

**ChE-420**  
**Introduction to Process Control**  
**Fall 2013**

**Chemical Engineering Department**  
**University of Waterloo**

**Calendar Description:**

Laplace transform techniques. Proportional-integral-derivative control. Frequency response methods. Stability analysis. Controller tuning. Process control simulation and computer control systems. Process identification.

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**Course Website:**

<http://www.learn.uwaterloo.ca>

**Lectures:**      Mondays, 9:30-11:20pm, E6-2024  
                     Fridays, 8:30-9:20am, E6-2024

**Tutorials:**     Fridays, 9:30-10:20am, E6-2024

**Important Dates:**

Midterm Exam:

**Monday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:20pm, E6-2024.**

Final Exam:

2.5 hr, dates and location TBA

Holiday (Thanksgivings day):

Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> (Lectures cancelled)

**Textbook:**

Seborg, D., Edgar. T.F., Mellichamp, D.A. and Doyle III, F.J., Process Dynamics and Control, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, John Wiley & Sons, Hoboken, USA, 2010.

**Suggested Reference:**

1. Stephanopoulos, G., Chemical process control: an introduction to Theory and Practice, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, USA, 1984.
2. Moore, H., MATLAB for Engineers, 2/E, Pearson education, 2008.

**Course Software:**

MATLAB R2012a or b (Available on engterm.uwaterloo.ca)

**Course Grading Breakdown:**

5-6 Assignments:	10 %
Midterm:	40 %
Final:	50 %
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Total:	100 %

## **COURSE TOPICS**

### **Part I. Introduction to Process control (Chapters 1 and 2 in the textbook)**

- Motivation to apply process control in chemical processes.
- The hierarchy of process control activities.
- Preliminary information to perform process control.
- Dynamic process models in chemical processes.

### **Part II. Dynamic behaviour of chemical processes (Chapters 3-7 in the textbook)**

- Laplace Transform.
- Transfer function models.
- First order process models.
- Second order and higher order process models.
- Systems Identification.

### **Part III. Feedback process control (Chapters 8-12, 14 in the textbook)**

- Stability analysis in dynamic systems.
- Feedback controllers.
- Methods for tuning feedback controllers.
- Control Instrumentation.
- Frequency Response Analysis.

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