

**Faculty of Engineering & Informatics**
**Programme Specification**
**Programme title: MSc Advanced Mechanical Engineering**

Academic Year:	2018/2019
Degree Awarding Body:	University of Bradford
Partner(s), delivery organisation or support provider (if appropriate):	N/A
Final and interim award(s):	MSc [Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) level 7] Postgraduate Diploma Postgraduate Certificate
Programme accredited by (if appropriate):	Institution of Mechanical Engineers
Programme duration:	1 year full time
QAA Subject benchmark statement(s):	Engineering
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**Introduction**

Engineering is fundamental to the economic and social prosperity worldwide. It is a “people serving” profession whose activities not only manage humankind’s environment but also create that environment itself. It requires well-qualified and motivated students who seek to be the future leaders within their profession. Studying at Bradford will be a foundation for life aimed at developing an appreciation of technical and managerial principles and competence in their application using a wide range of personal and professional skills.

The Master of Science (MSc) degree programme in Advanced Mechanical Engineering is designed to meet the needs of the 21st Century mechanical engineering related industries. The core modules will provide students with advanced understanding in solid mechanics, computer-aided modelling, simulation and optimisation, design methodologies and design analysis. The range of optional modules allows students to either develop a specialism in one of two thematic areas, (i) automotive engineering, (ii) manufacturing engineering, or, alternatively,

to select from across a selection of these themes to build up a portfolio of expertise across these themes. The project modules will develop student's research and project management skills whilst undertaking in-depth study of a particular topic. The major MSc dissertation project is usually linked with on-going research within the Faculty of Engineering and Informatics. The Faculty places emphasis on both teaching and research, believing them to be mutually dependent. We have particular research strengths in Automotive Engineering (especially braking, engine tribology, engine mapping and calibration, turbo-charger testing, quality engineering in system and component design and manufacture); Materials Engineering (especially polymeric engineering and processing, composites and nanocomposites, recycling, product design and manufacture); In-line Monitoring and Control of Manufacturing Processes (instrumentation, sensors, computer based data acquisition and control); Mechanical Dynamics and Control (especially machine tool dynamics and control, and vehicle dynamics and control); Computer Aided Modelling and Design (creation, virtual testing and prototyping). We conduct this research jointly with many companies including Jaguar Land Rover, Ford, Sabic, Sinopec, Dow, SCG Chemical, Autodesk, Cummins, and their supplier bases as well as with UK Research Councils.

The MSc will meet, in part, the exemplifying academic benchmark requirements for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng). Accredited MSc graduates who also have a BEng (Hons) accredited for CEng, will be able to show that they have satisfied the educational base for CEng registration.

With reference to teaching and learning, the School aims to produce postgraduates who aspire to challenging careers in industry, commerce and the public sector or to developing their own enterprises. Postgraduates will be able to move directly into responsible roles in employment with a minimum of additional training. These aims are achieved by

- Providing a supportive, structured environment in which students are encouraged to develop independent learning skills;
- Developing subject knowledge and understanding, developing discipline skills and developing personal transferable skills, to enable graduates to pursue programmes of further study, or to move directly into responsible employment.

### **Learning with and as part of a research community**

The School places emphasis on both teaching and research. We have particular research strengths in automotive engineering (especially component design and manufacturing quality); materials engineering (including the creation of complex components from powders, composites, and polymers); computer modelling and design (creation, virtual testing, and prototyping). We conduct this research jointly with many companies including Ford, Jaguar Land Rover, Sinopec, and this work shapes and informs our undergraduate programmes. MSc students can expect to interact with the School's research activity. We aim to produce MSc graduates who are imaginative, innovative, versatile and competitive, who will be able to progress rapidly to professional positions of responsibility with minimal additional training, and who can provide technical, managerial and entrepreneurial leadership in specialist and interdisciplinary projects.

### **The Bradford graduate**

Upon graduation students will be able to work as: (a) Projects Engineer (b) Design Engineer (c) Operations Engineer or (d) Research and Development Engineer (R&D).

Students will have the capacity for professional growth to continue the path to Chartered Engineer (CEng) status. Students will develop high-level professional and interpersonal skills gained from learning through a team-based environment. An education where students have spent their time conceiving, designing, implementing and operating solutions to problems that they have tackled as part of a learning team. Students will be adept at working with complex value-added engineering systems and will be familiar with experimentation, system thinking and have a solid understanding of the business and enterprise context. We value sustainability at Bradford and to that end we have embedded sustainable development across all of our programmes. In a future where sustainability is to become increasingly important students will have sound understanding of the challenges and the potential for solutions in a world where the actions of human industry is creating new pressures on resources.

All our programmes are designed to provide three progression routes for graduates. Upon graduation students will be equipped to be employed as an engineer. If this is their goal they should seriously consider a placement year as this will be invaluable. Alternatively students could pursue a research career, they will have highly developed research skills and their personal tutor can help them identify postgraduate research opportunities here at Bradford or elsewhere. The third route open to students on graduation is to develop their own business. As a Bradford engineering graduate they will have the skills to design and develop products processes or systems that could have serious commercial potential. We have a long track record of supporting and developing new companies and helping graduates on those first steps as an entrepreneur.

In addition, the ability of an engineer to think clearly, logically and ethically is widely appreciated by many other professions and studies at Bradford may well be a stepping-stone to an alternative career in financial services, teaching, law, etc. As an engineering graduate from Bradford students have a real foundation for life.

This programme is accredited by IMechE. Accreditation aims to ensure that the MSc degree meets the highest international standards.

### **The University**

The University of Bradford has four key strategic objectives: excellence; internationalisation; equality and diversity; and sustainability. We believe in doing research and teaching to deliver career opportunities for our students as well as for economic development and job creation.

The Faculty of Engineering and Informatics strongly believes that each programme subscribes to these four objectives through the three key streams of the University vision:

- The creation of knowledge through fundamental and applied research.
- The dissemination of knowledge by teaching students from all backgrounds.
- The application of knowledge for the prosperity and wellbeing of people.

The lecturers at Bradford are active researchers in their fields of expertise, developing new knowledge, contributing to peer-reviewed journals and books. This research permeates to their teaching practice giving students access to world leading professionals, equipment and ideas within the University's academic themes of Innovative Engineering, Advanced Healthcare and Sustainable Societies. The programmes of study will include research with an emphasis on application, experiential learning and real-world engagement. This will make a major

contribution to student's skill set, in the skills and attributes for enhanced employability.

We recognise that society benefits from the talents of all, and that the development of creative, collaborative engineers, skilled in communication and teamwork is vital. Diverse engineering teams are known to be more innovative. We help students to contribute to and learn from the varied perspectives of their tutors and peers. We want to equip our graduates with the knowledge and skills to respond to the many different needs of our businesses and communities.

The Faculty welcomes and celebrates the diverse cultural and national backgrounds of our students. We are committed to an educational experience that is inclusive, one where gender and ethnicity are central elements in developing engineering solutions that address the needs of a diverse society. The University currently holds Bronze Athena Swan accreditation from the Equality Challenge Unit.

### **Programme Aims**

The programme is intended to:

- give technical depth across the discipline of Mechanical Engineering and its applications,
- provide breadth to encourage innovators of mechanical systems,
- facilitate exposure to other engineering disciplines,
- develop and enhance research skills. Upon graduation students will have the capacity for meaningful interdisciplinary interaction, a leadership role, and professional growth, which may include Chartered Mechanical Engineer (CEng) status.

### **Programme Learning Outcomes**

To be eligible for the award of Postgraduate Certificate and/or Postgraduate Diploma at FHEQ level 7, students will be able to:

- LO1 Evidence comprehensive understanding of relevant scientific principles of discipline specialization, applying knowledge (possibly at discipline forefront), understanding, and skills to work with (incomplete or uncertain) information, quantifying the effect of this on the design, and using theory or experiment to mitigate deficiencies
- LO2 Select and apply appropriate advanced modelling & analysis methods and computational tools to critically evaluate complex and multidisciplinary problems in engineering, generate (optimized) solutions, and assess their limitations, robustness, and effects of changes in design parameters.
- LO3 Evidence advanced level knowledge and understanding of a wide range of engineering materials and components
- LO4 Critically evaluate current problems and/or new insights informed by the specialization forefront, and apply & adapt knowledge and comprehensive understanding of design processes & methodologies in unfamiliar situations
- LO5 Work effectively in a team in order to meet shared objectives
- LO6 Evidence awareness of the need for a high level of professional and ethical conduct in engineering, evidencing business and management practices relevant to engineering and engineers

To be eligible for the award of Postgraduate Diploma at FHEQ level 7, students will be able to:

- LO7 Evidence understanding and critical evaluation of concepts relevant to discipline, some from outside engineering, and apply them effectively (including in engineering projects).
- LO8 Integrate engineering knowledge and insight to investigate new and emerging technologies, applying professional judgements to balance risks, cost, benefits, safety, reliability and environmental impact.
- LO9 Evidence self-direction, independent learning, and originality of thought to generate innovative designs for products, systems, components or processes to fulfil new needs.
- LO10 Use software packages in the advanced analysis, design, evaluation, & optimisation of complex engineering systems.
- LO11 Apply skills in problem solving, communication, information retrieval, working effectively with general IT facilities to develop, monitor and update a plan for the solution of both technical and personnel contributions to meeting organisational need.
- LO12 Plan self-learning to improve performance as a foundation for lifelong learning/CPD, and exercise initiative and personal responsibility in professional practice, which may be as a team member or leader, evidence good negotiation, written and oral communication skills.

Additionally, to be eligible for the award of Degree of Master at FHEQ level 7, students will be able to:

- LO13 Plan, implement, monitor & adjust on an on-going basis, a self-directed individual research programme of work, evidencing collection and critical analysis of research data, use or adaptation of appropriate analysis tools to tackle unfamiliar problems (e.g. those with uncertain or incomplete data or specification), innovation, and application of relevant skills, reflection, & research methodologies in the production of an advanced technical report.

## Curriculum

### Postgraduate Certificate

Module Code	Module Title	Type	Credits	Level	Semester
COS7006-B	Big Data Systems and Analytics	C	20	7	1
ENM7005-B	Modelling and optimisation	C	20	7	1
MAE7013-B	Advanced Solid Mechanics	C	20	7	1

Students will be eligible to exit with the award of Postgraduate Certificate if they have successfully completed 60 credits and achieved the award learning outcomes.

### Postgraduate Diploma

Module	Module Title	Type	Credits	Level	Semester
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ENB7007-B	Risk Assessment and Management	O	20	7	2
CPE7012-B	Polymer and Materials Engineering	O	20	7	2
ENB7008-B	Supply Chain Management and Production	O	20	7	2
MAE7030-B	Vehicle Powertrain and Dynamics	O	20	7	2
MAE7031-B	Automotive Tribology and Noise, Vibration and Harshness	O	20	7	2
COS7028-B	Data Mining	O	20	7	2

Students will be eligible to exit with the award of Postgraduate Diploma if they have successfully completed at least 120 credits and achieved the award learning outcomes.

#### Degree of Master

Module Code	Module Title	Type	Credits	Level	Semester
ENG7002-E	MSc Project	C	60	7	3

Students will be eligible for the award of Degree of Master if they have successfully completed at least 180 credits and achieved the award learning outcomes.

#### Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

The teaching and learning strategy takes into consideration the learning outcomes, the nature of the subject and the student intake, and the need for students to take greater responsibility for their own learning as they progress through the Programme.

Our strategy begins with the end in mind. We want students to become great engineers; that means great problem solvers, great team-workers with an inquisitive and curious mind. This should mean that by the end of their study with us they can move seamlessly into the world of work, academic research or become an entrepreneur.

The teaching and learning methods have been selected to engage students in developing their knowledge and understanding of engineering fundamentals through **formal learning** opportunities such as lectures and tutorials, **experiential learning** through practical classes and lab sessions and informal and **social learning** through team-working in projects and competitions.

Study with us will include formal lectures (including those from Visiting Lecturers), but these will always be interactive and two way. We want to develop student's understanding of the vast array of opportunities open to today's professional engineer and therefore we look to incorporate aspects of real world engineering problems and solutions where possible. To this end we make use of case studies,

practical demonstrations, and provide lots of opportunities for students to design their own solutions.

As part of our focus on building a learning experience which will prepare students for the world of work our curriculum has been developed using the CDIO framework. This means that our learning strategy will be to encourage students to work in teams to **C**onceive potential solutions, **D**esign new products processes or services, **I**mplement (or model) and test those designs, and **O**perate the product or solution. In line with the CDIO philosophy students will have numerous opportunities to be an active learner, to work as an engineer on real-world projects. The PG/Dip students will operate analytical instruments, under supervision, during the initial phase of their research project.

The University of Bradford is well known for attracting students from a wide variety of backgrounds, experiences and countries. The University of Bradford's modus operandi, Making Knowledge Work, is embedded in the philosophy of this programme.

### **Assessment Strategy**

In the same way that our teaching and learning strategy is designed to prepare students for the world of work, academic research or entrepreneurship, our assessment methods incorporate a wide range of different methods designed to meet the needs of industry, the accrediting bodies as well as prepare students for a potential academic research career.

Assessment is a key part of the learning process, it is only through challenging themselves to express what they have learned or put it to practical use, can students complete the learning journey and assess for themselves if they have understood what they have been taught and are able to apply and use that skills and knowledge. There are two forms of assessment formative assessment which provides an opportunity for our staff will give students feedback during their learning. This feedback is designed to help and guide learning. All the modules will have some formative assessment and this may be in various forms including discussions or questioning from the supervisor, tests, practical activities, et cetera. These formative activities are crucial if students are to make best use of their learning experience and they are designed to prepare students for their summative assessment. Summative assessment is how we grade the work on a module and the details of this assessment will be available from the beginning of the module so that students understand how the grade will be determined.

A main method of assessment (as is common on all professional engineering degree programmes) is by formal written examinations. Project work will often be assessed on the basis of the quality of the product produced as part of the project, we use practical tests to assess practical skills and written reports to show the depth of understanding of concepts and ideas. Practical skills are often assessed via individual and group technical reports with the laboratory work linked with the taught modules. The methods of assessment of transferable skills are built in the structure of the examinations, case studies, laboratory demonstrations and project work.

## **Assessment Regulations**

### **MSc**

Whilst this Programme conforms to the general principles set out in the standard University Assessment Regulations which are available at the link below, <http://www.bradford.ac.uk/aqpo/ordinances-and-regulations/>, the following exception(s) apply to these regulations:

To gain an accredited MSc award, 160 credits must have a minimum mark of 50% with the remaining 20 credits with marks at a minimum of 40%.

Students who achieve a mark between 40%-49% in up to 60 credits worth of modules will be permitted one supplementary assessment attempt to support them to remain on the accredited MSc with no more than 2 attempts in any module.

If the above requirements are not met, but the University's postgraduate regulations are complied with, then a non-accredited MSc will be awarded, MSc Engineering (Mechanical).

### **Admission Requirements**

The University welcomes applications from all potential students and most important in the decision to offer a place is our assessment of a candidate's potential to benefit from their studies and of their ability to succeed on this particular programme. Consideration of applications will be based on a combination of formal academic qualifications and other relevant experience.

The standard entry requirements for the programme are as follows:

We specifically require that all applicants have a second-class Honours degree or equivalent in a relevant discipline. Candidates who do not fulfil the normal entry requirements but have extensive industrial experience in a related area are considered on an individual basis.

The University of Bradford has always welcomed applications from disabled students, and these will be considered on the same academic grounds as are applied to all applicants. If applicants have some form of disability they may wish to contact the programme leader before they apply.

Applications are welcome from students with non-standard qualifications or mature students (those over 21 years of age on entry) with significant relevant experience.

### **Recognition of Prior Learning**

If applicants have prior certificated learning or professional experience which may be equivalent to parts of this programme, the University has procedures to evaluate and recognise this learning in order to provide applicants with exemptions from specified modules or parts of the programme.

### **Minor Modification Schedule**

<b>Version Number</b>	<b>Brief description of Modification</b>	<b>Date of Approval (Faculty Board)</b>