

## Robot Dynamics and Control - Syllabus

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**Corequisites:** ECE 130A (or equivalent) or ME 155A (or equivalent).

**Website:** [http://www.ece.ucsb.edu/courses/ECE179/179D\\_F12Byl/index.html](http://www.ece.ucsb.edu/courses/ECE179/179D_F12Byl/index.html)

**Lecture:** 2-3:15pm Tues. and Thurs., in **Phelps 1260. (Note the change of room!!)**

**Lab:** 3-hour session, 6 times during term. **Lab section schedule TBA.**

**Required Text:** 1) *Robot Modeling and Control*, by Spong, Hutchinson and Vidyasagar.

**Supplemental Texts:** 2) *Autonomous Mobile Robots*, by Siegwart and Nourbakhsh.  
 3) *Introduction to Robotics: Mechanics and Control*, by Craig.  
 4) *System Dynamics*, by Ogata.  
 5) *Modeling, Analysis, and Control of Dynamic Systems*, by Palm.

**Office Hours:** Mon/Wed 3:30-4:30pm, or by email to: katiebyl+179d@gmail.com

**Grading:** This is a 4-unit course. Grade weighting is given below.

- Homework (25%). There are expected to be 6 homework assignments. Only your top 5 of 6 homework grades will count. (Lowest homework grade is dropped.)
- Laboratory (25%). There are 6 labs, covering 3 project topics. Equal weight will be given to each of 3 prelabs (to be done individually) and 3 short lab reports (to be done in groups). Only your top 5 of 6 lab grades will count. (Lowest lab grade is dropped.)  
 Note: Labs involve sensing and control of Lego NXT robots, built by the TA and programmed by you via MATLAB's Simulink environment. The three projects are:
  - "Beverage-cup pong" robot arm control (Labs 1 and 2)
  - 3-wheeled omni-directional robot motion planning (Labs 3 and 4)
  - Balancing "Segway-style" inverted pendulum (Labs 5 and 6)
- Midterm (20%). The midterm will occur during the usual time and place for lectures. Tentatively, it is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 6**.  
 You are allow one (1) single-sided sheet of self-prepared notes for the midterm exam.
- Final Exam (30%). The final exam has been scheduled by the registrar for:
  - **Tuesday, December 11, 4-7pm**, in Girvetz 2120.
 You are allowed two (2) single-sided sheets of self-prepared notes for the final exam.

**Video:** We hope to video tape lecture and make links available. Video of lectures from the Spring 2011 will be available instead, if this is not practical to update video this term.

**Lecture 4 and 5 Rescheduling.** Prof. Byl will be traveling Oct. 6-11. Lectures for Oct. 9 and 11 will be rescheduled, tentatively for Oct. 12 (e.g., during the normal, weekly lab period).

**Topics and Schedule** (Tentative list, subject to some revision throughout the quarter):

Week	Lab	Lecture Topic	Reading	Other / Due dates
1	-	-		Lab to be scheduled first week of class.
		L1. (Sep. 27) Introduction. Robot terminology and geometry. Kinematics and feasibility.	Spong: Ch.1-3 (skim only)	
2	-	L2. (Oct. 2) Work: force and displacement (review). Mechanical impedance.	Spong: pp. 325-328	Prelab 1 due Oct. 5.
		L3. (Oct. 4) Model elements: DC motors, nonlinearities (e.g., friction), transmissions.	Spong: 6.1-6.2, 6.5	
3	1 (Oct. 8)	L4. (Oct. 12) Single-input single-output (SISO) control, pt I: PD and PID, tuning controllers on real-world systems.	Spong: 6.3 <i>Handout L4</i>	<b>MAKE-UP DATE!</b> Lect. 4 and 5 are Oct. 12, in 3120 HFH, time TBD. HW 1 due Oct. 10.
		L5. (Oct. 12) SISO control, pt II: Feedforward. Brief overview of state space.	Spong: 6.4	
4	-	L6. (Oct. 16) The Jacobian, pt I: Virtual work; Jacobians in the force domain.	Spong: 4.10 <i>Handout L6</i>	
		L7. (Oct. 18) The Jacobian, pt. II: Matrix velocity kinematics.	Spong Ch. 4	
5	2 (Oct. 22)	L8. (Oct. 23) Wheeled-vehicle dynamics, pt I: Kinematic constraints; mobility, steerability, maneuverability; wheel types.	<i>Handout L8</i>	HW 2 due Oct. 22. Prelab 3 due Oct. 26.
		L9. (Oct. 25) Wheeled-vehicle dynamics, pt II: Holonomic vs. Nonholonomic constraints.	Spong 7.1, 10.5	
6	3 (Oct. 29)	L10. (Oct. 30) The Lagrangian, pt I: Kinetic co-energy and potential energy; deriving equations of motion (EOMs)	Spong 7.2-7.3	Lab 2 due Oct. 29. HW 3 due Nov. 2.
		L11. (Nov. 1) The Lagrangian, pt II: Relative vs absolute coordinates; generalized forces; loss terms.	Spong 7.1-7.3	
7	4 (Nov. 5)	[No lecture: Nov. 6 is the Midterm, in class.]	-	<b>Midterm (Nov. 6)</b>
		L12. (Nov. 8) State space, pt I: "Segway" robot Lagrangian, EOMs.	Spong 6.6	
8	-	L13. (Nov. 13) State space, pt II: Controllability and LQR.	(Spong 6.6)	Lab 4 due Nov. 13. Prelab 5, Nov. 16.
		L14. (Nov. 15) Multi-input multi-output (MIMO) control: Controllability, Observability. MATLAB examples.	Spong 8.1-8.3 <i>Handout L14</i>	
9	5 (Nov. 19)	L15. (Nov. 20) MIMO control, pt II: Inner/outer loop control; inverse dyn. (aka "computed torque")	Spong 9.1-9.3.2 <i>Handout L15</i>	HW 4 due Nov. 19.
		NO CLASS (Thanksgiving)		
10	6 (Nov. 26)	L16. (Nov. 27) Task space (Cartesian) dynamics and control; force control; impedance control.	Spong 9.3.2-9.3.3 <i>Handout L16</i>	HW 5 due Nov. 28.
		L17. (Nov. 29) Hybrid position/force control. Feedback linearization.	Spong 10.2 <i>Handout L17</i>	
11	-	L18. Underactuated systems; locomotion; partial feedback linearization (PFL).	<i>Handout L18</i>	Lab 6 due Dec. 3. HW 6 due Dec. 6.
		L19. REVIEW		
Finals Week		<b>Final Exam (Dec. 11, 4-7pm)</b>		<b>Final Exam (Dec. 11, 4-7pm)</b>

Note: Dates for labs are Monday, but exact dates for each lab may change somewhat, compared with above.