



浙江大学

**MECH517**

**Human Factors Engineering**

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### Teaching Times, Modes and Locations

Course Duration: 23 Dec 2024 to 10 Jan 2025

Modes: Online/Face-to-face

Location: Anywhere via online, or Huajiachi Campus, Zhejiang University via face-to-face

### Academic Level

Undergraduate

### Credit Points:

The course is worth 6 units of credit point.

### Credit Hours

The number of credit hours of this course equals to the credits of a standard semester-long course.

### Contact Hours

The course contains a total of 53 contact hours, which consists of orientation, lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, on-site field trip(s), in-class and after-class activities, revision, self-study, and final exam. Students will receive an official transcript which is issued by Zhejiang University when completing this course.

### Enrolment Requirements

Eligibility requires enrollment in an overseas university as an undergraduate or postgraduate student, proficiency in English, and pre-approval from the student's home institution.

### Course Description:

This unit focuses on the principles of human ergonomics, industrial design, creativity, and problem-solving within a studio learning environment. Students will engage in team project work, marketing, and product development, collaborating with industry practitioners on the creative design of products for human use. The course covers the optimization of man-machine-environment systems, introducing basic concepts, theories, and methods in human factors engineering. Students will learn about the physiological and psychological characteristics of humans, their interactions with machines and environments, and the design of man-machine systems, interfaces, and workspaces. By the end of the course, students will be equipped with the skills to analyze, design, and improve man-machine systems effectively.

### Prerequisite:

Prior knowledge in fundamental accounting is required for taking this course.

### Learning Resources

- Sanders, M. S., & McCormick, E. J. Human factors in engineering and design (7th ed.). McGraw-Hill Book Company. (1993).

### Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Teamwork and Professional Interaction: Work effectively in small teams, interact professionally with industry practitioners, tutors, and classmates, and communicate within project teams.
- Project Management and Communication: Plan and manage projects and communicate engineered design solutions both orally and in written form.
- Research and Application of Engineering Knowledge: Perform research to analyze existing products, market demands, and engineering standards, and apply engineering knowledge and techniques to create technically feasible and human-suitable products.
- Creative Problem-Solving and Ergonomics: Apply creative thought processes, basic analytical engineering processes, and principles of ergonomics and industrial design to generate ideas, solve problems, and develop products for human use.

### Course Delivery:

- Online Lecture mode includes lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, online field trip(s), in-class activities,

revision, and final exam.

- Face-to-face Lecture mode includes lectures, seminars, quiz, discussion, research, case study, small tests, assignments, on-site field trip(s), in-class and after-class activities, revision, and final exam.

The following course will be taught in English. There will also be guest speakers and optional field trips available for students who would like to enhance their learning experience. All courses and other sessions will be run during weekdays.

Topics and Course Schedule:

WK	Topic	Activities
1	Orientation	
1	Introduction to Human Factors Engineering	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Human physiological factors and psychological factors	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Empathy and user requirements	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Environmental factors: Microclimate environment	Lecture; Tutorial
1	Environmental factors: Lighting environment and Color environment	Lecture; Tutorial
2	Environmental factors: Noise and vibration environment	Lecture; Tutorial
2	Seminar	
2	Environmental factors: Air environment	Lecture; Tutorial
2	Critical thinking, analysis and design evaluation	Lecture; Tutorial
2	Quiz	Closed book
2	Industrial design and design methodologies	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Ergonomics and human factors	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Human-machine system design ideas and procedures Human-machine system analysis and evaluation Human-machine system safety and accident prevention	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Testing, prototyping & validation	Lecture; Tutorial

3	Stakeholder expectations Communication & marketing	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Human Factors Issues in Smart Manufacturing Design intent and product delivery	Lecture; Tutorial
3	Revision	Tutorial
3	Final exam	Closed book

Assessments:

Class participation	15%
Quiz	15%
Assignments	20%
Final exam	50%

Grade Descriptors:

HD	High Distinction	85-100
D	Distinction	75-84
Cr	Credit	65-74
P	Pass	50-64
F	Fail	0-49

**High Distinction 85-100**

- Treatment of material evidences an advanced synthesis of ideas Demonstration of initiative, complex understanding, and analysis.
- Work is well-written and stylistically sophisticated, including appropriate referencing, clarity, and some creativity where appropriate.
- All criteria addressed to a high level.

**Distinction 75-84**

- Treatment of material evidences an advanced understanding of ideas Demonstration of initiative, complex understanding and analysis Work is well-written and stylistically strong.
- All criteria addressed strongly.

**Credit 65-74**

- Treatment of material displays a good understanding of ideas.
- Work is well-written and stylistically sound, with a minimum of syntactical errors.

- All criteria addressed clearly.

#### **Pass 50-64**

- Treatment of material indicates a satisfactory understanding of ideas Work is adequately written, with some syntactical errors.
- Most criteria addressed adequately.

#### **Fail 0-49**

- Treatment of ideas indicates an inadequate understanding of ideas Written style inappropriate to task, major problems with expression.
- Most criteria not clearly or adequately addressed.

### Academic Integrity

Students are expected to uphold the university's academic honesty principles which are an integral part of the university's core values and principles. If a student fails to observe the acceptable standards of academic honesty, they could attract penalties and even disqualification from the course in more serious circumstances. Students are responsible for knowing and observing accepted principles of research, writing and any other task which they are required to complete.

Academic dishonesty or cheating includes acts of plagiarism, misrepresentation, fabrication, failure to reference materials used properly and forgery. These may include, but are not limited to: claiming the work of others as your own, deliberately applying false and inaccurate information, copying the work of others in part or whole, allowing others in the course to copy your work in part or whole, failing to appropriately acknowledge the work of other scholars/authors through acceptable referencing standards, purchasing papers or writing papers for other students and submitting the same paper twice for the same subject.

This Academic Integrity policy applies to all students of the Zhejiang University in all programs of study, including non-graduating students. It is to reinforce the University's commitment to maintain integrity and honesty in all academic activities of the University community.

### Policy

The foundation of good academic work is honesty. Maintaining academic integrity upholds the standards of the University. The responsibility for maintaining integrity in all the activities of the academic community lies with the students as well as the faculty and the University. Everyone in this community must work together to ensure that the values of truth, trust and justice are upheld.

Academic dishonesty affects the University's reputation and devalues the degrees offered. The University will impose serious penalties on students who are found to have violated this policy. The following penalties may be imposed:

- ✓ Expulsion

- ✓ Suspension
- ✓ Zero mark /fail grade
- ✓ Marking down
- ✓ Re-doing/re-submitting of assignments or reports, and
- ✓ Verbal or written warning.