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<td>EXPERIMENTAL AND RESEARCH METHODS IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING</td>
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**Module Learning Outcomes** with reference to the [Graduate Attributes](#) and how they are developed in discipline

On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- LO1. Critically analyse current scientific/engineering topics and clearly and concisely present their findings in a literature review
- LO2. Write high quality scientific reports and research proposals
- LO3. Understand some of the more useful tools for data analysis
- LO4. Understand the ethical issues involved in biomedical engineering
- LO5. Be able to work on an engineering team to achieve
- LO6. Utilise the scientific search engines to uncover relevant literature/patents/reports
- LO7. Understand good practice in scientific/engineering experiments

**Graduate Attributes: levels of attainment**

- To act responsibly - Enhanced
- To think independently - Enhanced
- To develop continuously - Enhanced
- To communicate effectively - Enhanced

**Module Content**

This module’s goal is to educate students in the field of: biomechanical experimental practice, data analysis, scientific literature scrutiny and report writing. The course introduces students to a number of experimental data analysis tools, experimental methods, report writing skills, statistical tools, and good practice investigational methods when analysing engineering/scientific literature. There are 18 lectures on topics that will aid students to perform robust scientific experiments and write high-quality engineering/scientific reports.

- Lectures on report/literature review drafting skills
- Endnote, Pubmed and GraphPad workshops
- Practical experimental sessions on the material properties of biological tissues
- An initiative lab – comprising the students setting up a new laboratory experiment
## Ethical issues in biomedical engineering

### Teaching and Learning Methods

The module is taught using a combination of lectures, laboratories and workshops.
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**Reassessment Requirements**

The course is reassessed via an examination and an interview. The result of the interview will determine a weighting factor to be applied to a student’s examination grade.

**Contact Hours and Indicative Student Workload**

- Contact hours: 44
- Independent Study (preparation for course and review of materials): 18
- Independent Study (preparation for assessment, incl. completion of assessment): 54

**Recommended Reading List**

- Mind the Stop: A Brief Guide to Punctuation with a Note on Proof-correction by Gordon Vero Carey

**Module Pre-requisite**

**Module Co-requisite**

MEU44BM5/ME5M19 Biomechanics

**Module Website**

**Are other Schools/Departments involved in the delivery of this module? If yes, please provide details.**

No

**Module Approval Date**

23/07/2019
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