COURSE HANDBOOK

MEng Engineering Science Prelims Programme

2017-18
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FOREWORD

Statement of Coverage
This handbook applies to students starting the MEng in Engineering Science in Michaelmas Term 2017. The information in this handbook may be different for students starting in other years.

Disclaimer

The Examination Regulations relating to the MEng course in Engineering Science are available at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/. If there is a conflict between information in this handbook and the Examination Regulations, then you should follow the Examination Regulations. If you have any concerns, please contact the Faculty Office at faculty.office@eng.ox.ac.uk.

The information in this handbook is accurate as at 22nd August 2017, however it may be necessary for changes to be made in certain circumstances, as explained at www.ox.ac.uk/coursechanges. If such changes are made the department will publish a new version of this handbook together with a list of the changes and students will be informed. The up-to-date version may always be found on WebLearn.
WELCOME

Head of Department’s welcome:

The department of Engineering Science was established in 1908 and we have been involved in educating and training some of the world’s finest engineers ever since. Today, we have a world-class reputation in many aspects of engineering, working closely with companies such as Google, Rolls-Royce, Jaguar Land Rover and Dyson to name but a few.

The Professors who will be teaching you are at the forefront of developing innovations which are not only important to industry, but which will also improve people’s everyday lives, such as prosthetic limb joints, apps for smartphones, monitoring jet engines in flight, and driverless cars. Our work on the design of turbine blades for jet engines has also long been regarded as world-leading, and we have created a “Video Google” system which enables automatic searching for a particular scene in a video. You may even have used a product which an Oxford Professor has helped to develop.

I was an undergraduate in this department in the late 1970s and really enjoyed my time as a student. After graduating, I worked in industry and then came back to be a Professor in the department 27 years ago. I am absolutely convinced that the Department of Engineering Science in this University is a wonderful place in which to study and we will do everything that we can to help you develop your engineering skills during the next four years.

Prof Lionel Tarassenko, CBE FREng FMedSci

Associate Head of Department (Teaching)’s welcome:

Congratulations on coming to Oxford to study for the MEng degree in Engineering Science. As you progress through the next 3 or 4 years as an undergraduate here, you will be able to take advantage of a very wide range of openings and opportunities. During this period, there will be times when you do need to know the detailed syllabus, when to select optional courses, when to submit project work, as well as a host of other information. This information is all available to you in this handbook and in other sections of WebLearn (the Department’s web resource for course material). You are strongly advised to read the Handbook through at the start of your course so that you understand where to find the information that you will need.

The MEng course has been designed to cover the key disciplines of Engineering Science: the first and second year lay the broad foundations on which later specialisation will develop in the third and fourth years. You will discover that it is not possible to understand the engineered world without mathematics or experimental observations on how physical things behave; there is a dual emphasis on developing your skills in mathematics and attending laboratories. The course has been carefully designed to balance theory, which is covered in lectures and reinforced in tutorials in your college, with practical work completed in laboratory exercises. In the third and fourth years you will select your course options and engage in project work on a well-defined research topic; the decisions you make in your course selection will then help to define the type of engineer that you will qualify as after graduation.

In addition to the academic staff, who you will see in lectures and laboratories, there are many other people working in the department as support staff, both technical and non-technical. The Faculty Office is where the course is organised and you will receive regular communications from the Faculty Office staff about events and course-related deadlines. They should be your first point of contact with concerns about any aspect of the course, as they are very likely to have the information that you need and will be able to help you to make the most of the opportunities that lie ahead. If you are prepared to work hard, you will find your time here both rewarding and enjoyable.

Dr Stephen Payne, Associate Head (Teaching)
1. HOW TO USE THIS HANDBOOK

This handbook is a guide for you throughout your first (preliminary) year on the Engineering Science course at Oxford. It is designed to provide you with information regarding Departmental processes and procedures, the staff and facilities available to you. In addition, it will give you details around your assessment, course structure, and what to expect during your first year. It is your responsibility to read through the handbook and familiarise yourself with the course requirements and procedures. A new handbook will be issued to you for the final three years of your course – known as Final Honour School.

Your course handbook should be your first port of call for any minor queries concerning the course. For other issues or questions then please contact the Faculty Office. Course handbooks are published on WebLearn.

2. IMPORTANT SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Examination Regulations

The Examination Regulations is the authoritative document on University examinations. It is available online at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/. This website can be searched to find regulations for the Preliminary and Final Honour School examinations for the MEng degree in Engineering Science. These regulations define the format of each component of the examination process, including conditions on course progression, options and deadlines for submitting coursework. The dates of the Preliminary examinations and September resits will be published on the following website https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams/timetables.

Engineering Science WebLearn site

The most comprehensive source of information for your studies is the Engineering Science WebLearn site at weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal/hierarchy/mpls/eng. On this site you can find details of the syllabus, lecture notes, example sheets, solutions, details of student representatives, and many other useful pieces of information.

Proctors and Assessors Memorandum

A reference document entitled The University Student Handbook is produced by the Proctors and Assessor and is available online for new students at the start of Michaelmas Term. The document explains the role of the Proctors and Assessor and provides useful information about welfare, support, recreation, examinations and University regulations. It is available to download at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/proctors/info/pam/index.shtml.

Important Reference Documents

The student portal at www.ox.ac.uk/students provides a single point of access to information, services and resources for students.
Please ensure that you are familiar with the following University policies:

- Equal Opportunities Statement for Students
- Disability
- Harassment
- Safety for Students
- Proctors’ and Assessors Memorandum (The University Student Handbook)
- Computer Usage Rules and Etiquette

During the course of your studies you might also need to consult other policy documents such as those on:

- Intellectual Property Rights which is set out in the University Statues and Regulations at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes
- Data Protection at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/councilsec/dp/policy.shtml

You will also find the Extended Syllabus for the Engineering courses a useful source of information on the expected outcomes of your course. These documents are available on WebLearn in the Resources for Undergraduates section.
3. KEY CONTACTS IN THE DEPARTMENT

The Faculty Office on the 8th Floor in the Thom Building is the main location to go to hand in or collect coursework/assignments, or if you have any general queries.

Our usual opening hours are 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. Please email faculty.office@eng.ox.ac.uk or call 01865 283249 in advance if you are planning to make a special trip to the department and you will be travelling some distance to reach us, as occasionally we may need to operate reduced hours.

The Faculty Office team is headed up by a lead academic – the Associate Head (Teaching). Details of the current Faculty Office team and associated staff supporting teaching are listed below:

**Associate Head (Teaching)**  
Dr Stephen Payne, stephen.payne@eng.ox.ac.uk

**Deputy Administrator (Academic) / Disability Contact**  
Ms Jo Valentine, jo.valentine@eng.ox.ac.uk

**Undergraduate Studies Officer**  
Miss Clare Sheppard, clare.sheppard@eng.ox.ac.uk

**Exams Administrator**  
faculty.office@eng.ox.ac.uk

**Departmental Safety Officer**  
Mr Gary Douglas, gary.douglas@eng.ox.ac.uk

Details of Academic Staff are available here: [http://www.eng.ox.ac.uk/people/academic-listing](http://www.eng.ox.ac.uk/people/academic-listing)

Other useful general contact email addresses:

**Faculty Office** – for all general queries relating to course administration and teaching  
faculty.office@eng.ox.ac.uk

**Engineering Science Reception** – for general queries to the department  
reception@eng.ox.ac.uk

**Engineering Science IT Helpdesk** – for help with IT  
support@eng.ox.ac.uk  
www.eng.ox.ac.uk/intranet/it-eng

**Engineering Science Print Room** – for printing/binding of dissertations, project reports etc.  
printroom@eng.ox.ac.uk
4. DATES TO NOTE

Dates of Term 2017-18

Michaelmas Term  Sunday 8th October – Saturday 2nd December 2017
Hilary Term       Sunday 14th January – Saturday 10th March 2018
Trinity Term      Sunday 22nd April – Saturday 16th June 2018

5. FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND

5.1 Location of the Department of Engineering Science

The Department of Engineering Science is located mainly over four sites across Oxford. Maps of Oxford showing the location of these sites can be found at www.eng.ox.ac.uk/contact-us or view the interactive map at www.ox.ac.uk/visitors/maps-and-directions/searchable-map-large.

Main site – central Oxford

Most of the department’s buildings are on the ‘Keble Road Triangle’ between Banbury Road, Parks Road and Keble Road.

Most undergraduate teaching takes place in the Thom Building, the main entrance of which is at ground level on Banbury Road, up steps or via the wheelchair accessible ramp.

Unfortunately, there are no car parking facilities for students outside buildings on the Keble Road triangle. There are however some pay and display spaces on Keble Road but waiting time is limited.

5.2 Opening Hours

Thom Building
The main door to the Thom Building and the Thom Building reception desk is open on weekdays between 07:45 hours and 18:00 hours all year around.

Holder Building
During weeks 1-8 of term the main doors to the Holder Building on the first floor are unlocked from 08:30 and are locked at 16:45. They are permanently on swipe-card access during vacations. Detailed rules governing access to the department are included in Appendix C.

5.3 Floor guide to the Thom Building

A list of what is located on which floor in the Thom Building is below. You will also find this list by the lifts on each floor in the Thom Building, and another copy inside each lift.
Floor | Facilities
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8 | Lecture Rooms 4, 5 and 6; Study area; Faculty Office
7 | Staff offices – HR, Accounts, Head of Finance and Administration, Head of Department
6 | Computing Labs – Software Labs A and B; IT Helpdesk
5 | Laboratories for Electronics, Control, Electrical Machines and Dynamics; Electronics Workshop
4 | Design, Build & Test Lab; Staff/Student Workshop; Ocean Engineering
3 | Materials Lab; Chemical Engineering Lab; Fluids Lab; Thermofluids Lab
2 | Staff offices
1 | Lecture Rooms 1, 2 and 3; Access to Holder Building
G | Main Entrance/Exit; Reception; General Office; Print Room; Stores; Workshop
B | Maintenance Workshop
BB | Heat Treatment Lab; Heat Engines Lab

5.4 Thom Building 8th Floor Study Area

The open study area is on the eighth floor of the Thom Building. There are ten individual study carrels in addition to group study areas. Books are available for loan from the Radcliffe Science Library and may also be available from college libraries.

The Oxford Wireless LAN (OWL) is available on the eighth floor. Laptops require the Cisco VPN client software to connect - information about VPN (virtual private networks) can be found at [www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/network/vpn](http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/network/vpn). Students are welcome to use their laptops in the open study area but are asked to sit close to a plug socket if their laptop needs to be connected to a power source. Trailing electrical leads may cause a trip hazard in open study areas. Alternatively, students may use the individual study carrels as all have a power socket.

Students are asked to vacate the eighth floor study area promptly at 19:00 hours. Please note that you will not be able to gain access to the Thom Building after 18:00 hours. If you leave the building after 18:00 hours you will not be able to gain access again. Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.

5.5 Other engineering science locations

Just to the north of the Thom Building is the Holder Building which houses the Holder Café where you can purchase food and drinks. Beyond that, you will find the Engineering and Technology (E & T) Building in which the Design Office is located. Both the Holder and E & T Buildings are shared with the Department of Materials.

The Information Engineering Building is located on the Banbury Road alongside these buildings and includes lecture rooms 7 and 8 on the ground floor. At the northern tip of the Triangle is the Jenkin Building which housed the whole Engineering Science department from 1914 until 1963, and now contains staff offices and several research laboratories.

Southwell Laboratory
The Thermofluids Research Laboratory in the Southwell Building is situated at Osney Mead not far from the Rail Station. The new laboratory was opened by the Vice Chancellor in 2010 as part of the University’s strategic investment in the UK’s science base. The laboratory houses some of the most sophisticated turbine and high speed flow facilities in the world, and the research group includes internationally recognised experts in computational fluid dynamics (CFD), flow and heat transfer experiments. The laboratory is home to the Rolls-Royce University Technology Centre in Heat Transfer and Aerodynamics and is where we work with colleagues in industry to develop more fuel efficient jet engines.

Institute of Biomedical Engineering
The department’s Institute of Biomedical Engineering (www.ibme.ox.ac.uk) is located on the Churchill Hospital campus next to Oxford’s major clinical teaching hospitals. It offers a centralised venue for engineers and clinicians to work together to coordinate expertise, discoveries and best practice to enhance the diagnosis and treatment of a range of conditions. The Institute provides purpose built research laboratories, shared common support facilities, a core of securely funded staff, the latest equipment for research and development and the right setting to promote collaboration among medical, biological and physical scientists and engineers.

Begbroke Science Park
The Begbroke Science Park is a fully integrated research and development facility, located north of the city. It hosts over 20 research groups from a range of departments in the Mathematics, Physical and Life Sciences Division of Oxford University – including Engineering Science.

5.6 Radcliffe Science Library

The Radcliffe Science Library (RSL) http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/science is the main science research library at the university. The library holds copies of all of your reading list items, and most of your engineering library research will be done using this library’s resources. The library is located less than 5 minutes away from the Engineering Science department, at the corner of Parks Road and South Parks Road.

Questions?
The subject librarian responsible for Engineering Science is Alessandra Vetrugno alessandra.vetrugno@bodleian.ox.ac.uk, and she is based at the RSL. Please contact her for assistance if you have any questions, such as:

- How do I use the library catalogue to find books and journals?
- How do I request items from the closed stack?
- What tips and tricks can I use to improve my searches?
- Where can I find a group study room?
- How do I get started using article databases?
- How can I quickly and easily create bibliographies?
- What libraries can I use?
6. GENERAL INFORMATION

6.1 Communications

The Faculty Office uses email as the main means of communication with undergraduates. It is expected that you will check your college email account on a daily basis at the very least. While last minute timetable changes are not frequent, get into the habit of checking your email before you set off for the department. You could save yourself a wasted journey.

Department and course information is available online:

Members of staff may be contacted by e-mail, phone or in person – details are available at www.eng.ox.ac.uk/people.

Digital display screens along with noticeboards on the ground floor and first floor of the Thom Building carry timetable information and other important announcements. It is essential to check these regularly. The examinations notice board is located on the eighth floor of Thom Building.

6.2 Student Opportunities

Details of visits from companies to the department, opportunities for further study, announcements by engineering related student societies etc., are posted online for students to view. There is also a website listing internship opportunities from companies that have made direct contact with the department, for further details see the General information section of WebLearn.

If you represent a society or organisation which you feel would be of interest or benefit to engineering students, email the text you would like to be included to faculty.office@eng.ox.ac.uk and we may
publish it accordingly. We reserve the right to refuse to include material if it is deemed inappropriate for the audience. The Editors’ decision is final.

The Careers Service is also an invaluable resource, right from your first year. Visit [www.careers.ox.ac.uk](http://www.careers.ox.ac.uk) to find out more about how the Careers Service are able to assist you in improving your employability skills. The Careers Service also have a job search database called CareerConnect for internships, placements and graduate opportunities.

### 6.3 Room Booking

Rooms for group study are available for booking through Reception on the ground floor of the Thom Building. If you wish to book a room, please contact Reception on 01865 273000 or [reception@eng.ox.ac.uk](mailto:reception@eng.ox.ac.uk). While we will make every effort not to amend your booking, we ask that you remain cooperative should a more urgent need for the room you have booked arise.

### 6.4 Computing facilities in the Department

The Software Laboratory on the sixth floor of the Thom Building houses workstations running Linux and MS Windows operating systems. These provide a wide variety of software and Computer Aided Engineering packages.

Each undergraduate is given an account which is used for the first-year Computing Laboratory, various Coursework Modules and projects. Undergraduates can also use them to access e-mail and the internet which they may use, outside timetabled laboratory hours, for academic purposes.

A design suite is located on the ground floor of the Engineering and Technology Building. The majority of the PCs are used for timetabled laboratories, but four are made available for project work.

All these computing facilities are supported by the Engineering IT Services section [www.eng.ox.ac.uk/intranet/it-eng](http://www.eng.ox.ac.uk/intranet/it-eng). Notes are issued to all new users, who will also be asked to sign an undertaking to abide by the University Rules for the use of computers. You must ensure that you read and understand the Oxford University Computer Usage Rules and Etiquette at [www.ict.ox.ac.uk/oxford/rules](http://www.ict.ox.ac.uk/oxford/rules).

### 6.5 Undergraduate liaison & feedback to Department

Undergraduate opinion on lectures, examples sheets, and laboratory experiments, as well as on the general quality of life in the department, can be very helpful and is valued by staff. Comment is particularly helpful if you provide it as soon as possible after the event, and is most likely to be effective if presented politely.

There are several mechanisms for liaison between undergraduates and staff:

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<th>Undergraduates may approach academic staff directly with feedback. Constructive criticism will always be welcome.</th>
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Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) | The JCC provides discussion between undergraduate students and staff on administrative and academic matters. Undergraduates elect their own representatives to serve on this committee. Other meetings, which include staff members, are held once a term. This body has an important function in collecting and communicating opinion in an organised way. JCC representatives also serve on relevant Department and University committees.

Divisional Board | Student representatives sitting on the Divisional Board are selected through a process organised by the Oxford University Student Union (OUSU). Details can be found on the OUSU website along with information about student representation at the University level.

Engineering Science Confidential Reporting System (CRS) | This system will help highlight hazardous and dangerous situations, understand what causes these and pinpoint unsafe practices. Further information is available at [http://www.eng.ox.ac.uk/intranet/general/engineering-science-crs](http://www.eng.ox.ac.uk/intranet/general/engineering-science-crs).

Engineering Science Faculty | The Faculty also collects feedback on a termly basis.

Student Barometer | Students on full-time and part-time matriculated courses are surveyed once a year on all aspects of the course (learning, living, pastoral care, and college) on this system. Previous results can be accessed by students, staff and the general public at [https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/life/student-engagement](https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/life/student-engagement).

National Student Survey (NSS) | Final year undergraduate students are surveyed through the National Student Survey (NSS). Results from previous NSS surveys may be found at [www.unistats.com](http://www.unistats.com).

6.6 Food etc.

The Common Room in the Holder Building is managed by Baxter Storey and is open between 08:00 hours and 15:30 hours each day. Items available to purchase include hot and cold drinks and food. Food and drink must not be taken into lecture rooms, computer rooms, or the student study area on the eighth floor.

6.7 Student Societies

The Oxford University Engineering Society

The Oxford University Engineering Society ([www.ouengsoc.org](http://www.ouengsoc.org) and [https://www.facebook.com/OUEngSoc/](https://www.facebook.com/OUEngSoc/)) exists to promote a wider interest in Engineering than is
possible through the academic courses. A regular programme of meetings and visits is run by an undergraduate committee with the support of a senior member from the staff of the department. You are warmly invited to participate.

**Women in Engineering**

A women’s networking group has been established in the department with the intention of organising talks, social events and other networking activities (for all members of the department). Membership of this organising group consists of Postdoctoral Research Assistants, Postgraduate students, Undergraduate students and an academic member of staff.

If you are interested in joining the networking group, please email engs-wie@maillist.ox.ac.uk. Organising meetings are usually held termly over lunch.

**Oxford Engineering Alumni (OEA)**

This looks ahead to after you graduate from Oxford, but may be of interest to you now. As a current student you automatically become an associate member of this society, and you will become a full member when you graduate. OEA is a society for former students who have graduated from the department, and for present and former members of the teaching and research staff. Its purpose is to help former Oxford Engineering students and staff keep in touch with each other and with the department, for their mutual benefit, when they move on to other things after leaving the university. More information is given on the alumni page of the department’s website at [www.eng.ox.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.eng.ox.ac.uk/alumni).

**6.8 Other Useful Websites**

Engineering Science website
[http://www.eng.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.eng.ox.ac.uk/)

WebLearn
[https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal](https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal)

Oxford University information for students
[https://www.ox.ac.uk/students](https://www.ox.ac.uk/students)

Engineering Exam Papers Online
[https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal/hierarchy/mpls/eng/ug/exams](https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal/hierarchy/mpls/eng/ug/exams)

Electronic resources available through the University libraries
[http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/science/resources](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/science/resources)
7. THE COURSE

7.1 Overview

All engineering teaching is based on a general course in Engineering Science. We offer this unified course because we believe that future engineering innovation will benefit from broad foundations as well as specialised knowledge. Links between topics in apparently diverse fields of engineering provide well-structured fundamental understanding, and can be exploited to give efficient teaching.

The Engineering Science course is planned by the Faculty of Engineering Science, which consists mainly of the department’s academic staff.

The information in this handbook covers the first year of the four year undergraduate MEng in Engineering Science. The entire MEng course is taught to Level 6 of the Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) guidelines. The course is taught and developed within the subject benchmark statement\(^1\) guidelines issued by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), the independent governing body for monitoring and advising on standards and quality in UK higher education.

7.2 Accreditation by the Engineering Institutions

Many Oxford engineering graduates will want to become corporate members of a Professional Engineering Institution and seek Chartered Engineer status. Satisfactory completion of an accredited university course is the first step towards full membership of one of the main Engineering Institutions. University courses are considered for accreditation by each major institution separately, and this approval is reviewed regularly. Following the Oxford review in 2016, the Institutions accrediting the MEng course for 2017 entry are as follows:

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<td>Mechanical</td>
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<td>Measurement &amp; Control</td>
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<td>Chemical</td>
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In some cases, appropriate options are required for accreditation; details are available on WebLearn.

For further information, you should ask the institution concerned, the Deputy Administrator (Academic), or one of the department’s liaison officers as follows:

- Institution of Civil Engineers: Prof M. Chatzis
- Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET): Dr E. O’Hara
- Institution of Mechanical Engineers: Prof D.R.H. Gillespie
- Institution of Chemical Engineers: Prof N.P. Hankins
- Institution of Measurement and Control (InstMC): Prof S.R. Duncan

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7.3 Course Aims

- To provide students with a **systematic understanding of the knowledge-base of Engineering Science**: the ability to analyse complex issues both systematically and creatively, make sound judgements in the absence of complete data and communicate their conclusions clearly; the ability to be self-directed and innovative in tackling and solving problems; the independent learning ability required for continuing professional development.

- To provide a **broad curriculum** which provides state-of-the-art knowledge and practical skills in Engineering.

- To provide a **learning environment** that enables students of high innate ability to reach their full potential, personally and academically, so that on graduation they are free to choose from many different careers, and have the understanding, knowledge and personal maturity to make a rapid contribution to their chosen employment or research area.

- To provide a **course which meets the educational requirements** of all the appropriate Professional Engineering Institutions for Chartered Engineer status.

7.4 Learning Outcomes

To meet the conditions of accreditation by the Professional Engineering Institutions a degree course must have learning outcomes that satisfy established criteria across six key areas of learning. The following section is a statement on how the Engineering Science programme delivers these outcomes at the integrated Masters (MEng) level.

**Science and mathematics**

The application of advanced mathematical methods to a comprehensive range of tutorial problems, underpinning the engineering principles and tools required in their solution. The scientific practice and application of mathematics in a substantial group project (3YP) and higher level individual project (4YP).

**Engineering analysis**

The application of engineering concepts to solve set problems in tutorial work. The collection, analysis and application of data through laboratory based coursework (practicals), group project (3YP) and an individual research project (4YP).

**Design**

Lecture courses that cover the general principles of design, product development, materials and processing. The 3YP is a substantial group design project centred on a viable product; planning the design process, evaluating the business and wider engineering context. The individual research project requires the student to engage in a series of creative design processes, build and evaluations.
Economic, legal, social ethical and environmental context
A lecture course on ‘Engineering in Society’ and associated coursework and examination; includes professional and ethical responsibilities, environment, safety, management and business practices.

Engineering practice
Laboratory work in general and particular engineering disciplines, covering a range of techniques and practice. A lecture course in the first year on Engineering in Practice provides insight into the challenges faced by professional engineers. The 3YP group design project requires understanding of the different roles in the engineering team. The individual project is a substantial research project, assessed by report and interview.

Additional general skills
Creativity and innovation through tutorial work and coursework modules. The group project is the setting for developing teamwork, communication and presentational skills. Foundations for lifelong learning through opportunities such as societies, seminars and broader engagement.

These are covered by the following methods:

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<td>Engineering analysis</td>
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Accreditation: Principles of sustainability
The MEng degree in Engineering Science is accredited by the Professional Engineering Institutions; the first step towards full membership of one of the intuitions and Engineering Chartership. The course has been designed to achieve certain thresholds of knowledge and standards of learning across key areas that satisfy the criteria set out by the accrediting institutions; including acquiring the knowledge and ability to handle broader implications of work as a professional engineer. It is especially important that the principles of sustainability (environmental, social and economic) are embedded in the teaching and learning throughout the course in lectures, tutorials, laboratories and project work.
7.5 Course Structure

The table below gives the title of the compulsory components of the Preliminary Year of the MEng Engineering Science course:

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<tr>
<th>YEAR</th>
<th>PART</th>
<th>ELEMENT</th>
<th>WRITTEN PAPER (WP) OR COURSEWORK (C)</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>PRELIMS</td>
<td>P1 Mathematics</td>
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<td>P2 Electronic and Information Engineering</td>
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<td>P3 Structures and Mechanics</td>
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<td>P4 Energy</td>
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<td>P5 Engineering Coursework</td>
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Details of how this course is assessed in the preliminary year is outlined later on in this handbook.

7.6 Course Syllabus

More detailed information on the syllabus is available on WebLearn, the University’s Virtual Learning Environment [weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal/hierarchy/mpls/eng/ug](http://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal/hierarchy/mpls/eng/ug).

Syllabi may be revised annually on approval by the Engineering Faculty, and where appropriate, after scrutiny by the University, for example to safeguard the interests of those who have already started a course. If you have any problems accessing the material that you need on WebLearn email [faculty.office@eng.ox.ac.uk](mailto:faculty.office@eng.ox.ac.uk).

7.7 Looking Ahead to the Second Year

The course structure of the second year of the MEng Engineering Science does not hugely differ from the Preliminary year – there is a coursework paper and then four examination papers. However, it is crucial that you remain on top of your workload during the second year – this is the first set of assessments that count towards your final degree, so do not lose focus after your prelims. If you find that you are struggling, please do not hesitate to speak to your college tutor and the department, or one of the pastoral care services available to you e.g. Student Advice Service.
8. TEACHING AND LEARNING

8.1 Overview

Engineering Science at Oxford is taught by various mechanisms: lectures, tutorials, classes, laboratory coursework and projects. The course is planned so that these mechanisms support each other; none is optional.

Lectures are subject to one set of timetabling constraints, tutorials to another and laboratories to another. Tutors will schedule tutorial work after all four lectures corresponding to the tutorial problems have been given. Due to a limit on the number of students able to attend each session, laboratory experiments will very often be scheduled before the corresponding lectures and tutorials have taken place. Consequently, laboratory instructions will include extra information and preparatory work to be completed and understood before you attend the session. Failure to do this will almost certainly end up with you taking longer to complete the planned exercises and might result in a poor assessment grade.

As you progress through the course, tutorials will be replaced by intercollegiate classes which are run in the department. The pattern remains as one example sheet for every four lectures, but the material will be taught by specialists in the field.

When planning your study in relation to the lecture courses and examples sheets, remember that they are the lecturer’s personal, and inevitably abbreviated exposition of a subject, and cannot be expected to tell you everything about it. Attending lectures and working through tutorial problems provide a base from which your own understanding can be developed; they are the beginning of your study, not the end.

Many lecturers hand out notes to accompany their lectures and these will also be available electronically on WebLearn along with reading lists. These are no substitute for your own notes, written as you yourself master the material. This mastery requires more time: you will need to study from text-books as well as the lecture notes.

Students who have declared a disability are encouraged to discuss their specific needs with the Department Disability Contact (Deputy Administrator (Academic)).

8.2 Timetable

The timetable for each term is released in 0th week and is published on the display screens on the ground floor reception area of the Thom Building. It is also on WebLearn at weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal/hierarchy/mpls/eng/ug.

If you have any issues with teaching or laboratory supervision, please raise these as soon as possible so that they can be addressed promptly. Details of who to contact are provided in section 10.2 Complaints and Appeals.
8.3 The First Year & Preliminary Examinations – Teaching Methods

Work is mostly arranged around the syllabus for four written papers of the Preliminary Examination, held in June – the table below indicates the teaching methods for these papers. There is a fifth ‘paper’, P5, consisting of assessment of coursework during the year which is considered as equivalent to half of a three hour written paper. The table below indicates how many hours are required for each laboratory in 2017-2018:

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<th>Paper</th>
<th>Term</th>
<th>Faculty Teaching</th>
<th>College Tutorials</th>
<th>Comments</th>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Lectures</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>P1 Mathematics</td>
<td>MT</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>There are 36 lectures for each paper, supported by one examples sheet of tutorial problems for every four (or thereabouts) lectures.</td>
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<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>P2 Electronic and Information Engineering</td>
<td>MT</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>HT</td>
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<td>P3 Structures and Mechanics</td>
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<td>P4 Energy</td>
<td>MT</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>P5 Practical Work</td>
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<td>10 hours across the year</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Workshop Practice</td>
<td>2 hours across the year</td>
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<td>Computing Laboratory</td>
<td>25 hours across the year</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Mechanical Laboratory</td>
<td>25 hours across the year</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Electrical Laboratory</td>
<td>25 hours across the year</td>
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<td>Thermodynamics Laboratory</td>
<td>5 hours across the year</td>
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For the Preliminary Examination, the possible outcomes are Pass, Pass with Distinction, pass in less than five papers, or Fail. Those who fail some of the written papers may, if their College permits, retake them in September. Candidates must offer all subjects at one examination provided that: (i) a candidate who fails in one or two written papers may retake those written subjects at one subsequent examination; (ii) a candidate who fails three or four written papers must retake all four written subjects at one subsequent examination. The coursework paper P5 may not be retaken, so failure in it will normally constitute failure of the examination.
8.4 Access to worked solutions

Copies of all the tutorial problem sheets are distributed to colleges for circulation at the start of each term; they are also available online via WebLearn, in the section corresponding to your entry year (Cohort 2017). PDF copies of the example sheet solutions are released on WebLearn by the end of week two of the following term in which the corresponding tutorials are scheduled. There are solutions available for the Preliminary examination papers, but only solutions to odd years (such as 2015) papers are made available via WebLearn.

9. ASSESSMENT

9.1 Overview

To successfully pass the MEng in Engineering Science, you must pass four sets of University Examinations: Preliminary Examinations (Prelims) at the end of your first year, and three further sets of examinations of the Final Honour School (Finals or FHS) at the end of each subsequent year. These are public examinations and differ from collections you may sit periodically in college to help you and your tutors to assess your progress.

The following table summarises the examinable elements of the first year course:

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<tr>
<th>YEAR</th>
<th>PART</th>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Written Duration</th>
<th>Exam Units (EU)</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>PRELIMS</td>
<td>P1 Mathematics</td>
<td>3 hours</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td></td>
<td>P2 Electronic &amp; Information</td>
<td>3 hours</td>
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<td>Engineering</td>
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<td>P3 Structures, Materials &amp; Dynamics</td>
<td>3 hours</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td></td>
<td>P4 Energy Systems</td>
<td>3 hours</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>P5 Engineering Practical Work</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>0.5</td>
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Total Number of Examination Units – PRELIMS: 4.5

Examiners are appointed from among the teaching staff, but are considered formally independent; they set examination papers that reflect the content of the lecture courses and their accompanying tutorial example sheets. Past examination papers and reports on the process are available on WebLearn at https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal/hierarchy/mpls/eng/ug/exams.

Results of examinations are published via the student self-service pages.

Information about examining conventions for engineering papers is given below in section 9.5.

9.2 Preparation for Examinations

Prior to sitting your examinations you must formally enter for them. After you have enrolled with the University, you will be sent an email inviting you to enter for your examinations – please follow the directions stated in this email, and complete registration by the date it provides. If you enter for your examinations late, then you will be charged a fee.
Your personal examination timetable will be sent to you at least two weeks before your first examination. Further information is available here: [https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams/timetables](https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams/timetables)

All members of the University are required to wear academic dress with *subfusc* clothing when attending any university examination, i.e. dark suit with dark socks, or a dark skirt with black stockings or trousers with dark socks and an optional dark coat, black shoes, plain white collared shirt, a black tie or white bow tie.

There is a useful guide about examinations here (both specifically in relation to entering and more generally): [www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams).

### 9.3 Examination Regulations

The examination regulations are published online at [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs).

### 9.4 Sitting your Examination

Information on (a) the standards of conduct expected in examinations and (b) what to do if you would like examiners to be aware of any factors that may have affected your performance before or during an examination (such as illness, accident or bereavement) are available on the Oxford Students website: [www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams/guidance](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams/guidance).

### 9.5 Examination Conventions

The formal procedures determining the conduct of examinations are established and enforced by the University Proctors. Undergraduates should read the section on examinations in the ‘Proctors’ and Assessor's Memorandum’, see [https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/proctors/info/pam/](https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/proctors/info/pam/). The formal syllabus requirements are set out in ‘Examination Regulations’ available online, see [https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/](https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/)

It must be stressed that to preserve the independence of the Examiners, candidates are not allowed to make contact directly about matters relating to the content or marking of papers.

Any communication must be via the Senior Tutor of your college, who will, if he or she deems the matter of importance, contact the Proctors. The Proctors in turn communicate with the Chair of the Preliminary Examiners.

The specific examination conventions for Engineering Science are approved on an annual basis and examination conventions for 2018 will be made available to candidates on WebLearn as soon as they have been approved. This is normally no later than one whole term prior to the examination.

### 9.6 Calculators in Engineering Examinations

In 2017, for all papers in the Preliminary Examination in Engineering Science, candidates will be permitted to take into the examination room one calculator of the types listed below:
CASIO $fx$-83 series
e.g. Current model is the Casio FX 83GTPLUS

CASIO $fx$-85 series
e.g. Current model is the Casio FX85GTPLUS

SHARP EL-531 series
e.g. Current model is the Sharp EL-531WB

Please note:

- The restriction on the use of calculators applies to examinations only. For all laboratory, project and tutorial work, you are free to use any calculator.
- You are encouraged to buy one of the permitted calculators early.
- The permitted list will be updated annually as new models are introduced or old models are discontinued. It is hoped that models can be retained on the list long enough that you need only buy one such calculator during the course.

9.7 Plagiarism

If you find yourself under pressure as the deadline approaches for submission of coursework (laboratory write-ups, engineering and society assignments, project reports), you might be tempted to cheat by copying from a book, a published article, or even the work of one of your friends. This is not clever, nor is it harmless. It is a serious offence called plagiarism.

In The University Student Handbook, there are clear guidelines issued regarding the issue of plagiarism in section 8.8. It states that:

“All students must carefully read regulations 3, 4 and 5 in the Proctors’ Disciplinary Regulations for University Examinations, which make clear that:

- you must always indicate to the examiners when you have drawn on the work of others, using quotation marks and references in accordance with the conventions of your subject area
- other people’s original ideas and methods should be clearly distinguished from your own
- the use of other people’s words, illustrations, diagrams etc should be clearly indicated regardless of whether they are copied exactly, paraphrased or adapted
- material you have previously submitted for examination, at this University or elsewhere, cannot be re-used unless specifically permitted in the special Subject Regulations.

Failure to acknowledge your sources by clear citation and referencing constitutes plagiarism. The University’s description of plagiarism should be read carefully. That description includes a link to the University’s online course about understanding what plagiarism is, and how to avoid it. You are strongly advised to complete the online course.

In recent years, the examiners have uncovered several instances of plagiarism in relation to engineering coursework. All cases were referred to the Proctors who imposed heavy penalties on the offenders.
9.8 Referencing Guide

In order to avoid plagiarism, it is critical that you reference all citations and opinions of others. The Department of Engineering Science recommends that all referencing for assignments is done using the Scientific Style and Format system; but as long as you are using a recognised referencing and citation system and it is used consistently you will not be penalised.

A quick guide to the Scientific Style and Format system is available here: http://www.scientificstyleandformat.org/Tools/SSF-Citation-Quick-Guide.html. If you are still unsure, then please speak to staff in the Radcliffe Science Library for a consultation or formal referencing guide, or to your tutor for advice.

For information about good academic practice and how to avoid plagiarism, please refer to the University’s website at: www.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxford/field/field_document/Academic%20good%20practice%20a%20practical%20guide.pdf (October 2015)

9.9 Prizes

Each year, the department awards prizes to students for excellent performance in examinations or assessments. Many of these prizes are sponsored by external donors or by engineering institutions. A full list of the prize-winning students is published annually at www.eng.ox.ac.uk/study-here/prizes-and-awards.

For a central list of other prizes and awards, go to www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/prizes-and-awards.
10. PRACTICAL COURSEWORK

10.1 Introduction

Practical coursework is an essential element in the education of every professional engineer. As well as illustrating ideas and topics from lectures and tutorials, it has a special place in our training.

A basic function of practical work is to gain experience and understanding of using a piece of equipment to perform a task or make a measurement. You will see that theoretical principles are not merely intellectual ideas, but are there for practical use. Another function, realised in recording and presenting the results of experiments, is training in the skill of technical communication; this skill is essential in the real world of engineering where people work together on large enterprises.

Project and design work have a special function in training engineers to make things function. Projects can promote the development of a fundamental engineering attitude which cannot be conveyed in any other way. This is the awareness that engineers are concerned with, not merely with obtaining correct answers to calculations but with taking creative and responsible decisions based upon all available knowledge.

The special importance of practical work is reflected in the accreditation requirements of the Professional Engineering Institutions. They specify what practical work a course must include if it is to be accredited. In order to meet these requirements, satisfactory performance in the laboratory is an essential part of the Oxford course.

Three types of coursework are integral to our course: basic laboratory exercises, coursework modules, and projects. Credit will be given for the quality of work undertaken in laboratory exercises as well as for projects.

During the first year, students will attend eighteen 5-hour laboratory sessions and one 2-hour Workshop Practice session.

10.2 Safety

There are always risks associated with the operation of equipment. Undergraduates are not permitted to work in laboratories or workshops unsupervised.

A risk assessment is completed for each laboratory experiment, and will be included with the associated paperwork and will also be displayed in the laboratory in which the experiment is being undertaken. You should read the risk assessment before the laboratory and identify the hazards before starting an experiment. The ‘Introduction to Laboratory Work’ lectures at the beginning of Michaelmas Term of the first year will include information on safety. If you come late to a laboratory and miss an essential safety briefing, or if you disobey safety rules, you may be refused access to equipment.

The guidance notes for undergraduates on health and safety are contained in Appendix A.
Guidance notes for what to do in the event of an attack by an armed person are in Appendix D.

10.3 Log-books

You should keep a personal, bound log-book as a consecutive, dated and complete record of all laboratory work irrespective of topic. This book must be in use and available for inspection during every attendance in every laboratory. It constitutes an important proof that everything you wrote at the time is still there. Loose-leaf notes are not acceptable. Recommended for this purpose is the Chartwell A4 641 K Student Laboratory Book; these are purchased in bulk by the department, and sold at a discounted price. The current selling price for the 2017/18 academic year is £6.00 per log-book.

The main way to purchase log-books is through the University’s online store at www.oxforduniversitystores.co.uk/browse/product.asp?compid=1&modid=1&catid=288. A maximum of three log-books may be ordered in each transaction and payment is by card only. Once your order has been placed, your log-book will be ready for collection from the Faculty Office after two working days. Log-books are not posted out to students’ addresses. Due to the heavily discounted price, and to ensure that log-books are being provided to University of Oxford engineering students only, you must show your University card as proof of identity on collection. If you forget your log-book, the Faculty Office has a small emergency stock of log-books. We are unfortunately unable to take card payments in the Faculty Office, and please make sure you have the exact money available as we do not have a large amount of change.

Do not be reluctant to enter calculations and results directly into a log-book because you fear you will make a mess. Alterations or deletions will not be criticised, and tidy habits can be expected to develop with experience. What is important is that your log should be written on the spot as your permanent, personal dated diary of everything you have done, every measurement that you have made and every decision you have taken in the course of each successive exercise. Record it in such a way that if you referred to it again a year later you would be able to make sense of what you wrote. Where a pro-forma is issued for your observations, it may be pasted into your log-book.

Data are often recorded as tables of numbers for use in subsequent calculations. It helps if you plan these calculations and tables in advance. The log-books include graph pages and whenever possible you should plot a rough graph as the data values are recorded. Although this seems tedious, it actually reduces work because, watching your graph grow, you will not waste time taking unnecessary readings. Also, you will spot gaps or inconsistent data before it is too late to repeat a measurement or add another. In many cases, you can complete much of the data-processing as the experiment proceeds, which immediately gives a clear impression of the results.

Writing reports is quite different from keeping records in your log-book. For some experiments, you will not write a report at all, but will merely complete a pro-forma or be asked to show your log-book and answer some questions. On other occasions, a report will be required. If your log-book record is adequate, you will have ready all the information needed to write up any previous experiment at any time.

Some suggestions about writing reports on laboratory exercises are included in section 9.7.
10.4 Timetabling and attendance

Laboratory classes are announced in the Lecture List, which is published each term. Detailed timetables are published on WebLearn and the Department’s website (follow the link ‘intranet’ on the department’s home page at www.eng.ox.ac.uk then ‘Information for Undergraduates’ and finally ‘Timetables’).

Usually the timetables provide for working in pairs, and a specific day and time will be allocated to each pair, for each experiment. You are responsible for finding out in advance the times of your experiments and for attending at those times, even if it happens to be on the first Monday of term. Apparatus is usually fully used and it may be impossible to reschedule an experiment that has been missed. If you are ill, it is important to inform the laboratory organiser as soon as possible, and try to exchange times with another group. However, if this is not possible and you are unable to complete a laboratory through illness you should obtain medical evidence as soon as possible - usually from your doctor or college nurse – where it states which laboratory sessions were affected. Notification of such matters to the Examiners must be undertaken by the Senior Tutor of your college and is channelled through the Proctors’ Office.

10.5 Record forms and instruction sheets

You will be given a form for each laboratory, to record completion and assessment of the exercises. It is your responsibility to obtain the necessary staff signatures for work accepted, and to keep these record forms safely so that there can be no doubt as to whether you have completed any exercise. You will be given the opportunity to check your practical record, as held by the Faculty Office, in the Trinity Term of years one, two and three, prior to the presentation of this information to the Examiners. In the event of a query regarding the completion of a laboratory, the record will only be amended in the light of supporting evidence, normally the signing-off sheet.

Instruction sheets are issued for each experiment. To ensure full benefit from each exercise, you should obtain this sheet in time for any necessary background study before your scheduled experiment. Failure to do this can result in confusion, frustration, and waste of irreplaceable scheduled time in the laboratory. Where preparatory work is specifically required in an instruction sheet, you will not be allowed to start the experiment until this preparation is completed satisfactorily.

10.6 Assessment of practical coursework

Formal regulations for laboratory work are set out without detail in the ‘Examination Regulations’. Within this framework, the Faculty of Engineering Science has to specify detailed requirements for each part of the course.

All engineering laboratory work (including Coursework Modules) is assessed on a continuous basis, with the marks being used by the examiners. The labs are normally scheduled for a 5-hour session, with the intention being that the average student should be able to complete the lab in 4 hours.
**General Protocols for Assessment in Engineering Laboratories**

These protocols for laboratory work have been agreed by the Engineering Faculty. Protocols for the assessments of your Engineering practical work in subsequent years will be confirmed at the start of each academic year. Students are expected to read the laboratory instructions before attending the lab.

**Marking Scale:**

The labs are assessed on a scale 0-5, and the marking is intended to be done within the timetabled lab slots. There are no plus, minus or fractional marks.

The marking scale from 0-5 will be allocated as follows:

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<th>Marks</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>5 Marks</td>
<td>This is broadly equivalent to a distinction/1st. These are for students who are well prepared for the lab, and show intelligent understanding when interrogated about their work.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 Marks</td>
<td>The mark that the majority of students will obtain for work that is essentially correct and complete.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 Marks</td>
<td>The mark for work that is either incomplete or incorrect or required a lot of help.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 Marks</td>
<td>The mark for work that is both incomplete and incorrect.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 Mark</td>
<td>Did little more than attend the lab and make some attempt at recording activities.</td>
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<tr>
<td>0 Marks</td>
<td>Non-attendance</td>
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**Assessment Criteria:**

Work to be assessed will be the student’s record in their laboratory log-book using the marking scale above. There is no requirement for a separate write up.

The minimum generic skill set to be assessed consists of:

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<td>Clear and precise record-keeping of experimental details</td>
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<td>Clear, full and precise recording of experimental data obtained</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The appropriate use of basic statistical treatments of data (use of the various means, averages, standard deviation, standard errors, linear regression, correlation coefficients)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clear design drawings, design calculations and statements of design ideas and final proposals for Design-Build-Test (DBT) activities. Lab instruction sheets will specify the required details.</td>
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Assessment of log-books will normally be done within the laboratory, in the presence of (and in discussion with) the student, towards the end of the timetabled laboratory period (typically in the last hour).

**Attendance:**

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that their presence is recorded in the register, by a demonstrator, before the start of the lab. Students who arrive later than 10 minutes after the start may be penalised by 1 mark. You are expected to arrive within the first 5 minutes, and the 10 minute rule is a concession.
Design-Build-Test Activities Assessment:

For the DBT exercises, assessment may be done after the end of each session or just twice. For example, if an exercise consists of 2x5 hours of preparatory experimental labs and 3x5 hours of DBT-type activity, the assessment could be done first at the end of the 10 hours of labs, and again at the end of the whole exercise.

Additional Assessment Regulations:

- **No-shows because of certified justifiable reasons** (e.g. medical) will be allowed to attend in another empty lab slot, if available, or (as always) to appeal to the Proctors for exemption. Late arrivals (beyond 30 minutes), without prior permission or agreement by the lab organiser that there are exceptional circumstances, may be refused access to the lab.

- **Planned absences**: if you wish to attend an outside event (e.g. job interview, funeral, award of a prize), then you should contact the Lab Organiser [copying the message to your tutor and the Deputy Administrator (Academic)], normally at least a week in advance so as to obtain an alternative slot. If you can arrange a swap with another student, so much the better, but inform the Lab Organiser.

- There is only a single opportunity for the work to be marked and signed-off. In other words, you cannot do additional work after a ‘first marking’ in order to try and attain an improved mark.

- If any dispute about marking cannot be resolved by the Senior Demonstrator present, then it should be referred to the Lab Organiser, or failing that the Associate Head (Teaching).

- If work is done on loose sheets of paper it will be marked on a ‘provisional’ basis, and the mark will only be ‘validated’ and entered into the Marks Register once the loose sheets have been stuck into a logbook.

Exemptions to Standard Lab Assessment Protocol:

The two **Drawing Exercise** sessions are special cases in that the written work to be assessed will be solely drawings instead of log-books. **Workshop Practice** is another special case: it lasts 2 hours, there will be no assessment, but there is a mark of 5 for attendance and satisfactory completion.

10.7 Reports on Laboratory Exercises

The reports that you will be required to write will be on a very diverse range of activities, so it is difficult to give more than very general advice. For any particular activity, advice is often given at the time. The following is offered here:

- Log-books are not normally ‘handed in’ to anyone. A short report on a set experiment that will be marked in the laboratory should be written in the log-book, on the pages following the results taken at the time. But something that is going to be handed in, whether to demonstrators or examiners, should be produced as a separate item.

- Untidiness in log-books is sometimes unavoidable, but if producing a separate report, aim at a good standard of presentation. After all, you might want to show it to someone in the hope of making a
good impression. If that is not the case with the one you are doing now, it might be with a later one, so practise now.

- Spelling and grammar are important.
- Levels of explanation should normally be such that another reasonably competent undergraduate in your own year, and reading the same subject, should be able to understand it.
- If you are reporting decisions you took, give reasons for them. ‘Reasons’ do not necessarily have a mathematical basis, even in engineering. ‘Because it seemed more elegant’ or ‘because it was readily available’ are perfectly respectable reasons for choosing between alternatives that are otherwise technically acceptable.
- There should be a ‘conclusion’, and it should match the object of the exercise. For instance, if the exercise is to produce a working example of something, then the conclusion should state to what extent, and how well, it did work.
- Try to make your reports readable and interesting. Extraneous information, if it must be included, can go in Appendices.

10.8 Project work

Project and design work forms a major part of the Engineering courses - the first-year course includes three Design, Build and Test (DBT) type activities.

Projects differ from laboratory class exercises in that the objective is defined but the details of the task are not. Instead, time is allowed for initiative and individual creative thinking. The final product is either a piece of engineering equipment that works, or a full technical report, or both. In all cases the necessary specialist information and equipment are made available and appropriate supervision is offered, but the role of the supervisor or demonstrator is to help and encourage rather than to control what is done. You are expected to exercise initiative and engineering judgement, and to make appropriate use of all relevant knowledge from the preceding parts of the course.

To assist with the projects there is a Teaching and Design Support Group (TDSG) and the University has appointed Visiting Professors in the Principles of Engineering Design.
11. SKILLS AND LEARNING DEVELOPMENT

11.1 Academic Progress

The monitoring of academic progress is carried out on both collegiate and Departmental levels. The Department is responsible for recording and tracking your attendance, any issues related to your teaching and learning and for timetabling your lectures and labs. Your college is responsible for your tutorial support, feedback using the college’s reporting system, OxCORT and your overall pastoral care. Please refer to your college handbook for full details of what they provide for you.

11.2 Learning Development and Skills

Having access to high quality teaching material and dedicated tutors is the starting point for your university education; the rest is up to you. There is no replacement for patient and well-planned personal study. It is essential that you invest the time and effort to absorb the concepts and facts presented in lectures. The tutorial sheet problems provide an opportunity to apply new knowledge and to discover how solutions develop. Like any skill you wish to develop further it is necessary to practise without rushing and pay attention to detail. Avoid the temptation to learn superficially, and work consistently well throughout the academic year is good advice. Your College Tutors will have a lot more to say on this topic during the tutorials and preparation for the Preliminary examinations to follow.

11.3 Induction

A separate induction programme has been issued to you in the pre-course pack, sent to you by your colleges in August.

11.4 Opportunities for Skills Training and Development

A wide range of information and training materials are available to help you develop your academic skills – including time management, research and library skills, referencing, revision skills and academic writing – through the Oxford Students website: http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills.

11.5 Careers Information and Advice

Information and advice regarding careers is available at the University Careers Service (www.careers.ox.ac.uk).
12. STUDENT LIFE AND SUPPORT

12.1 Help and advice

It is possible that at some point during your time here, you may run into a problem. It could be that your work gets on top of you. You might have health problems, or difficulties with your personal life. All of these things can stop you from enjoying your time at Oxford, and prevent you from studying effectively.

If you do get into difficulties, the main thing to remember is that, although it may not feel like it, you are unlikely to be the only person to have had a particular problem, and many people are available to offer advice and support.

Do ask for help if you need it - don’t struggle on and wait for the problem to go away of its own accord.

In College:

The natural person for you to turn to first is your college tutor. He or she can help you if you are having a work crisis, maybe by rescheduling tutorials or offering extra help on a part of the course you are finding difficult. Your tutor may also be able to help with non-academic problems, but if you don’t feel able to turn to them, there are many alternatives within the college community, such as the Senior Tutor, JCR Welfare Officers, Chaplain, Nurse, Doctor, and Tutor for Women. Your college handbook or website may also be a useful source of information on who to contact and what support is available through your college.

In the Department:

Staff with a particular responsibility for undergraduate issues are:

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<td>Professor Lionel Tarassenko</td>
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<td>Ms Jo Valentine</td>
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<td>Dr Joanna Rhodes</td>
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In the department, your first port of call for enquiries about teaching provision should be the Faculty Office on the eighth floor of the Thom Building (ask to speak to the Deputy Administrator (Academic)).

At University level:

At University level, you can seek advice and counselling from:

- The University Counselling Service (270300)
- Nightline: Listening and Information Service (270270)
- OUSU Student Advice Helpline (280440) or [www.ox.ac.uk/students/welfare](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/welfare)
Harassment:

The University condemns harassment as an unacceptable form or behaviour, and has an advisory system to help people who think they are being harassed. Harassment includes any unwarranted behaviour directed towards another person which disrupts that person’s work or reduces their quality of life. Further information and guidance is available at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/harassmentadvice.

The Department of Engineering Science has two confidential advisors. At present these are Ms Jo Valentine, Deputy Administrator (Academic) and Ms Lucy Townsend, HR Manager, either of whom may be consulted in relation to matters of harassment.

Equality and Diversity:

Information about the University’s Equality and Diversity Unit can be found at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop.

Disabilities:

If you have any form of disability, we strongly encourage you to disclose this to the Deputy Administrator (Academic) in order that we can make provision for you. Furthermore, your college will advise you of your Disability Contact who will be pleased to talk to you in the strictest confidence.

Students who have already declared a disability, for example on their UCAS form, will be contacted by the Disability Advisory Service by early Michaelmas Term to discuss their specific needs.

Students with a disability may also find useful advice and guidance on the University of Oxford Disability Office web page at www.ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/disability.

12.2 Complaints and Appeals

Complaints and academic appeals within the Department of Engineering Science

The University, the MPLS Division and the Department of Engineering Science all hope that provision made for students at all stages of their course of study will result in no need for complaints (about that provision) or appeals (against the outcomes of any form of assessment).

Where such a need arises, an informal discussion with the person immediately responsible for the issue that you wish to complain about (and who may not be one of the individuals identified above) is often the simplest way to achieve a satisfactory resolution.

Many sources of advice are available from colleges, faculties/departments and bodies like the Counselling Service or the OUSU Student Advice Service, which have extensive experience in advising students. You may wish to take advice from one of these sources before pursuing your complaint.

General areas of concern about provision affecting students as a whole should be raised through Joint Consultative Committees or via student representation on the facultydepartment’s committees.
Complaints

If your concern or complaint relates to teaching or other provision made by Department of Engineering Science, then you should raise it with the Associate Head (Teaching), Dr Stephen Payne, as appropriate. Complaints about departmental facilities should be made to the Departmental Administrator, Jo Valentine. If you feel unable to approach one of these individuals, you may contact the Head of Department, Lionel Tarassenko. The officer concerned will attempt to resolve your concern/complaint informally.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome, you may take your concern further by making a formal complaint to the Proctors under the University Student Complaints Procedure (https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/complaints)

If your concern or complaint relates to teaching or other provision made by your college, you should raise it either with your tutor or with one of the college officers or Senior Tutor (as appropriate). Your college will also be able to explain how to take your complaint further if you are dissatisfied with the outcome of its consideration.

Academic appeals

An academic appeal is an appeal against the decision of an academic body (e.g. boards of examiners, transfer and confirmation decisions etc.) on grounds such as procedural error or evidence of bias. There is no right of appeal against academic judgement.

If you have any concerns about your assessment process or outcome it is advisable to discuss these first informally with your subject or college tutor, Senior Tutor, course director, director of studies, supervisor or college or department administrator as appropriate. They will be able to explain the assessment process that was undertaken and may be able to address your concerns. Queries may not be raised directly with the examiners.

If you still have concerns you can make a formal appeal to the Proctors who will consider appeals under the University Academic Appeals Procedure (https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/complaints)

12.3 Policies and Regulations

The University has a wide range of policies and regulations that apply to students. These are easily accessible through the A-Z of University regulations, codes of conduct and policies available on the Oxford Students website at www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/regulations/a-z.
Introduction

In England and Wales, everyone has a ‘duty of care’ under Common Law both to themselves and others. Each one of us must take reasonable care of our own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by our acts and omissions. Further, under Statute Law in Great Britain, everyone has a duty to co-operate with their employer, in this case the department, so far as is necessary to enable the department to comply with its duties under the Health and Safety at Work Etc Act 1974. Undergraduates, as visitors to the department, do not have the same responsibilities under Sections 7 and 8 of the Act. However, as visitors, you will be expected to comply both with the spirit of the law and, when the occasion demands, the letter. To this end, the department has a basic set of safety rules that apply to all undergraduates and these are listed below.

Departmental safety rules for undergraduates, applying to all years of study

1. Undergraduates may use apparatus in laboratories only when supervised and within normal working hours, for the following purposes:

(a) Programmed experiments as timetabled, under the direct supervision of the laboratory organiser and which satisfy current safety regulations.

(b) Programmed experiments outside timetabled hours (see Access Hours and Lone working information in Appendix B) by specific permission of the organiser of the relevant laboratory class which satisfy current safety regulations and which are directly supervised. Fourth year undergraduate students working on project work may be granted access outside these hours following completion of an extended access permit.

(c) Project work by arrangement between the project supervisor, the staff member responsible for safety in the relevant laboratory and the staff member responsible for the apparatus required providing all necessary risk assessments under current safety regulations have been completed before the project work starts.

(d) For the purposes other than programmed experiments or project work by permission of:
   - the member of staff responsible for the safety in the relevant laboratory or,
   - the Administrator or,
   - the head of the relevant workshop

   providing all necessary risk assessments under current safety regulations have been completed before the work starts.

2. Outside normal working hours, undergraduates may use apparatus only if there is a specific reason for which approval is granted by the Head of Department or Associate Head (Teaching). This use
must be in the presence of a member of staff. Such approval is currently granted for supervised access to computing facilities only.

3. Machine tools in the Staff/Student Workshop may be used only when supervised by an authorised person or by the technician in charge. The technician must be satisfied that the undergraduate is competent to operate the required machinery safely. The technician in charge has full authority to refuse anyone the use of machine tools if evidence of competency cannot be provided.

4. Except by permission of the member of staff responsible, undergraduates are not permitted to enter research laboratories, staff offices, stores, workshops, roof areas, service areas, photographic darkrooms, reception areas (except public spaces), or any room displaying a specific hazard warning notice. Except in the case of fire, undergraduates will not access the seventh floor balcony of the Thom Building.

5. Each practical and experimental exercise will provide more detailed safety requirements. All undergraduates will be expected to abide by these additional specific safety requirements and act on them accordingly.

6. It is an offence under law for anyone to intentionally interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interests of health, safety and welfare. It is also an offence not to use any personal protective equipment (PPE) provided in the interests of health and safety. PPE must be maintained in good order and you have a duty to report any PPE that is damaged or if it does not suit your needs. Report the fact to your supervisor or member of staff responsible for the laboratory or workshop.
This table provides guidance for undergraduates, postgraduates and members of staff. Detailed guidance is available on the department’s health & safety intranet page at this link: [www.eng.ox.ac.uk/intranet/services/health-and-safety](http://www.eng.ox.ac.uk/intranet/services/health-and-safety)

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Note: Core hours for IBME are 08:00 – 18:00 (Monday to Friday)

**Lone Working**

Lone working (other than for solely office-based activities) is only permitted for students and staff subject to a Risk Assessment by their Line Manager or Supervisor. In all cases arrangements for summoning assistance in the event of an accident should be established and this information communicated to all relevant persons.

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APPENDIX C  Access to Departmental Buildings

1. Undergraduate Students are permitted to use the main entrances to the Thom (including 8th floor study area) and Holder Buildings in the Keble Triangle between the hours of 08:00hrs and 18:00hrs during the following periods:
   a. Weeks 0th-10th (inclusive) in the Michaelmas and Hilary terms
   b. Weeks 0th – 8th of the Trinity term

2. This permission is granted for the purposes of attending lectures and other course related meetings, visiting the 8th floor study area and undertaking work related to Third Year Projects (3YP) or Fourth Year Projects (4YP).

3. This permission is granted on the strict condition that the only activities that can be undertaken are desk based, e.g. computer analysis of data, literature reviews or writing up of results but not the use of mechanical, electrical or chemical equipment and materials which would in other circumstances require the Undergraduate Student to be supervised in its use.

4. In certain circumstances and under conditions set by the Departmental Safety Officer (DSO), this access permission can be extended to allow activities by the Undergraduate Student which involve tests and experiments using mechanical, electrical or chemical equipment and materials which are deemed by the DSO to be hazardous to health and safety. The minimum condition will normally be that the Undergraduate Student is supervised by a competent person (usually a member of academic staff).

5. If an Undergraduate Student applies for extended access permission to undertake activities of the nature described in clause 4, the application must include a full description to enable the DSO to fully assess the risk and determine whether the activity can be allowed and, if so, the precautions that need to be taken and the supervision that will be required. At the discretion of the DSO extended access to nominated areas may then be permitted for a short, specified period under clearly defined conditions.

6. This permit, together with a current University Identity Card, must be carried at all times within the department, and produced upon request. Any Undergraduate Student that is unable to meet these requirements will be asked to immediately leave the department premises.

7. IMPORTANT NOTE: Random checks on Undergraduate Students present in the department during the periods and hours listed in Clause 1 will be conducted by the Head of Finance and Administration and the DSO. Students found to be not complying with the conditions of issue of the extended access permission or undertaking works or activities that have not been specifically authorised (including the manner in which this authority was given) will have their extended access permission withdrawn and the Head of Department notified.
APPENDIX D  Guidance in the event of an attack by an armed person or persons

1. Be prepared and stay calm

The purpose of this guidance is to alert and not to alarm – it is not being provided in response to any specific information. Although students are asked to be mindful and alert, please do not be overly concerned. You are asked to carry on with your day-to-day life as normal.

In the event of an incident, quickly determine the best way to protect yourself.

2. Evacuate

- If it is possible to do so safely, exit the building or area immediately
- Have an escape route in mind (Fire Exit signs are a good point of reference)
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Help others, if possible
- Prevent others from entering the area of danger
- Do not attempt to move wounded people
- When you are safe, call 999 and ask for the police

3. Hide

- If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the offender is less likely to find you
- If you are in a room/office, stay there
- If you are in a corridor, get into a room/office
- Lock the door and blockade it with furniture
- Silence your mobile phone and remain quiet
- Turn off the lights and draw any blinds
- Hide out of view and behind something solid (desk or cabinet)
- If it is possible to do so safely, call 999 and ask for the police

4. Inform

If you contact the police, provide the following information:

- Location of and the number of offenders
- Any physical descriptions of the offenders
- Number and type of weapons used by the offenders
- Number and potential victims at the location
- Your location

STAY SAFE

Further information and advice is available from Oxford University Security Services on 01865 (2) 72944 or security.control@admin.ox.ac.uk
APPENDIX E  Expanded Syllabus for Prelims

1  Expanded Syllabus for Prelims 2018

Paper P1: Mathematics

Calculus 1
The function concept. Definition and simple properties of hyperbolic functions. Differentiation of a product, quotient and function of a function. Elementary integration, including substitutions, integration by parts, partial fractions, tan half-angle, recursive formulae.
Elementary series: sum to \( n \) terms of linear and geometric series. McLaurin and Taylor expansions in one variable: examples including trigonometric and hyperbolic functions, \( \exp, \ln \). Linearization using the first 2 terms, and the error term. Concept of a limit. de l’Hopital’s theorem.

Calculus 2
Partial differentiation: the chain rule and simple transformations of first-order (not second-order) partial differential coefficients. Multiple integrals and their evaluation, with applications to finding areas, volumes, masses, centroids, inertias etc. (excluding line and surface integrals and using spherical and cylindrical coordinate systems only).

Complex Algebra and Fourier Series
Complex Algebra: Definition of \( i \), complex arithmetic and the Argand plane, polynomials of the complex variable with real coefficients. The complex exponential, \( n \)-th roots of complex numbers. Functions of complex variables: trigonometric and hyperbolic functions, logarithms. Loci in the complex plane.
Differentiation and integration of complex functions. Phasors and their use for describing second-order linear electrical and mechanical systems.
Fourier Series: Definition of Fourier series, orthogonality, Fourier series of basic waveforms (square, sawtooth, finite pulse train), Fourier series of odd and even functions, implications of half-wave and quarter-wave symmetry, Parseval’s theorem, application of Fourier series to electrical circuit analysis.

Mathematical Modelling of Physical Systems
Modelling of the physics of mechanical, electro-mechanical, thermal and fluid systems mathematically in terms of ordinary differential equations. Application of transfer functions. Second order time response, poles zeros and steady state response. Block diagram representations and manipulation of block diagrams to simplify systems.

Ordinary Differential Equations
Vectors and Matrices
Paper P2: Electrical and Information Engineering

Circuit Analysis 1
Charge conservation, Kirchhoff’s laws, mesh/nodal analysis. Concepts of ideal voltage and current sources, and impedances. Thevenin and Norton theorems with emphasis on concepts of input and output impedances.

Circuit Analysis 2

Active Circuits and Devices


Electrical conduction in semiconductors, PN junctions.

Digital Electronics
Basic gates, truth tables, combinational functions (AND, OR, NOT, EX-OR). The MOSFET as a switch; CMOS inverter, NOR and NAND gates. Karnaugh maps; algebraic laws (such as distribution and association).


Data converters; basic principles of DACs and ADCs. R-2R ladder based DAC. Principles of ADC (Flash and SAD).
Paper P3: Structures and Mechanics

Statics

Bending and Torsion

Materials and Solid Mechanics

Dynamics
Plane kinematics of particles: rectilinear and curvilinear motion in rectangular, normal-tangential, and polar coordinates; relative motion (translating, not rotating, axes). Plane kinematics of rigid bodies: translation, rotation, and general plane motion; relative motion; rotation about a fixed axis. Dynamics of particles: Newton’s second law; work, energy, power; impulse and momentum (linear and angular); conservation of energy and momentum (linear and angular); impact; central-force motion. Dynamics of rigid bodies: equations of motion for translation and fixed-axis rotation; moment of inertia; work and energy; impulse and momentum (linear and angular). Simple variable mass problems, i.e. rockets.
Paper P4: Energy

Electricity and Magnetism
Gauss' law. Electric field $E$, $D$, potential $V$, capacitance, stored energy.
Magnetism, flux, flux density, flux over a closed surface $= 0$. Ampère's law, calculating magnetic fields, fields around conductors, magnetic circuits.
Forces on moving charges, forces between wires and fields. Electromagnetic induction, Faraday's law, Lenz's law, a simple model of a D.C. generator, inductance, stored energy, power factor, mutual inductance and transformers.

Dimensional Analysis
Dimensional homogeneity, dimensional parameters, dimensional analysis of governing equations, geometric and dynamic similarity, Buckingham pi theorem, worked examples in energy systems, limitations of dimensional analysis.

Fluid Mechanics
Hydrostatics, forces on immersed bodies. Stationary control volumes, continuity, momentum, Euler equations, streamline analysis. Bernoulli’s equation, simple incompressible flows. Definition of viscosity, Couette flow, Poiseuille flow. Loss of total pressure in pipe flow. Laminar and turbulent flows.

Thermodynamics
Basic concepts and terminology of thermodynamics. Heat, work and the First law. Definition of internal energy. Applications and examples. First law applied to open systems. Definition of enthalpy, mass and energy balance. Chemical balance equations, examples to include combustion and fuel production (e.g. biodiesel and bioethanol). Formal definitions of imep, bmep, volumetric efficiency; the effect of AFR in SI engines on efficiency and bmep.
APPENDIX F  Jargon Buster

There is a general Glossary of Terms available on the University of Oxford website here: https://www.ox.ac.uk/about/organisation/history/oxford-glossary. The list below are a few terms that may come up during your time with Engineering Science.

Collections
These are internal exams held in the colleges each term which provide your college with an indication of your progress.

College
This is where students live - your rooms and meals will all be provided by your college, and you will also have your tutorials there. Oxford has a collegiate system, which means that every student and most of the teaching staff are members of a college.

Coming Up/Going Down
Arriving at the beginning of term/leaving at the end of term.

Demonstrating
The supervision or assistance of practical classes or labs.

Department
This is your area/course of study, and where you will spend the majority of your time in teaching. The Department of Engineering Science provides your labs and your lectures.

Design-Build-Test (DBT)
These are lab activities that involve students creating and constructing a project that tests theoretical engineering principles i.e. programming robots, building a small bridge etc.

Division
This is the term used to group departments, or academic subjects, together under one theme. Engineering Science is part of the Division of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences.

EEM
The acronym for the Engineering Science, Entrepreneurship and Management pathway of the MEng Engineering Science programme. This is available for students to apply for at the end of their second year.

Example/Tute Sheet
The worksheet that is provided for you to complete before your tutorial.

FHS
The acronym for Final Honour School, which relates to the last 3 years of the MEng Engineering Science degree programme (the years that count towards your final degree classification.)

Finals
The set of examinations that you will sit in years two, three and four; Part A, Part B and Part C. The outcome of these exams, along with your coursework marks, determine your final degree classification.

General Scheme
A summary of the lecture timetable across the three terms.

JCC
The acronym for Junior Consultative Committee, which is a meeting held once a term between academic staff and undergraduate students to discuss administrative and academic issues. It provides staff and students with the opportunity to provide feedback and aims to improve the course.

Labs
This is the shorthand term for laboratories, or the practical classes.

Matriculation
This is the formal process of University enrolment, and takes place in the form of a ceremony held just before the start of Michaelmas term. You must participate in this ceremony within two terms of starting the course, or you will not be allowed to sit your examinations.
**MPLS**  
This is the acronym for the Division of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences.

**Pidge**  
This is the term, often used in colleges, for pigeon holes.

**Prelims**  
Shorthand for ‘preliminaries,’ which are the exams that you sit at the end of your first year. These exams cover the four different subject areas within Engineering Science and you must pass them in order to progress onto the rest of the course – however, they do not count towards your final degree classification.

**Proctor**  
These are members of staff that officiate and are in charge of enforcing University regulations and discipline.

**Radcliffe Science Library (RSL)**  
This is the main science, engineering and technology Library and is located just five minutes’ walk away from the Department. As well as lending books, the library provides access to electronic books and journals, and the science subject librarians also run training courses to help you make the most of the library, and maximise the efficiency of your study time. This is provided alongside the wide range of College libraries available to you.

**Rustication**  
The withdrawal of access to University facilities, buildings etc. for a certain period of time or until certain conditions have been met. This is usually a consequence of misconduct or disciplinary procedure.

**Sending Down**  
Another term for the termination of course – student expulsion for failing prelims, or major disciplinary offences.

**Solution**  
The sheet that provides the answers to the questions on your example sheet.

**Sub fusc**  
The term used for formal academic dress, which you must wear to matriculate and during examinations. It comprises of a black gown, white blouse, black ribbon, black skirt or trousers, black stockings or tights, black shoes for women; black gown, dark suit, white shirt, white or black bow tie or black tie, black socks and shoes for men. Carnations are also often worn with sub fusc clothing.

**Suspension**  
The term for a student temporarily withdrawing from studies, usually on a voluntary basis e.g. for medical reasons.

**Term**  
This is the phrase used for the 8 week teaching block that occurs three times in an academic year. Michaelmas is the first term which runs from October to December. Hilary is the second term, and runs from approximately mid-January to March. Trinity is the last term, and runs from April into June. Each week of the term is referred to by number, e.g. Week 1 of Michaelmas term.

**Tutor**  
This is a member of the academic teaching staff, usually a Fellow in your college, who gives tutorials.

**Tute/Tutorial**  
A small, group session with an academic member of staff held at your college. Engineering Science students should expect a one-hour tutorial after approximately every fourth lecture. This amounts to approximately two tutorials a week during term time.

**WebLearn**  
This is the University of Oxford’s Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) – an online resource where all of your course material and timetable is available.

**3YP**  
The acronym for Third Year Project. This is chosen towards the end of the second year, and is a group project that is intended to give experience and insight into the engineering design process.
4YP
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