus & Safety (S&S) Due: **one day after** the Orientation Meeting (it varies depending on the section).
     
     ➢ **Opens:** 12:00 AM (e.g., midnight)
     ➢ **Closes:** 11:59 PM (e.g., right before midnight of “next day”)
  
  b) Design of Experiments, Report Preparation, and Teamwork (DRT) Due: **one day after** the DRT workshop (it varies depending on the section).
     
     ➢ **Opens:** 12:00 AM (e.g., midnight)
➢ Closes: 11:59 PM (e.g., right before midnight of “next day”)

- **Pre-Labs (PL):** ➔ Format: Typed; [PDF]; 75% individual and 25% group assignment submitted via Canvas.

  **Individual portion:** each student must respond to questions dealing with fundamentals behind the experiment, experimental procedures, and safety.

  **Group portion:** each team must work on the required information including proposed experimental designs, workflow of calculations, and other group-related aspects.

  Materials required for the preparation of PL include (but not restricted to) lab manuals and videos. Some of the contents of PLs may be subsequently discussed during experiments with peer tutors and course instructor. Students will not be allowed to start experiments if the assignment was not submitted on time.

  This assignment is due the day before a new rotation starts (until 11:59 PM). Late submissions will be accepted only if a student was not able to complete the homework on time due to an acceptable and documentable reason (see excused absences policy).

- **Preliminary calculations and analysis (PR):** ➔ Format: Excel spreadsheet; group assignment submitted via Canvas.

  Each group will submit an Excel file containing preliminary calculations, analyses, and a short description/interpretation of calculations and results from week 1 experiments. This assignment is due one day before starting week 2 of each rotation (11:59 PM) For example, if you are in a Wednesday team, you have until 11:59 on Tuesday to submit your team’s PR. Guidelines and rubrics will be available in Canvas assignments. PRs will be presented to peer tutors and/or course instructor during the lab (usually at the beginning of week 2 experiments) by means of a group discussion. Keep in mind that PR discussion will be conducted using the Excel file you submitted the day before (no further changes are allowed). Late submissions will be accepted only if a team was unable to complete the homework on time due to an acceptable reason (see excused absences policy).

- **Final Reports (FR) and Memos (MEM):** Format: Typed; [PDF and Word] and updated Excel spreadsheet; group assignment submitted via Canvas.

  Once experiments are finished on week 2 of rotations 1 - 5, each group will prepare either a final report (FR) or a technical memo (MEM) for the ongoing experimental module. All the modules of the class are designed to have results reported either as a FR or a MEM. FRs will have a minimum and maximum of 10 and 15 pages, respectively (main body of the report; 3 pages max for Appendices), and MEMs will have a minimum and maximum of 4 and 6 pages, respectively. Either FR or MEM, results must be presented in a concise yet professional and organized fashion. These assignments are due one week after finishing experiments for a given module (until 11:59 PM) For example, if you are in a Wednesday group, you have until next Wednesday at 11:59 PM to submit your team’s FR/MEM. Guidelines, key points, and evaluation rubrics for PR/MEM are available on Canvas for each module. No late submissions will be accepted unless they are consistent with the Late PR/MEM policy (see below).

  **Freebies:** throughout the semester, each group will have a maximum of two, “one-day extended deadlines” (a.k.a. “freebies”) for the submission of a FR or a MEM. For example, if you are in a Wednesday group and because of a busy week you were unable to submit your FR/MEM by 11:59 on Wednesday, you can still submit it by 11:59 on Thursday without a grade penalty. Each group is encouraged to use this late homework policy wisely. No additional late submissions will be accepted in addition to those described in this box. Keep in mind the following:

  ➢ When using your freebies, you must add a small message to briefly inform the course instructor the reasons why you are using your freebie. You can do this via “additional comments” section in Canvas.

  ➢ Freebies are not cumulative. This means that you cannot accumulate them to have a “two-day extended deadline”
• **Presentation:** → Format: oral presentation delivered in person using a PowerPoint slideshow; files to be submitted include ppt and Excel files; group assignment.

Rotation 6 will require each group to deliver an in-person oral presentation to discuss results from experiments. **FR or MEM are NOT required.** Presentations will be delivered during class time one week after finishing experiments for a given module. Each group must submit the ppt and Excel files no later than 7:30 am the day the presentation is scheduled. Specific details on presentation sections, time duration, classroom#, evaluation rubrics, etc. will be available via Canvas. Late submissions or absence of any of the team members will not be accepted (unless there is an acceptable reason consistent with the excused absences policy).

• **PerspecTech Explorations (PTEs):** → Format: External software and files submitted via Canvas; individual.

There will be three special PTEs at the beginning, middle, and end of the semester. **Proposed deadlines are 08/28, 10/09, and 11/21.** These deadlines might be subject to change. PTEs will be a complement for other assignments of the course, involving class perspectives and expectations, professional pathways, ethical dilemmas, and other topics. PTEs will require the use of collaborative web platforms such as Padlet, Flipgrid, Voicethread. Instructions will be given in the relevant Canvas assignment.

*Keep in mind the following...*

➢ Students must confirm that file submissions involve the right file. If you accidentally submitted a file that does not correspond to the relevant assignment, please email the course instructor within the day the assignment is due. If you unknowingly submitted the wrong file and the course instructor notices it one day (or more) after the assignment was due, a zero score will be assigned to the relevant assignment.

➢ Sections, contents, and guidelines for memos and reports, report preparation, presentation, and evaluation rubrics will be available in Canvas. Reports, memos, and presentation will be graded both on technical and formatting contents, including communication effectiveness (either written or verbal whenever it applies).

➢ Reports, memos, and presentations must be prepared using professional writing and appropriate formatting elements for tables, figures, diagrams, etc. This is of utmost importance both for reports/memos and presentation.

• **Participation:** students will be evaluated *individually* for participation. Participation grade is a double contribution of:

  a. Active participation in experiments. This will be evaluated by peer tutors using “*student evaluations forms*” and course instructor based on observations for each student in aspects such as initiative, preparation for experiments (theory, safety, experimental protocols), respect for others, staying on task, punctuality, and other.

  b. Completion of *peer tutor evaluations* (via Canvas) and *CATME team evaluations*’ (via [www.catme.org](http://www.catme.org)). Each student will complete these evaluations at the end of each rotation (specific deadlines will be announced/programmed in Canvas). **Participation less than 50% anytime during the semester will result in a failing course grade.**

*CATME Team Evaluations could have an impact on your grade. CATME gives out an “adjustment factor” depending on individual contributions. This factor might be applied to the grade obtained by your team. For example, if you team earns 140 points (out of 150 possible points in a FR) in a final report, but your adjustment factor is 0.95, you will earn 133 points (0.95 x 140 points). Note that, it is possible to earn an adjustment factor slightly greater than 1 or significantly less than 1.*
Grading Policy

Table 4. Grading policy

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More information on UF grading policy may be found at: [https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx](https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx)

Safety

Students are expected to know and follow safe operating procedures of devices and materials used in experiments as well as proper handling of hazardous materials. Students are required to attend an orientation & safety session at the beginning of the semester (first day of classes) and to complete an assessment of the topics covered in the Orientation & Safety Meetings and other contents of the class syllabus. In addition, quiz questions will always include safety aspects. **Failure to follow safety guidelines will result in significant grade reductions.** Examples of safety violations are listed below (this list is not exhaustive).

Table 5. Examples of safety violations

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<td>Leaving the lab without proper shutting down</td>
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<td>Exposing food or drink inside the lab*</td>
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<td>Using non-intrinsically safe/non-explosion proof electronic devices in areas restricting the use of electronics</td>
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*Food and drinks can be kept in fully closed containers/bottles, and they must remain inside backpacks. If a student needs to eat a snack or drink liquid, they will inform peer-tutors and/or course instructor and will do it outside the lab. Upon reentry to the lab, all food and drink containers/bottles must be stored inside backpacks.
**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.

**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.

Video recordings and pictures in the Unit Operations Lab (rooms 100, 200, 300) will be available upon approval by the course instructor only, and it will require the use of an intrinsically safety camera.

**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/policies/student-honor-code-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.

**Commitment to a Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment**

The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering values varied perspectives and lived experiences within our community and is committed to supporting the University’s core values, including the elimination of discrimination.
It is expected that every person in this class will treat one another with dignity and respect regardless of race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, genetic information, and veteran status.

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
- HWCOE Human Resources, 352-392-0904, student-support-hr@eng.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

Cooperation Policy
- Students are expected to work in teams on their experiments and for the preparation of reports.
- Individual assignments, such pre-labs should be completed by each student individually.
- No consultation among students is allowed during quizzes.

Sanctions for Violations of Honor Code
Since ethical behavior in science and engineering is equal in importance to specific knowledge, the instructor will assign a non-passing letter grade to students who violate academic honesty standards, regardless of the violator's grade performance in class.

Plagiarism
Students are not permitted to represent as their own work any portion of the work of another person. Plagiarism includes (but is not limited to) submitting a document or assignment which in whole or in part is identical or substantially identical to a document or assignment not authored by the student. All sources used in preparation of the reports should be cited, including the manuals provided on the Canvas webpage. Failure to do so is considered plagiarism.

Note: Self-plagiarism is also an issue and will be punished as if the student plagiarized someone else's work. You must cite any figures or information taken from other reports. This is the academic standard and is largely due to journal copyright issues when publishing papers.

Falsification of Information
Students are not permitted to use or report any invented or fabricated information or data. This includes both experimental results and theoretical calculations.

Writing Requirement
This course confers 6000 words towards the Writing Requirement (WR), which ensures students both maintain their fluency in writing and use writing as a tool to facilitate learning. While helping students meet the broad learning outcomes of content, communication, and critical thinking, the instructor will evaluate and provide feedback on students’ written assignments with respect to grammar, punctuation, clarity, coherence, and organization.
Course grades have two components. To receive Writing Requirement credit, a student must receive a grade of C or higher and a satisfactory completion of the writing component of the course.

**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](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](https://title-ix.ufl.edu), 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/](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](https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml).

**Career Connections Center**, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling: [https://career.ufl.edu](https://career.ufl.edu).

**Library Support**, [http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask](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/](https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/).

**Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall**, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. [https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/](https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/).
