

**ECE 730**  
**Control of Adjustable Speed Drives**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

Please refer to course website for updated information.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

AC machine modeling and their control design tools are presented. Though the focus is on permanent-magnet synchronous motors (PMSM) supplied by voltage-source inverters, induction motors (IM) and switched reluctance motors (SRM) are also considered. Field-oriented control, with and without mechanical sensor, is developed for PMSM. Common failures in adjustable speed drives are introduced, and their effect on the drive performance is analyzed. Fault-tolerant drives are studied, and some practical examples from industry are presented. Principal concepts are developed with projects using MATLAB/Simulink.

**SCHEDULE and MODE OF DELIVERY**

The material for this course will be delivered through a mixture of online videos, textbook readings, live online lectures and tutorials (which are also recorded), and virtualized laboratories and projects. The platform for each component is noted at the end of each line. Please see the course website for the platform for each component.

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**COURSE WEBSITE**

Course instructions and lecture material will be posted via Avenue to Learn, the McMaster University electronic learning system, accessible at <http://avenue.mcmaster.ca/>

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

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

- Model a PM drive for control purposes
- Model an IM drive for control purposes

- Design and implement current controller for PM and IM drives
- Design and implement mechanical sensorless control for a PM drive
- Model a PM drive under inter-turn short-circuit
- Detect inter-turn short-circuit fault in a PM drive
- Design and implement fault-tolerant control of a PM drive

#### ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE

Fundamentals of AC machines, Power electronics, Linear control systems, Modern control systems, and Observers.

#### COURSE MATERIALS

##### Required texts:

Lecture notes and uploaded documents to the course website.

##### Recommended textbook:

Jean-Paul Louis, Control of Synchronous Motors, Wiley ISTE 2011.

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/book/10.1002/9781118601785>

##### Calculator:

Only the McMaster Standard Calculator (Casio fx-991 MS or MS Plus) is permitted in tests and examinations. This is available at the Campus Store.

#### COURSE OVERVIEW

Week	Topic	Readings
1	Introduction to Adjustable Speed Drives (ASD)	Lecture notes and papers.
1 – 2	Modeling of PMSM for Control Purposes (Topic 1)	Lecture notes and papers.
3 – 4	Average Modeling of Voltage-Source Inverters (Topic 2)	Lecture notes and papers.
5 – 7	Torque Control of PMSM (Topic 3)	Lecture notes and papers.
8 – 9	Torque Control of Other Electric Motors (Topic 4)	Lecture notes and papers.
10	Speed Control of Electric Motors (Topic 5)	Lecture notes and papers.
10 – 11	Common Failures in ASD (Topic 6)	Lecture notes and papers.
11 – 12	Modeling of ASD Under Fault Conditions (Topic 7)	Lecture notes and papers.
12	Fault-Tolerant Capability of ASD (Topic 8)	Lecture notes and papers.
13	Fault-Tolerant Control of ASD (Topic 9)	Lecture notes and papers.
13	Conclusion and Wrap-Up	Lecture notes and papers.

A more detailed timeline is available on the course website.

At certain points in the course, it may make good sense to modify the schedule. The instructor may modify elements of the course and will notify students accordingly (in class, on the course website).

## LABORATORY OVERVIEW

This course has four labs on the modeling and control of AC drives. They are all simulations using MATLAB-Simulink (no specific toolbox required), and no practical experiments on high-power/high-voltage setups are done.

Lab 1: Modeling of Permanent-Magnet Synchronous Machines (PMSM) (Week 6)

Lab 2: Vector Control of PMSM (Week 8)

Lab 3: Direct and Indirect Torque Control of PMSM (Week 10)

Lab 4: Mechanical Sensor Failure and Sensorless Control of PMSM (Week 12)

## LABORATORY OPERATION

- Lab Experiments: Every student conducts the lab experiment individually.
- Lab Requirements: Students must submit their experiment results on Avenue to Learn on the due date described in the lab manual. No late submission will be accepted.

## ASSESSMENT

Component	Weight
Lab reports (4 reports x 10%)	40%
Mid-project: report	10%
Mid-project: oral presentation	10%
Final project: oral presentation	20%
Final project: report	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>
Writing a paper (bonus)	+10%

Mid-project and final project reports are subject to 20% penalty per day (less than one day is counted as one day). No late submission will be accepted for the paper.

### Grading and Evaluation Policies

- There are four (4) labs, one (1) mid-term report, one (1) mid-term presentation, one (1) final presentation and one (1) final report to be evaluated in this course.
- Students must submit their assignments and project reports on Avenue to Learn on the due date. No late submission will be accepted. In the case of an approved MSAF, the weight of a missed assignment will be transferred to the final report.
- No make-up midterm presentation will be granted. In the case of an approved MSAF, the weight of a missed midterm presentation will be transferred to the final report.

## CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

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### EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES

The University reserves the right to change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances (e.g., severe weather, labour disruptions, etc.). Changes will be communicated through regular McMaster communication channels, such as McMaster Daily News, A2L and/or McMaster email.

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