NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND DIGITAL SCIENCES

Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering

Program Handbook

Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering

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Welcome Note

Dear Learners,

On behalf of our Faculty and Staff, it is a pleasure and a privilege to welcome you to the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering at Nazarbayev University!

In particular, I wish to congratulate you for choosing to pursue the advanced degree of Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering, an ambitious, demanding and challenging course of study. We are confident in our selection process and, therefore, in your own abilities to rise to the challenge. From our part, we promise that we will strive to deliver to you, in an effective and inspiring manner, a modern and interactive curriculum.

Biomedical Engineering is an interdisciplinary specialty that applies principles of engineering, life sciences and basic sciences to solve health related problems. This discipline commonly deals with diagnostic methods and tools, medical therapies, and monitoring devices. Evidence of biomedical engineering is found everywhere in the innovation revolution that is currently underway in health care. In hospitals, we encounter a plethora of connected devices. The instruments and machines in use have been designed and manufactured by engineers working in collaboration with medical doctors, nurses, biochemists, physicists, microbiologists and technicians. Clearly, modern innovation in medicine and health care is deeply rooted in the creative genius of engineers.

The MSc in Biomedical Engineering is a two-year specialized degree program. Students are required to complete 120 ECTS credits within 4 semesters. The program is designed to provide a graduate-level educational experience that will prepare individuals to undertake design and research in the area of Biomedical Engineering.

Once again, welcome to Nazarbayev University and the MSc in Biomedical Engineering program. Let's work together to make your study here the most exciting and unforgettable period ever!

Sincerely,

Dr. Stavros Poulopoulos

Head of the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering

Welcome Note

Dear Candidates of MSc in Biomedical Engineering,

The MSc in Biomedical Engineering at NU offers world-class biomedical engineering education as well as research and innovation, with its international faculty and outstanding research facilities. Human health has always been under threat from different sources such as aging, trauma, and diseases of different sorts including viral diseases such as severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) or COVID-19. A career in biomedical engineering is very critical in these years and is an option for those interested in medical sciences to work in the development of novel strategies and products for human health.

Biomedical engineering is a high-salary field advancing rapidly in industry including start-ups, small and medium size enterprises, multinational companies, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, hospitals and academic institutions involved in research.

On behalf of our Faculty and Staff, it is a pleasure and a privilege to welcome you to the MSc in Biomedical Engineering Program at Nazarbayev University.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cevat Erisken

Director of the MSc in Biomedical Engineering Program

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Program Overview

The MSc in Biomedical Engineering Degree Program is a specialized degree program by the School of Engineering and Digital Sciences (SEDS) at Nazarbayev University (NU). Students are required to complete 120 ECTS credits within 4 semesters. This satisfies the requirements as stipulated by the Bologna Process and the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) for Academic master's degrees. The program is designed to provide a graduate-level educational experience that will prepare individuals to undertake design and research in the area of Biomedical Engineering. The program is genuinely multidisciplinary, since it integrates knowledge from engineering, the life sciences, and medicine.

All students in the Biomedical Engineering program are required to complete five advanced core courses (30 ECTS) in life sciences and key applied areas in biomedical engineering areas such as Biomaterials Science and Engineering, Biosensors, Advanced Tissue Engineering, Anatomy and Physiology for Biomedical Engineering and Advanced Applied Mathematics. Three additional core courses, Research Methods and Ethics, Research Seminar, and Technical Communication (18 ECTS) will be offered to provide students with the general knowledge that is necessary for them to design or present their research in an effective way. Students will also be able to select four elective courses (24 ECTS), from a list of possible options, based on their research interests. Student can choose an elective course from other Departments in SEDS or Schools per approval of the advisor and the Head of Department. At least two electives should be taken from the MBME Program. Students will be enrolled in Master Thesis I (24 ECTS) and Master Thesis II (24 ECTS) courses in the third and fourth semesters to carry out an independent research study.

In the second year, students will be actively engaged in a research project that will be concluded with a thesis that must be defended in public. A faculty member will actively supervise the project. A wide variety of research topics will be offered by the SEDS in areas as diverse as biosensors; biomaterials and biocompatibility; tissue engineering; development of drug delivery systems; fundamental characterization and applications of biofilms; 3D bioprinting; biomedical imaging etc. The research hypothesis must be tantalizing and in line with contemporary scientific/technological insights. Approaches and techniques must meet international standards; one of the explicit aims will be to write not only a thesis, but also to publish manuscripts on the basis of the project's outcome.

Aims and Objectives

The mission of the School of Engineering and Digital Sciences at Nazarbayev University is to contribute to the development of Kazakhstan in terms of:

- Educating students with graduate level engineering expertise to lead organizations and provide innovative solutions for complex technical issues of enterprises.
- Conducting innovative and pioneering basics of applied research that evolve the body of knowledge in Engineering through interdisciplinary collaboration with other schools and research centers at Nazarbayev University and leading universities worldwide.

- Advancing the professional development in engineering through our service to the professional community and providing lifelong learning opportunities for practitioners.

The Biomedical Engineering program mirrors the mission of the School of Engineering and Digital Sciences. It will provide a graduate-level comprehension and know-how that will prepare individuals to undertake design and research in the area of biomedical engineering by pursuing the following objectives:

The MSc in Biomedical Engineering program aims to reflect the mission of the School of Engineering and Digital Sciences and accomplishes this by pursuing the following aims:

1. Establish a thorough grounding in the life sciences *and* mastery of analytical/conceptual and critical thinking and problem-solving capacities, which are typical for engineering professionals.
2. Familiarize with the problems of making and interpreting quantitative measurements of living systems.
3. Develop capacity to set-up and conduct scientific experiments, and to analyze and interpret data from such experiments.
4. Able to formulate and solve problems with medical relevance, including the design of devices, systems, and processes to improve human health.
5. Able to communicate effectively with other scientific and technical experts, and –particularly- with physicians/clinicians.
6. Able to run or set-up a new enterprise in the field of biomedical engineering or medical device technology.

Graduate Attributes

NU graduates from the MSc in Biomedical Engineering program shall:

1) Possess an in-depth and sophisticated understanding of their domain of study;
2) Be intellectually agile, curious, creative and open-minded;
3) Be thoughtful decision makers who know how to involve others;
4) Be entrepreneurial, self-propelling and able to create new opportunities;
5) Be fluent and nuanced communicators across languages and cultures;
6) Be cultured and tolerant citizens of the world;
7) Demonstrate high personal integrity;
8) Be prepared to take a leading role in the development of their country.

The MSc in Biomedical Engineering program delivers the graduate attributes by providing the students opportunities to

- be involved in individual and group work, team building exercises for developing decision making skills,
- be engaged with design tasks for developing creativity, presenting project reports to polish their communication skills and through group discussions among group members and faculty,
- develop personal integrity and cultural tolerance.

These attributes are addressed by the learning outcomes that follow.

Program Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the program, our graduates will be able to:

1. Integrate life sciences and engineering for research, development and innovation with the aim to enhance human health.
2. To evaluate ideas, models and hypotheses using appropriate experimental, mathematical and statistical approaches.
3. Master multiple instrumental, computational and biological techniques for experimentation and modeling
4. Think critically with the ability to appropriately analyze data originating from experiments and simulations, and to draw justifiable conclusions
5. Recognize ethical issues, consider multiple points of view, and use critical ethical reasoning to determine the appropriate behavior to follow in the practice of biomedical engineering.
6. Communicate effectively individually as well as in a team environment

Tabulated Program Learning Outcomes against NU Graduate Attributes:

		Program Learning Outcomes					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
NU Graduate Attributes	1	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	
	2	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
	3			☑	☑	☑	☑
	4		☑	☑		☑	☑
	5			☑	☑	☑	☑
	6		☑				☑
	7		☑	☑		☑	
	8		☑	☑		☑	☑

Program Duration

The nominal MSc program duration is **two years**, while the maximum allowable duration can be extended up to **two and half years** (excluding leave of absence and deferment of admission; see "*ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS OF THE AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATION OF EDUCATION 'NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY'*" for further details).

Assessment

Assessment is aligned with the learning outcomes of the program and those of each course. Course assessment tasks are performed during and at the end of each course. Types of assessment vary from successful completion of integrated coursework, assignments, and project work to evaluation of performance of case studies, interviews, and deliverance of presentations.

The following table summarizes assessment and evaluation points for all stages of the MSc program:

Stage of Program	***Significance***	***Possible Results***	***Evaluation Point***
ADMISSION TO PROGRAM	Initial Evaluation	Admission Admission with Conditional Status, Subject to Satisfactory Completion of Conditions Rejection	***Key Evaluation Point*** Admission is handled on a case-by-case basis by evaluating the student's undergraduate curriculum, English proficiency and letters of recommendation among other documents and interview (only for shortlisted candidates)
COURSEWORK	Determination of Student Competence in Fundamentals of Discipline	Continue in Program Continue on Probation Dismissed from Program	***Continuous Evaluation*** The coursework component for the Master of Science is assessed by the module instructor. It is enforced that all faculty provide a module descriptor to students at the start of the course outlining the weight of each assessment.
DEGREE CANDIDACY	Demonstration of Student's Mastery of Content Knowledge and Skills in the Discipline	Pass and Continue in Program Required to Re-Take Some Courses Dismissed from Program	***Key Evaluation Point*** Content knowledge and skills are assessed by the supervisor/co-supervisor.
COMPLETION OF PROJECT	Demonstration of Student's Mastery of Content Knowledge and Skills Needed to Graduate	Pass Recommend Changes with or without re-defense Fail and dismissal from Program	***Key Evaluation Point*** Content knowledge and skills are assessed by the thesis committee.

Coursework Assessment methods by course & correspondence to Program Learning outcomes are summarized in the following table:

Program Learning Outcome	***Where addressed*** *(course)*	***How addressed*** *(L&T Methods)*
1.	All core and elective courses	Lectures, problem-based tutorials, laboratory practicum, assignments, group projects, site visits and master thesis.

2.	All courses that include project, Research seminar, Master Thesis I and II	Lectures, problem-based tutorials, laboratory practicum, assignments, group projects, case studies and analyses, site visits and master thesis.
3.	All core and elective courses, Master Thesis I and II	Lectures, problem-based tutorials, laboratory practicum, assignments, group projects, site visits and master thesis.
4.	All core and elective courses, Master Thesis I and II	Lectures, problem-based tutorials, laboratory practicum, assignments, group projects, site visits and master thesis.
5.	Research Methods and Ethics	Lectures, problem-based tutorials, group projects.
6.	All core and elective courses, Master Thesis I and II	Lectures, problem-based tutorials, laboratory practicum, assignments, group projects, site visits and master thesis.

MASTER OF SCIENCE - PROGRAM CALENDAR 2020-2021

Course-type key

Program Core courses
Program Elective courses

SEMESTER 1	FALL: 2020	
Classes		
TYPE	**COURSE CODE & TITLE**	**ECTS**
Program core	**MSC 601, TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION**	6
Program core	**MSC 602, ADVANCED APPLIED MATHEMATICS**	6
Program core	**MBME 603, BIOMATERIALS SCIENCE & ENGINEERING**	6
Program core	**MBME 604, BIOSENSORS**	6
Program core	**MBME 610, ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY FOR BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING**	6

SEMESTER 2	SPRING: 2021	
Classes		
TYPE	**COURSE CODE & TITLE**	**ECTS**
Program Core	**MSC 600, RESEARCH METHODS AND ETHICS**	6
Program Core	**MBME 600, RESEARCH SEMINAR**	6
Program Core	**MBME 607, ADVANCED TISSUE ENGINEERING**	6
Elective	**ELECTIVE 1 (**PICK ONE FROM ELECTIVES POOL*)	6
Elective	**ELECTIVE 2 (**PICK ONE FROM ELECTIVES POOL*)	6

* Student can choose an elective course from other Departments in SEDS or Schools per approval of the advisor and the Head of Department. At least two electives should be taken from the MBME Program.

MASTER OF SCIENCE - PROGRAM CALENDAR 2021-2022

SEMESTER 3	FALL: 2021	
Study Period	TBA	
TYPE	**COURSE CODE & TITLE**	**ECTS**
Program core	**MBME 601, MASTER THESIS I**	24
Elective	**ELECTIVE 3 (**PICK ONE FROM ELECTIVES POOL*)	6

SEMESTER 4	SPRING: 2022	
Study Period	TBA	
TYPE	**COURSE CODE & TITLE**	**ECTS**
Program core	**MBME 602, MASTER THESIS II**	24
Elective	**ELECTIVE 4 (**PICK ONE FROM ELECTIVES POOL*)	6

* Student can choose an elective course from other Departments in SEDS or Schools per approval of the advisor and the Head of Department. At least two electives should be taken from the MBME Program.

Academic Policies and Procedures

All academic policies and procedures (APP) that are not explicitly covered in this handbook are conformant with the corresponding items described in "*SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND DIGITAL SCIENCES MASTERS STUDENT HANDBOOK",* which covers School of Engineering and Digital Sciences Master Programs, and the "*ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS OF THE AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATION OF EDUCATION "NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY" (APP-Graduate Programs-NU)"*, which covers all graduate programs in Nazarbayev University. These policies and procedures include, among others, the following:

1. Admissions
2. Registration
3. Credits (Requirements, awarding & transfers)
4. Grading issues such as: administrative grades, grade appeals
5. Course re-takes
6. Degree withdrawals
7. Academic code of behavior
8. Leaves of absence, including medical reasons, immediate family member issues and others
9. Dismissal & voluntary withdrawal.

Every student participating in the MSc in Biomedical Engineering program is expected to have read and understood all the policies, rules, procedures, and guidelines described in this program specific handbook, the School's MSc Handbook and the general APP for graduate programs in NU.

Grading System

Graded courses

Letter Grade	Grade Points	Percentage
A	4.00	95-100%
A-	3.67	90-94.9%
B+	3.33	85-89.9%
B	3.00	80-84.9%
B-	2.67	75-79.9%
C+	2.33	70-74.9%
C	2.00	65-69.9%
C-	1.67	60-64.9%
F	0.00	0-59.9%

Non-graded (PASS/FAIL) courses

In the case of a non-graded course, the following assessment percentages apply

Description	Percentage
Pass	59% or Above
Fail	Below 59%

Program Completion Requirements

Satisfactory completion of the MSc program requires that the student progress through a number of distinct stages, each of which is characterized by a key evaluation point (See Appendix). The necessary stages are:

1) Satisfactory application to the program;
2) Completing all required coursework in the program (72 ECTS);
3) Satisfactory completion of the master thesis (48 ECTS);
4) Satisfactory achievement of minimum GPA for continuation through semesters and graduation (Candidacy).

Continuation / normal progress

To continue in the MSc in Biomedical Engineering graduate program at SEDS, NU, a student must maintain a minimum CGPA of no less than a **B- (2.67 on a 4-point scale)** after each grading period and conform to all program rules and policies to maintain normal progress toward degree. A student who fails to satisfy the continuation requirement for the program is subject to dismissal.

Appealing against grades

If a student believes that she or he has received an unfair or erroneous grade, the student may appeal. The following are cases for appeal:

1) In the case of an examination. The student must first consult with the instructor within 5 working days of her or his receipt of the contested grade (this time may be extended in the event that the instructor can be shown to have been unavailable during the period following the student's receipt of the grade in question). The Instructor must respond within the next 5 working days. In the event that the student is still dissatisfied, she or he may appeal to the Dean of the School (or the Dean's designee) within 5 working days. The Dean (or her or his designee) shall consult with the Instructor before making any decision. The decision of the Dean (or of her or his designee) shall be final;

2) In the case of a Final Course Grade. The student must first consult with the instructor within 5 working days of her or his receipt of the contested grade (this time may be extended in the event that the instructor can be shown to have been unavailable during the period following the student's receipt of the grade in question). The date to be used for appeals of Final Course Grades is the date published in the Academic Calendar. The Instructor must respond within the next 5 working days (that time may be extended in the event the instructor is shown to have been unavailable during the period following the student's receipt of their final grade). In the event that the student still believes that the grade is incorrect, or the Instructor has not replied within 15 days, the student may appeal to the Dean of the School (or the Dean's designee) within 5 days. The Dean (or her or his designee) shall consult with the Instructor before making any decision. The decision of the Dean (or her or his designee) shall be final.

Plagiarism

In any coursework or thesis assessment, unacknowledged copying or plagiarism is not acceptable. Plagiarism can result in extremely serious academic actions including cancellation of any or all results, suspension from the program, or even expulsion. Plagiarism means using the work of others in preparing an assignment and presenting it as your own without explicitly acknowledging – or referencing – where it came from. Plagiarism can also mean not acknowledging the full extent of indebtedness to a

source. Work can be plagiarized from many sources including books, articles, the internet, and other media. Plagiarism can also occur unconsciously or inadvertently. Direct copying is definitely plagiarism. Paraphrasing of another's work without acknowledgment is also plagiarism. Submitting someone else's work or ideas without attribution is not evidence of your own grasp of the material and cannot earn you marks.

Nazarbayev University's policy on plagiarism sets out student responsibilities in regard to copying. Students are responsible for ensuring that:

- They are familiar with the expected conventions of authorship and the appropriate use and acknowledgement of all forms of intellectual material relevant to their discipline.
- The work submitted for assessment is their own.
- They take all reasonable steps to ensure their work cannot be accessed by others who might seek to submit it, in whole or in part, as their own.

Whenever you refer to another person's research or ideas -either by directly quoting or by paraphrasing them-, you must acknowledge your source by proper referencing. Turnitin is a useful web-based originality checking service that can help in assessing the originality of one's submitted work. More information on Turnitin can be found in Appendix I and service's web site (http://turnitin.com/).

Description of Courses

Course-type key

Core courses
Elective courses

Program Core Courses

MSC 600, Research Methods and Ethics

This course addresses the primary need for graduate students to undertake formal training that will help them in understanding how to conduct their research. The course will develop students' understanding of research planning and engender skills enhancement for reading, interpreting, writing about and presenting key ideas. The course will also instill an understanding of a variety of research methods and ethics, as well as implementation of appropriate strategies in lecture and workshop settings..

LOs

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

1. Discuss the research process, research methodology, research methods, and research ethics.
2. Effectively use modern technology to plan and manage research projects.
3. Effectively apply the research methodology and appropriate research methods to formulate and validate engineering research problems.
4. Critically analyze and evaluate research findings.
5. Effectively employ appropriate communication techniques to summarize, document and present the research results to both specialists or non-specialists.

6. Develop the skills to maintain good working relations in a research team environment.

MSC 601, Technical Communication

This graduate level course combines the application of rhetorical analysis to stylistic conventions of writing in engineering, with a focus on clarity, conciseness, and coherence. Students will employ process writing to produce genre specific writing familiar to Engineers, including research reports scientific papers designed for specific audiences. This course also trains students to deliver effective and appealing professional and scientific presentations, with attention to best practices in the use of technical English and oral communication.

LOs

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand technical communication along a continuum, identifying appropriate writing and speaking strategies for intra-disciplinary, inter-disciplinary, business and public audiences.
2. Determine audience needs and expectations as they pertain to writing and presentation in engineering genres.
3. Organize and prepare coherent and effective scientific texts and presentations for academic, professional, and public audiences.
4. Communicate effectively and efficiently the process of developing, implementing, and evaluating research.
5. Refine writing style for clarity, concision, coherence, and emphasis.
6. Practice the ethical use of sources and appropriate citation conventions.
7. Work with peers to provide written and oral feedback of student work.

MSC 602, Advanced Applied Mathematics

This course reviews and deepens the advanced analytical and numerical methods to solve ODEs and PDEs. The whole course, lectures and tutorials, will be delivered through a mathematical software package capable to perform symbolical calculations.
The module is designed for graduate students to cover their research needs concerning mathematical modeling via analytical, semi-analytical or numerical techniques.

LOs

By the end of the course the student will be expected to be able to:

1. Apply appropriate methods of solution for a given mathematical problem concerning modeling with ODEs and PDEs;
2. Design sophisticated computer program to solve semi-analytically or numerically engineering problems that require modeling with ODEs and PDEs;
3. Justify analytical or numerical results for advanced mathematical models of engineering field.
4. Create a written document, according to internationally accepted standards (using an appropriate Scopus-Q1/Q4 journal, or equivalent, as a reference in the preparation), presenting theoretical and practical aspects in the evaluation of the results involved in a chosen Applied Mathematics topic, prior approval of the instructor.

MBME 600, Research Seminar

This course enables students to gain and apply basic research knowledge and skills to select their research projects in Biomedical Engineering. Course will provide to students a series of presentations intended to broaden their understanding of Biomedical Science and Engineering and to provide them with opportunities to interact with scientists and engineers in the field. Presentations will also be given relating to the development of the students' academic and professional careers. In addition to lectures, each student will prepare a research proposal (assessed by Lead Supervisor, Co-Supervisor and External Examiner) and present one seminar with her/his intended topic of research in front of panel of faculty (Supervisors and extra faculty) and MSc students' audience.

LOs

By the end of the course the student will be expected to be able to:

1. Explore potential areas of research and select his/her research area.
2. Clearly identify the research topic and research issues.
3. Identify the social, environmental and economic issues related to the research topic.
4. Ability to communicate effectively theoretical and practical concepts, findings, and results via written and electronic media.
5. Prepare and present in a professional manner a summary of the report in teams/person in front of the audience.

MBME 601, Master Thesis I

This course intends to give students the opportunity to develop their Master Thesis research proposal and to develop a thorough literature review on their research topic in Biomedical Engineering. Student will prepare a research proposal (assessed by Lead Supervisor, Co-Supervisor and External Examiner) and present research progress report with her/his intended topic of research in front of panel of faculty (Supervisors and extra faculty).

LOs

By the end of the course the student will be expected to be able to:

1. Conduct a comprehensive literature review to support the research proposal.
2. Formulate the research hypothesis.
3. Develop and outline the research methods.
4. Independently apply research methods and techniques to perform experimentation/ simulation and hypothesis testing.
5. Effectively present the progress of the research.

MBME 602, Master Thesis II

This course intends to give students the opportunity to fully implement the research proposal and bring it to a conclusion. The course develops the knowledge and skills about planning and conducting independent research at an advanced level, critically analyzing research results, effectively presenting results to a wide audience, and effectively compiling the results in the form of an authoritative thesis.

LOs

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

1. Independently conduct and complete a research project at an advanced level.
2. Critically analyze and discuss obtained research results in accordance with applicable norms of research ethics.
3. Communicate effectively the research results and findings to a wide audience.
4. Generate an authoritative thesis based on their results and findings.

MBME 603, Biomaterials Science & Engineering

The course "Biomaterials Science & Engineering" will present an overview of synthetic and natural materials, which are currently used in different areas of biomedical engineering. Structure and function of these materials will be discussed. Special emphasis will be laid on polymeric biomaterials such as poly-olefins, poly-urethanes, biodegradable poly-esters and poly-peptides, and crosslinked hydrogel systems. Polymer biomaterials are nowadays encountered in almost all medical subdisciplines such as dentistry, orthopedic surgery, vascular surgery, gynecology, oncology and ophthalmology. Specific examples in these fields will be highlighted. The use of metals in biomedical applications (e.g., titanium and shape-memory alloys) will also be discussed. Furthermore, the concept of "biocompatibility" will be covered with regard to in-vitro and in-vivo applications of biomaterials.

LOs

By the end of the course the student are expected to:

1. Understand critical properties of biomaterials used in biomedical applications.
2. Understand the criteria for material selection in the field of biomedical engineering.
3. Design and process biomaterials for specific application.
4. Understand mechanisms of polymer degradation and apply it in biomaterial development.
5. Comprehend the stages of biomedical product development from bench to the market.

MBME 604, Biosensors

The Biosensors course will provide an interdisciplinary view of biosensors, focusing on the technological aspects, as well as on implementation and applications, with elements of electronics, photonics, surface chemistry, and biology. The course will present electronic biosensors, optical biosensors, bio-recognition and functionalization, and applications of biosensors.

LOs

By the end of the course the student will be expected to be able to:

1. Understand electronic biosensors based on chip, transistors, impedance methods.
2. Understand optical biosensors based on surface plasmon resonance, spectroscopy, waveguides.
3. Design functional layers with bioreceptors for multiple applications.
4. Apply biosensors in medicine and diagnostics.
5. Characterize biosensors and understand their main performance figures and response.

MBME 607, Advanced Tissue Engineering

This course is designed to cover the most recent advancements in different areas of applications of tissue engineering. The topics in this course will include tissue engineering strategies such as i) compositional, structural and functional analysis of different tissues in human body, ii) design, fabrication and

utilization of scaffold biomaterials and iii) cellular engineering including cell therapy, drug delivery; as well as cell-biomaterial interactions. Recent advances and major problems relevant to tissue engineering will also be presented and discussed. Instructor will present relevant topics in the class and guide students when needed. The students should appear in the class as they will be presenting/discussing topics with their classmates. Each student will choose an area of application and advance her/his knowledge in the particular area of tissue engineering. More specifically, the topics in this course will include Research methodology, Recent Progress in Tissue Engineering, Biomaterials, Scaffold design and Manufacturing, Controlled Release, Bone Tissue Engineering, Cartilage Tissue Engineering, Tendon/Ligament Tissue Engineering, Dental Tissue Engineering, Skin Tissue Engineering, Cartilage-bone interface regeneration, Tendon-bone interface regeneration, Tissue Engineering Products in the Market.

LOs

By the end of the course the student will be expected to be able to:

1. Describe the structure, function and composition of human body components.
2. Define concepts (biomaterials, cells, biomolecules) associated with tissue engineering.
3. Design scaffolds for various tissues and investigate the interaction between biomaterials and cells.
4. Characterize engineered tissues and compare them with native tissues.
5. Write and present scientific reports related to tissue engineering.

MBME 610, Anatomy and Physiology for Biomedical Engineering

This course is designed to cover the basics of human anatomy and physiology including anatomical terminology, cells and tissues, body parts, the musculoskeletal system, the nervous system, special senses, the cardiovascular system, ECG, the respiratory system, and urinary system. The course provides a foundation in human anatomy appropriate for biomedical engineering professionals. Learning objectives will be achieved through a combination of lecture and practical (on models) approaches, reinforced by clinical examples and analysis of how biomedical devices interface with anatomical structures.

Students will participate in small group discussions of clinical case studies, make group presentations of topic and prepare a term paper on the subject of their choice selected from a list of topics generated by the instructor.

LOs

By the end of the course the student will be able to:

1. Learn human anatomy on different levels (cellular, tissue, organ).
2. Recognize anatomical structures of different body parts of various species.
3. Learn techniques for tissue/organ characterization.
4. Define functioning of medical devices and interactions between devices and surrounding tissues.
5. Learn medical terminology, which facilitates communication with people in the field.

Program Elective Courses

MBME 700, Strategies for Controlled Topical Delivery of Drugs

The course will discuss the most important contemporary strategies and methods for controlled topical delivery of drugs in clinical practice. The course will focus on the use of advanced devices and biomaterials to achieve the aim of supplying drugs in adequate quantities to target tissues, during an extended time interval. Examples will be abstracted from oncology (e.g., local delivery of cytostatic and/or angiogenic agents to solid tumors), ophthalmology (e.g., delivery of drugs to anterior and posterior parts of the eye), pulmonary drug delivery, etc. Methods to achieve long-duration contraception will be discussed as well. Evidently, emphasis will be put on technical/engineering aspects, such as the use micropump technologies, use of synthetic hydrogel biomaterials in systems for controlled local drug delivery, use of drug-releasing micro- and nanoparticles, transdermal drug delivery, nasal/pulmonary drug delivery, and drug delivery from implanted devices, such as endovascular stents, subcutaneous contraceptive devices, and injected microparticles carrying and locally releasing antineoplastic cytostatic drugs. Master students will be expected to study, in depth, 5-6 recent scientific papers in the field of controlled drug delivery and to present the content of these works in a mini-seminar.

LOs

By the end of the course the student will be expected to be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and analyzing skills on the contemporary drug delivery strategies.
2. Demonstrate a broad knowledge of various devices for drug delivery such as hydrogel biomaterials, drug-releasing micro- and nanoparticles metals, drug delivery from implanted devices and others.
3. Develop a scientific understanding of relationship between structure and property as it applies to medical devices for drug delivery.
4. Ability to communicate effectively theoretical and practical concepts, findings, and results via written and electronic media.
5. Prepare and present in a professional manner a summary of the report in teams/person in front of the audience.

MBME 703, Medical Device Technology

The course will discuss contemporary medical devices including innovation and advanced technologies for healthcare, challenges and future opportunities. The focus of the course is on a design and fundamental technologies from both the medical and engineering perspectives. Course will present an introduction of medical devices (electrical and mechanical device) and procedures including. The topics include understanding the needs for specific medical devices, physiology, risks and benefits of medical device design and ethical issues. Examples will be abstracted from sensors, pacemakers, heart valves, implantable cardio devices, mechanical ventilators etc. This course will also cover biocompatibility testing and accelerated age testing of the devices. Course will consist of lectures, case studies and class discussion. There will be a brief oral presentation complete with PowerPoint® slides to the class.

LOs

By the end of the course the student will be expected to be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and analyze skills on the contemporary medical device technologies.

2. Demonstrate a broad knowledge of appropriate physiology, mathematical modeling or biocompatibility issues.
3. Develop an understanding of the risks and benefits of medical device design and ethical issues.
4. Communicate effectively theoretical and practical concepts, findings, and results via written and electronic media.
5. Prepare and present in a professional manner a summary of the report in teams/person in front of the audience.

MBME 705, Infectious Diseases and Antimicrobial Strategies

This course will introduce the students to biofilm and its role in infectious diseases and outline the current antimicrobial strategies for biofilm control in health setting and biomedical devices. Part 1: Fundamentals of biofilm science; Introduction to biofilm formation; methods for determination of biofilm structure and activity, including confocal laser scanning microscopy, micromechanics methods and electrochemical biofilm sensors; biofilm matrix and molecular mechanism of quorum sensing. Part 2: role of biofilms in infection and transmission of infectious diseases; biofilms in infectious disease in Kazakhstan and Central Asia. Part 3: Introduction to antibiotic and antimicrobial structure and function, particularly for biofilm control and mitigation in health settings. Examples will include biofilm control in Cystic fibrosis and biomedical devices. Basics of antibiotic resistance mechanism in biofilms and their evolution. Design and testing of novel antimicrobial strategies will be also outlined. The course will include guest lectures by infectious diseases specialist.

LOs

On successful completion of the program students will be able to:

1. Understand the basic microbiology of biofilm life cycle.
2. Understand the structure and virulence of biofilms in the host and health setting.
3. Critically evaluate the methods for biofilm characterization.
4. Plan a research project to identify and test in the laboratory antimicrobial and antibiofilm agents.

MBME 708, Biomedical Imaging

This course will introduce the physical principles of in vivo bioimaging modalities including X-ray computed tomography (CT), Single-photon emission computed tomography (SPECT), positron emission tomography (PET), clinical applications of nuclear medicine, ultrasonic imaging (US), and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). This course will provide how existing physical principles transduced into bioimaging and correlated to an important event in life sciences, illustrating the contributions physics can make to life sciences. For the better understanding of the principles and applications, in the lectures, practical demonstrations will be presented to illustrate the corresponding imaging modality, its usage, promise and limitations, and biological safety will be discussed. Considering the contribution of materials engineering in this particular research field, bioimaging contrast agents improving imaging quality in a specific in vivo environment will be introduced. The student will develop a good understanding of the mechanisms working on generating tissue contrast of the bioimaging modalities covered in this course, including the fundamental of the transducer and how they define the range of possible biomedical applications, and potential requirements of contrast agents. Based on this course, the student can

get knowledge about imaging modalities, the way how to decide which modality is adequate for specific life science needs and a basic understanding of design principle of contrast agents.

LOs

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

1. Understand basic principles of biomedical imaging modalities;
2. Understand the way to select a specific imaging modality for specific life science;
3. Understand basic principles of bioimaging contrast agents;
4. Understand the way to select an appropriate contrast agent for specific life science;
5. Identify appropriate research topics in the development of bioimaging instruments and contrast agent, and generate hypotheses about such topics.

MBME 709, Mechanics of Living Tissues

This course is designed to cover the basics and applications of biomechanics principals (i.e. kinematic, dynamic, static). The topics in this course will include skeletal muscle system, biomechanics of lower and upper extremity bones, spine biomechanics as well as cell biomechanics. More specifically, the students are expected to learn about biomechanics of tissues including bone, articular cartilage, tendons and ligaments, skeletal muscle, knee, hip, foot and ankle, shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand, fracture fixation, and gait. Recent advances and major problems relevant to cell/tissue/organ biomechanics will also be presented and discussed.

LOs

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

1. Describe the concepts of biomechanics
2. Explain tissue structure-function relationship
3. Relate models of biomechanics to musculoskeletal tissue functions
4. Present a topic in tissue mechanics in front of an audience.

Master Thesis Guidelines

The guidelines presented herein form a manual designed to provide you with a quick reference for planning, preparation, and compilation of your thesis manuscript. In this manual, explanations of form and style, as well as a wide range of suggestions and advice, are offered for serving this goal. It is among the aims of this document to clarify the rules and explain possible options in areas where decisions about form and layout are at your discretion.

Finally, it is important that you read the entire manual **before** you begin preparing your manuscript so that you understand the format and purposes behind the rules.

Aims and Objectives

The MSc Biomedical Engineering Degree Program has been designed to incrementally increase the depth of content as the student progresses through the semesters. The expectations from the students are finalized with a research thesis. The Master's thesis constitutes a piece of applied research and in this context, your primary goal is to analyze, solve and present your research findings for an existing problem relevant to your field of study. This process should be based on existing scientific and engineering knowledge and follow the principles of responsible research conduct.

The **topic** of your thesis should be related to the advanced studies of the degree program and should be decided in agreement with your thesis supervisor through the preparation and presentation of your Thesis Agreement to the MSc program coordinator for approval.

The primary focus of your research project is usually expressed in terms of **aims** and **objectives**. Your aims should comprise aspirations and/or intentions defined in broad terms which essentially describe what you are hoping to achieve. These aims set out what you are targeting to deliver at the end of the project. Objectives, on the other hand, are specific statements that define measurable outcomes and comprise specific goals and steps that must be followed for achieving your aims. Your objectives must be:

Specific; provide precise descriptions of what you are going to do.
Measurable; be able to provide concrete evidence when reaching a goal.
Achievable; avoid setting infeasible goals.
Realistic; plan your steps and goals based on the available resources (time, lab equipment, skills etc.).
Timely delivered; create a timetable, know when each stage needs to be completed, allow extra time for unexpected delays

Thesis components and contents

Thesis components

Your thesis may have up to three components: a core thesis, essential supporting material, and non-essential supplementary material.

Core Thesis. The core thesis must be a self-contained, narrative description of the argument, methods, and evidence used in your thesis project. Despite the ability to present evidence more directly and with greater sophistication using mixed media, the core thesis must provide an accessible textual description of the whole project.
The core thesis must stand alone and be printable on paper, meeting the formatting requirements described in these guidelines. The electronic version of the thesis must be provided in the most stable and universal format available—currently Portable Document Format (PDF) for textual materials. These files may also include embedded visual images.

Essential Supporting Material. Essential supporting material is defined as mixed media content that cannot be integrated into the core thesis, i.e., material that cannot be adequately expressed as text. Your

thesis committee is responsible for deciding whether this material is essential to the thesis. Essential supporting material does not include the actual project data. Supporting material is essential if it is necessary for the actual argument of the thesis and cannot be integrated into a traditional textual narrative. Essential supporting material must be submitted in the most stable and least risky format consistent with its representation.

Non-essential Supplementary Material. Supplementary material includes any supporting content that is useful for understanding the thesis but is not essential to the argument. This might include, for example, electronic files of the works analyzed in the thesis or additional support for the argument (simulations, samples of experimental situations, etc.). Supplementary material is to be submitted in the most stable and most accessible format.

Core thesis/manuscript contents

This Master's program includes courses presenting and explaining research methodologies and reporting methods, however, you should always keep the following in mind when conducting research and compiling your thesis manuscript:

- Always include a pertinent literature review. The literature review aims at describing the existing and established theory and research in your thesis area and, hence, providing a context for your work. Reference all sources mentioned in the review and give full citation in thesis' Reference List.
- Explain the methods used in researching and developing your work. It is highly important to explain what research methods you used to acquire data and/or information and present the conducted work.
- Discuss with your thesis supervisor the extent and level of detail required; different levels of research depth will obviously require different levels of detail.
- Clearly present your findings. Describe what have been discovered through your research. Give all results, as long as they are products of your research activities. Include tables, graphs, illustrations etc., so that it is easier for the reader to understand your results.
- Always, include a discussion of your findings. Use a discursive and evaluative writing approach and fully present your interpretations and judgements of the results. Contextualize your ideas in relation to other theories and with other similar research, particularly in reference to the works mentioned in your literature review.

Stages and Procedures

Actions described in Stages 1 & 2 need to be completed within the first eight weeks of the program's 2nd semester. During the 2nd semester the student has the opportunity, after discussion with his/her current supervisor, to change the topic and/or the supervising committee. After the end of the 2nd semester no changes are allowed.

STAGE 1: Identify Thesis Supervisors (supervisory committee)

Students must select their potential MSc thesis supervisors (Lead- & Co-supervisors) within the first 8 weeks of the Program's second semester and inform the MSc Program Coordinator, who is going to

initiate the required approval of your supervisory committee by the departmental MSc Program Committee. Both supervisors must be from the ChME Department. In exceptional cases, with the approval of the Department MSc. Committee, HoD, and Dean, it will be accepted for the candidate to have either the Lead-Supervisor or Co-Supervisor external to the Department in which the student is enrolled, i.e., from a Department other than ChME. With no exception, one of the supervisors must be a faculty of the Department of ChME. In the case of having an external member as Lead-Supervisor or Co-Supervisor, that member will act as internal to the effects of evaluation of the Master Thesis. Furthermore, an external examiner needs to be assigned to each student, who will not be part of the student supervisory committee but will be involved in the approval of the final MSc thesis report and the evaluation of the MSc Thesis defense. The external examiner must be external to your department and can be an academic from another NU department, university or, alternatively, an expert from the industry holding PhD degree and specializing in your thesis's scientific field. Department's MSc committee will choose the External Examiner from a list of supervisor-proposed candidates. In all stages, all involved individuals and bodies are responsible for identifying and declaring potential or perceived conflict of interest among involved parties and following the rules and guidelines mentioned in Appendix VI.

Constructive supervision is a significant component aiming in the success of your thesis work and requires the vivid interaction between you and your supervisors. However, you should never forget that it is you, the student, who is carrying out the work and it is your motivation, academic knowledge, and interest central in making the supervision process work.

Your supervisory committee comprises academic professionals that will help you track appropriate research sources and support your research and the compilation of your thesis work. Your supervisor may also refer you to other experts (either internal or external to the university) who may have specialized knowledge in the specific topic of your thesis. Your Lead Supervisor is responsible for ensuring that the Master's thesis meets the goals and requirements set by the School of Engineering and Digital Sciences. Your supervisory committee will be able to predict common pitfalls and protect you from them while at the same time providing you with advice regarding your thesis' objectives. However, keep in mind that it is required by you to be the dynamic party in interacting with your supervisors. Discussion and critical argumentation are key features that should be present in your meetings. Supervision is not a monologue, and neither the supervisors nor the student should restrain themselves from asking the other party for clarification of claims. Mutually challenging dialogues can help you in delivering a successful result.

STAGE 2: Selection of topic

Supervisors are in position to suggest appropriate MSc thesis' topics. These may stem from research work being conducted at the school/department or may arise from material covered during your coursework. Furthermore, thesis' topics may be also related to work carried out in the context of research projects involving industrial partners. The topic of the thesis is decided in discussions between you and your chosen supervisors; however, the final choice is always made by you. In this regard, it is customary for interested department faculty members to announce topics and/or areas of interest in helping you choose your thesis topic.

Furthermore, during your first supervised meetings you should spend some time discussing, in addition to academic matters, all practical matters that may arise during your work:

- Do you need all-round supervision? Have you got prior experience in using equipment of software required in the proposed topic? Will you be able to use them?
- When can you meet with your supervisor? How often? Can you set up regular meeting intervals or do you prefer an on-demand approach? Keep in mind that supervisors are bound to offer at least 12 hours of supervision for a 48-credit master thesis.
- How ambitious are you? Are you thinking of later applying for a funded PhD position?

Finally, a *Supervision Agreement* form, found in Appendix II, must be filed in, signed, and submitted to the MSc Coordinator for review and approval by MSc Committee and Head of Department by the end of the second semester. The Supervision Agreement must state the proposed thesis title, supervisors, start date, and intended submission date.

STAGE 3: Submission of your thesis proposal

When you and your supervisor come to an agreement for an appropriate thesis topic, you are required to submit a thesis proposal/candidature within the first four (4) weeks of the Program's 3rd semester. This proposal will be presented with the aid of a short report and defended orally in front of an academic panel, comprising your two supervisors and a third faculty from the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering appointed by the MSc-ChME Committee and approved by the Head of Department. This panel will decide on the appropriateness of your proposed thesis topic and the scientific concreteness of the methodologies you are aiming to apply. Your research/thesis topic proposal should clearly address the following items:

- Outline of the problem/area of application
    - Explain why you think it is worth investigating
    - Set your ideas into a theoretical/academic context
- Aims and Objectives
    - Describe what you are aiming to achieve
    - Present the steps and approaches you will employ for reaching your goals
- Methodology
    - Explain what methods you intend to use when researching and developing your work
    - Use a descriptive writing approach corresponding to the detail required for the panel's comprehension of your approach
- Scope and constraints
    - Set clearly your scope and anticipated constraints:
        - Your selected topic may be vast with numerous applications and thus, you might want to limit your work in a particular area of application
        - You may not be able to conduct some research due to constraints on time, cost, or availability of resources
- Discuss requirements on resources
    - Do you need any special lab equipment?
    - Is literature review possible with library's resources?
    - Are any materials and/or consumables required in your research?
- Propose a draft timetable for your thesis

The panel may accept your proposal or provide you with feedback and change suggestions that will help you meet the required academic standards for starting your thesis. If the proposal is deemed unacceptable you will have a second chance to revise and present your modified proposal within four weeks. If

your proposal is not accepted for a second time, you will be recommended for dismissal from the program[1].

Your thesis proposal should be obviously discussed during the preliminary meetings with your supervisory committee. Your Lead Supervisor will usually provide pertinent literature and/or additional resources to accelerate your initial work. Finding suitable and reliable information may prove challenging, but there are many ways including library books, databases, international sources, articles, journals, reviews, and a lot more.

STAGE 4: Carrying out research and preparation of your thesis manuscript

Once your proposal has been officially approved, the actual work may begin. It is crucial that you are always well-prepared in meetings with your supervisor. In this context, it is a good practice to always keep minutes of your meetings and circulate agendas with clearly outlined discussion points and expected results prior to your meetings. This makes it easier for the supervisor to focus on significant issues, leading to a better response for you. If you feel that you may have misunderstood a concept, or you are not certain of the steps required for performing a particular task, ask your supervisor for clarifications or further guidance. The supervisors should always guide you with advices on the topics and tasks you should put emphasis on and at the same time turn you away of meaningless tasks that may waste your time.

Try to establish a communication channel that suits both you and your supervisors. Emailing is an easy, asynchronous way of communication that overcomes time and place barriers. Furthermore, since it is primarily based on writing, it requires a certain amount of prior thinking and planning that helps you avoid getting 'off-track' as it may be the case when speaking. However, emails are cumbersome when lengthy and lack the directness of a real meeting. So, it is important to balance the ways of communication based on your needs and supervisor's availability.

Try to follow the work schedule as close as possible and report unexpected delays or difficulties to your supervisor. This does not mean that whenever you are faced with a difficulty, you will turn to your supervisor for doing the work for you. It essentially means that after putting reasonable effort on accomplishing a specific result which is still elusive, you should turn to your supervisor for additional guidance.

Finally, you must keep in mind that writing a thesis cannot happen in one go. You should, as soon as possible, keep track of your work, make notes and sketches, write intermediate reports so that when your work has approached a certain maturity level, you'll be able to compile, with the aid of this material, a successful thesis' manuscript. **In this regard a progress report is required to be submitted by you to the MSc Coordinator as a proof of progress by the end of the 3rd semester. This progress report should include as a minimum requirement a complete literature review and must be approved by your supervisor.**

STAGE 5: Thesis submission & Defense of your work

[1]Failing of MSc thesis or dismissal from program are subject to regular appeal process and rules established in the program handbook and guidelines.

Before submitting your manuscript, your supervisor will check it thoroughly and give you feedback on corrections and changes that need to be made. Usually, thesis's revision may take up to 1-2 weeks, and an appropriate amount of time should be also reserved for making corrections.

When you have prepared the revised document, you submit to your supervisory committee and external examiner for evaluation. Keep also in mind that you should aim at meticulously following your supervisor's comment and corrections so that a series of multiple revisions can be avoided. When your supervisory committee & the external examiner approve the final document, your Lead supervisor will fill the required form and you will get permission to submit your final thesis report for evaluation.

The overall grade for your degree is calculated as the credit-weighted average of all course grades. Additionally, a SUCCESSFUL submission and defense of your thesis is required to be considered for graduation; see §Thesis Grading below for the employed scheme in your thesis evaluation.

Thesis submission process involves the following steps:

- **Thesis report submission (in electronic format).**
- **Thesis oral defense in front of the examination committee.**
- **Thesis revision, if required.**
- **Submission of final version of your report (Thesis manuscript).**
- **Thesis mark appeal, if any. The appeal should be submitted to the MSc Biomedical Engineering committee, which is responsible for the Thesis evaluation process.**

The exact deadlines for each submission process step will be announced every year in due time. Commonly, the submission and examination process begin about 1.5 months before the end of the program's 4th (last) semester and may end few days after the end of the semester.

If your supervisory committee does not approve your thesis for defense or you fail the defense, you may continue to work on your thesis during the immediate summer semester and defend the amended thesis in the summer term before the beginning of the following fall semester. You will not receive a scholarship and you may need to cover the tuition and other fees by yourself during the summer term.

You may also request the Dean's permission to extend your MSc program for the following fall semester if needed to complete the program requirements. The student's academic supervisor must endorse the request. During this period, you will not receive a scholarship and you may need to cover the tuition and other fees by yourself. If you cannot present and/or defend your thesis during this last semester, you will be recommended for dismissal from the program[2].

In any case, re-examination of the MSc thesis may be permitted only once, with the approval of the Dean of School of Engineering and Digital Sciences.

Thesis Assessment Criteria

The grade assigned depends on the level to which the following criteria have been met:

Manuscript Grading (MSc Thesis Manuscript)
Maximum MSc Thesis Manuscript score: **100**

- ***Presentation of the research problem and thesis' objectives (10%)***

[2] Failing of MSc thesis or dismissal from program are subject to regular appeal process and rules established in the program handbook and guidelines.

- Is the research problem clearly specified and contextualized?
- Are the research questions and hypotheses clearly formulated?
- Does the thesis capture the relevance, rationale, and objectives of the proposed research?

- ***Literature and technology review (15%)***
  - Does the thesis include a comprehensive review and critical discussion of the relevant literature and/or technological developments?
  - Is there a description on how the conducted research positions itself within the generic context of works which have been published in the area?
  - Is the relevant background theory covered? Are the presentation, discussion and explanation provided, adequate? Has the theory been contextualized appropriately within the framework of the research problem being investigated?
  - Have the latest theoretical developments in the area been presented and described?
  - Does the student demonstrate a systematic understanding of the relevant background material and knowledge?
- ***Methodology, design and implementation (35%)***
  - Are the adopted methodologies and/or design approaches clearly justified and described?
  - Is the implementation well explained?
  - Is there a clear identification of any limitations, assumptions and constraints which affect the application of the employed methodology, design approach and implementation?
- ***Testing, results, analysis, evaluation concluding remarks & future work (30%)***
  - Are the test procedures sound and objective?
  - Do the proposed tests address the research problem being investigated?
  - Are the test conditions, assumptions, constraints, and limitations clearly identified?
  - Are the results clearly presented, analyzed objectively and critically evaluated?
  - Do the concluding remarks summarize the work done? Are there suggestions for any future development and/or enhancements?
- ***Structure and presentation of thesis (10%)***
  - Are the thesis contents well structured, focused, and easy to follow?
  - Are the student's contributions and assumptions clearly communicated to the reader?
  - Is it in compliance with the given guidelines?
  - Is it clearly presented and organized? Is the grammar and usage of English of an appropriate level?

Oral Presentation Grading (MSc Thesis Defense)

Maximum MSc Thesis Defense score (presentation + technical content) **100**

PRESENTATION SCORE: *(Maximum presentation score: 50)*

- ***Speech & Style*** *(10p.)*
  - Clear and easily understood. Correct use of terms.
  - Easy-to-understand sequence. Professional appearance. Use of good English.
- ***Structure of the Presentation*** *(10p.)*
  - Logical sequence, good flow. Supporting body of literature mentioned.
  - Development of topics described clearly. Smooth progression from topic to topic.
  - Key points & challenges sufficiently highlighted.
- ***Layout of Visual Aids*** *(10p.)*
  - Clear power point slides, uncluttered. Concise & precise slides.
  - Use of good English. Good use of charts, tables, diagrams, etc.
- ***Questions & Answers*** *(20p.)*
  - Clearly understood the question.
  - Concise answer responding to the point of the question.

TECHNICAL CONTENT SCORE: *(Maximum technical content score: 50)*

- ***Introduction*** *(10p.)*

- Problem statement & project objectives. Coverage of all main points of the project.
- Literature review and conclusions. Relevance to the need of industry, society etc.

- ***Technical Competency*** *(30p.)*
  - Viability of the design concept. Justification of the approach
  - Design methodology. Practical Implications.
  - Quality of the concept presentation. Interpretation of the achieved results.
  - Use of relevant tools/equipment/software. Costs and efficiency considerations.
- ***Conclusions, Future Work & Professional ethics*** *(10p.)*
  - Conclusions: advantages and disadvantages.
  - Level of the project objectives achievement.
  - Future work and possible improvements.
  - Consideration in design and solution. Applicability to real-life situations.
  - Compliance with good practices and standards.

Thesis Grading

The MSc Thesis must be compiled in a report (manuscript) according to the specification provided herein and defended in front of MSc Examination Thesis committee, which comprises your two supervisors and your external examiner. The MSc. Thesis manuscript and MSc Defense Oral presentation will be evaluated using the assessment criteria and weighting presented in the previous section, Thesis Assessment Criteria and Oral Presentation Assessment Criteria, respectively. The Thesis manuscript evaluation (M) contributes 70% to your final thesis evaluation while the remaining 30% comes for your Oral presentation (O).

Thesis is not graded with a letter scale as in the case of other MSc courses, but a SUCCESSFUL / UNSUCCESSFUL attribution is utilized. For a successful completion of your thesis, you are required to achieve an overall supervisory committee evaluation **greater or equal to 75%.** The examination committee members' evaluations contribute to your MSc thesis result as follows:

1. External examiner's (EE_M and EE_O) evaluations are weighted with a 30% weight, and
2. Lead and Co-Supervisor's evaluations (S1_M, S1_O & S2_M, S2_O) are weighted with a 35% weight each

Hence, your final thesis evaluation (FE) is calculated as follows:
FE = 0.3 O + 0.7 M,
where O = (0.3 EE_O + 0.35 S1_O + 0.35 S2_O) and M = (0.3 EE_M + 0.35 S1_M + 0.35 S2_M)
If FE is greater or equal to 75%, your thesis manuscript and defense is considered SUCCESSFUL, otherwise it will be considered UNSUCCESSFUL.

In case of a difference larger than 25% between evaluation marks given by External and average of Internal Examiners, the Department MSc Committee will decide the final evaluation of the thesis. The percentage difference will be calculated using the following relation:

$$\text{Percentage Difference} = \frac{|V_i - V_e|}{\frac{(V_i + V_e)}{2}} \times 100\%,$$

where V_i is the average evaluation of the internal members and V_e the evaluation of the external member.

Manuscript Structure & Formatting

Detailed description of manuscript's structure along with specific guidelines for the document's styling can be found in Appendix III – Manuscript Format Specifications.

Referencing

Whenever writing a piece of academic work, you are required to acknowledge the sources of data and information that you have used. This permits you to:

- prove that your work has a substantial factual basis;
- offer your readers the means to identify and retrieve the references for their own use;
- acknowledge the creators/authors of material/methods you have used/employed in your own research work
- support the research methodology and approaches you have used to reach your conclusions.

You can use any established engineering citation methodology to reference any material used in your work. For more information on AICHE[3]'s referring style and alternative approaches see Appendix IV – Referencing style.
Always keep in mind that referencing is divided into two key components:

1. *In-text references* where references might be numbered in the order of appearance, as in [1] or using the author's name and date of publication as in (James et al., 2002);
2. *A reference list* displayed at the end of the piece of work which provides full details of all references cited in-text. The references can be ordered as they appear in text or in alphabetical order according to the selected style. In any case, the identification mark for each item in the list must coincide with the in-text reference used.

[3] THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS

Appendices

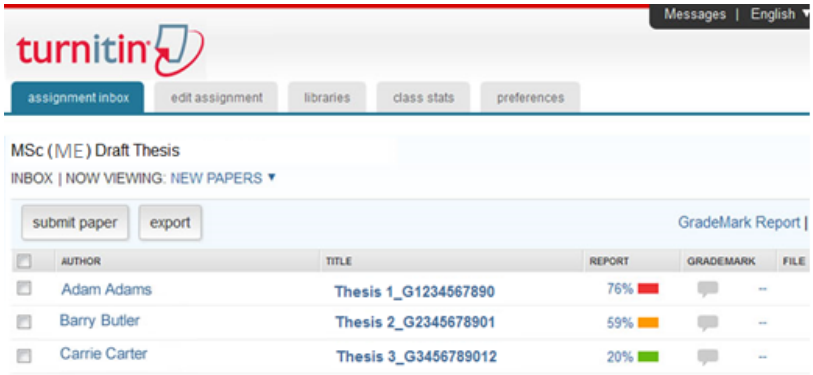
Appendix I - Turnitin

Turnitin is a web-based originality checking service that is used by many universities worldwide to prevent plagiarism. When a student's work is submitted to Turnitin it is matched against millions of internet pages, electronic journals, books, and a database of all previously and concurrently submitted assignments. Turnitin then generates an originality report providing a summary of matching or similar text found in the submitted work. Turnitin can be used to check sources that have been correctly acknowledged and cited.

The higher the percentage indicated on the originality report, the greater the amount of text copied. The similarity percentage index ranges from 0% to 100% and is specified by distinct Colors:

- **Blue** (No matching words)
- **Green** (1 - 24% similarity index)
- **Yellow** (25 – 49% similarity index)
- **Orange** (50 – 74% similarity index)
- **Red** (75 – 100% similarity index)

Acceptable similarity index for plagiarism using Turnitin should be equal or below 20%. The figure below illustrates a sample originality report.



Appendix II – Supervision Agreement Form

MSc Thesis-Supervision Agreement Form
School of Engineering and Digital Sciences and Digital Sciences, Nazarbayev University

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Program	**Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering**		
Lead Supervisor	Name: Institute / School / Department: Address:		
Co-supervisor	Name: Institute / School / Department: Address:		
External Examiner	Name: Institute / School / Department: Address:		
Proposed thesis title			
Starting date		Intended date of thesis submission	

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS IN THE SUPERVISORY RELATIONSHIP

- The supervisor and the student should, at the outset of the supervisory relationship, discuss and agree on the format of supervision, the expected progress, and the intended date of thesis submission.
- The supervisor and the student should observe the regulations and instructions governing the supervision of the master thesis.
- Regulations and instructions regarding conflict of interest (as described in Appendix VI of MBMEhandbook) in supervision and assignment of external examiners should be observed by the student, the supervisor, and the MSc-MBME committee.

Student

- The student should be well-prepared for meetings with supervisors.
- The student should provide sufficient notice to the supervisors if he/she is not able to attend a scheduled meeting.
- When there are serious problems in supervision, the student should immediately bring this to the attention of the Master's Program Coordinator or Head of Department.
- In case the thesis cannot be completed within the period of the agreement, the student must apply for an extension of the supervision agreement.

Supervisors

- The supervisors should be familiar with and follow the ethical guidelines of supervisors at Nazarbayev University. He/she should also ensure that students are aware of the guidelines.
- The supervisors should ensure that the first meeting with the student takes place shortly after having been assigned, in which the supervisors should discuss with and inform the student about how the supervision is to be organized.

- The supervisors should offer the student at least 12 hours of supervision for a 48-credit master thesis, distributed evenly throughout the supervision period.
- The supervisors should be well prepared for the meetings with the student.
- The supervisors should discuss with the student as well as evaluate the plan, the methodology and execution of the proposed research. He/she should assist the student in planning the research with a view to completing it within the normal period of study.
- The supervisors are expected to read and give detailed comments on the draft of the thesis chapters at least once, but the supervisors will exercise their own judgment in how far it is necessary to give detailed comments on revised chapters and the completed thesis.
- The supervisors may, if appropriate, carry out part of the supervision in small research seminars.
- The supervisors should, through the meetings with the student, monitor the progress of the student's work and evaluate the progress in relation to the planned schedule.
- The supervisors should give sufficient notice to the student if he/she needs to re-schedule a meeting.

Modification or Termination of Supervision Agreement

- Changes can be made to the supervision agreement (i.e. changing the research topic) when both the student and lead supervisor agree.
- Changes to the supervisor and/or co-supervisor and/or research topic can only happen before the end of the program's 2nd semester.
- When the supervisor is to be absent for an extended period of time in the course of the supervisory relationship, the department should, in consultation with the student, determine how the supervision can be organized during this period.
- In case the department considers that the student is not acting according to the supervision agreement, he/she should be notified in writing.
- If the supervisory relationship is not deemed, by the student or the supervisor, to be working satisfactorily, for academic or other reasons, either side may request to be released from the supervisory relationship. A new supervisor should then be arranged.
- The student may be considered as not acting according to the supervision agreement in cases when:
  (a) the student fails to submit the master thesis within the semester which the thesis is due for submission and has not been given approval for an extension and a new submission date.
  (b) the student has not contacted the supervisor for one semester. In such a case, the research can be taken up by other students.
  (c) the allocated hours of supervision have been used up, and the student has no approved plan for submission of thesis.
- The supervision agreement ends when the student:
  (a) submits the master thesis
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    - The MSc. Thesis format will be strictly according to the specifications described in this handbook and needs to be limited to **100** pages excluding appendices.
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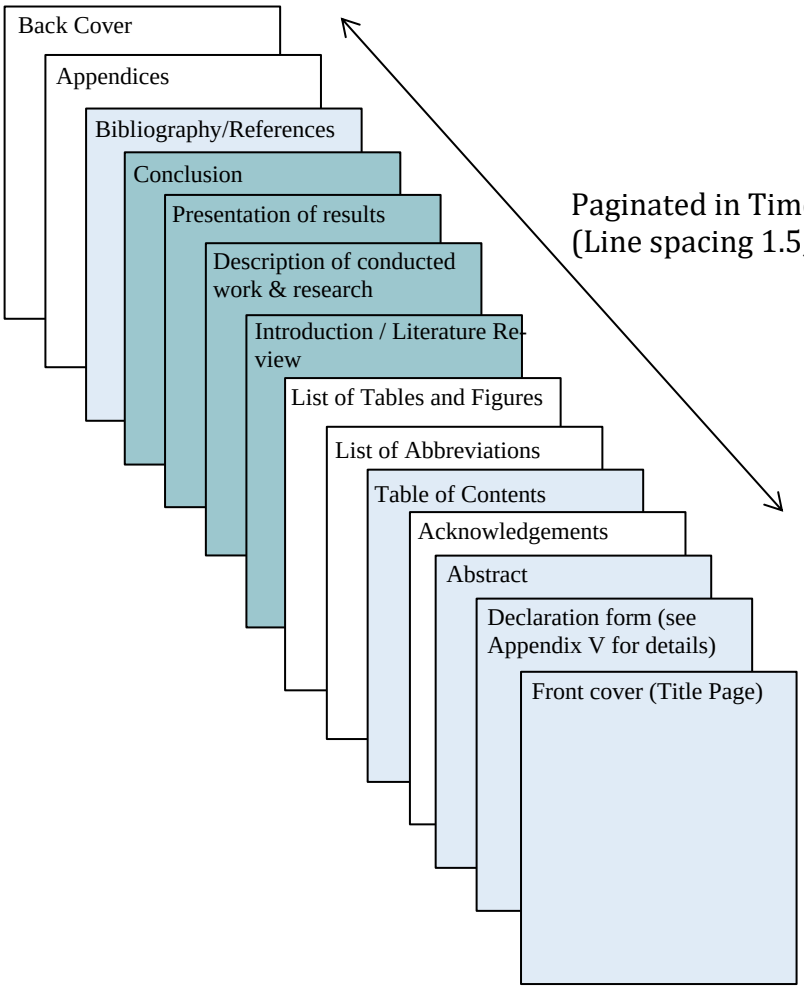

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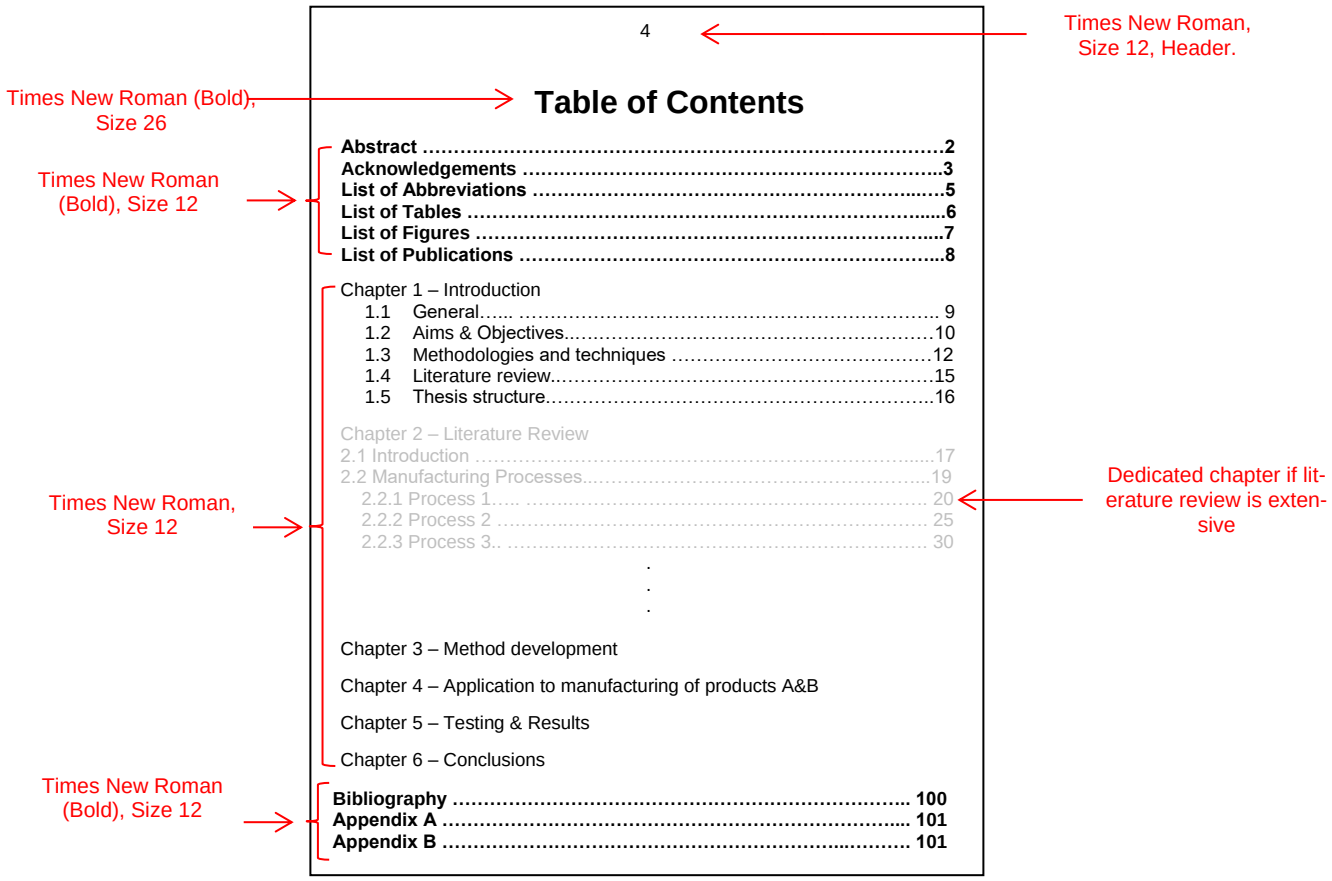

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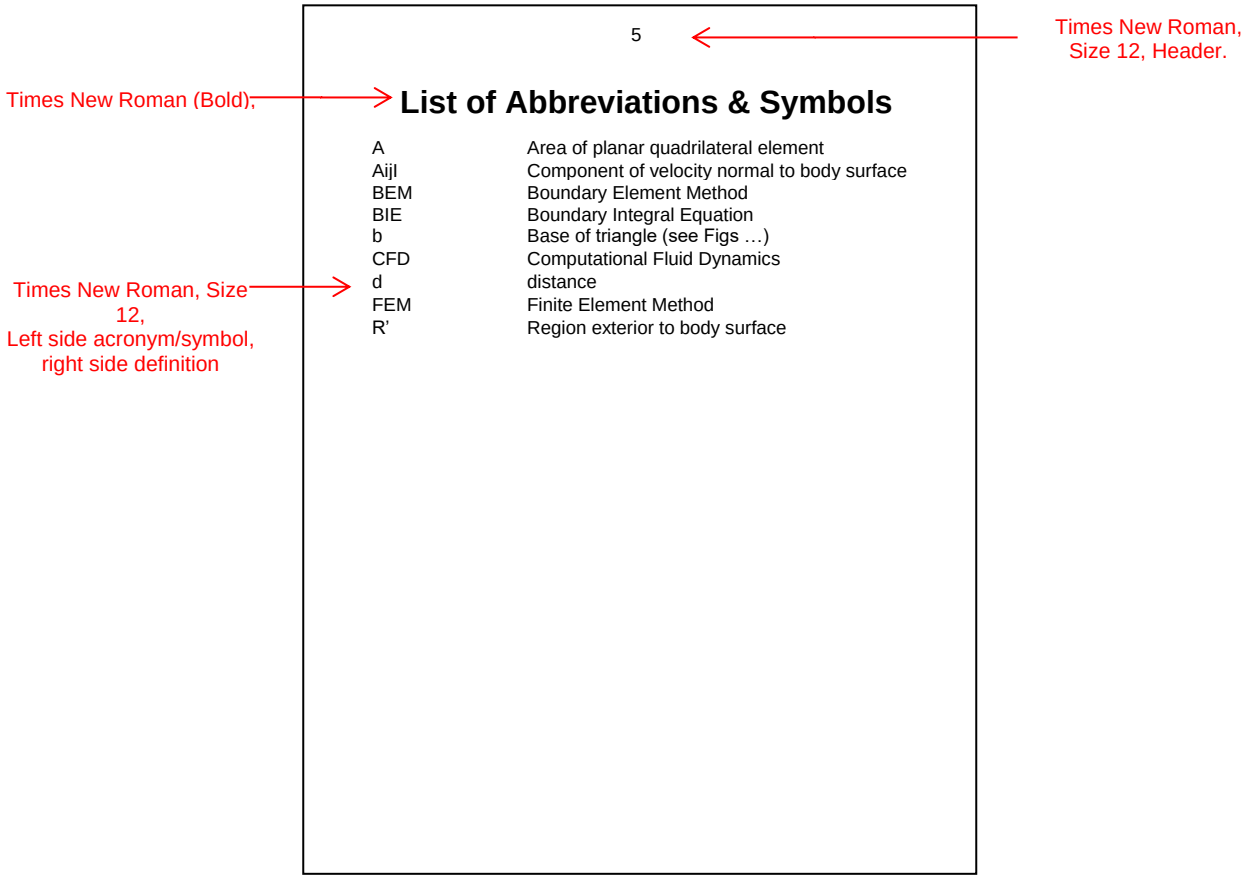

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RPM	GAP (mils/10")		OFFSET (mils)		SPACER SHAFT (mils/in.)	
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600	10.0	15.0	5.0	9.0	1.8	3.0
900	7.0	10.0	3.0	6.0	1.2	2.0
1200	5.0	8.0	2.5	4.0	0.9	1.5
1800	3.0	5.0	2.0	3.0	0.6	1.0
3600	2.0	3.0	1.0	1.5	0.3	0.5
7200	1.0	2.0	0.5	1.0	0.15	0.25

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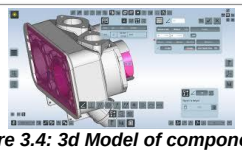

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$$-k\nabla^2 T + \rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = q_{gen}$$

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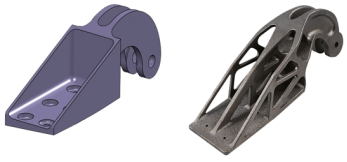

Figure A.1 Shape optimization in additive manufacturing

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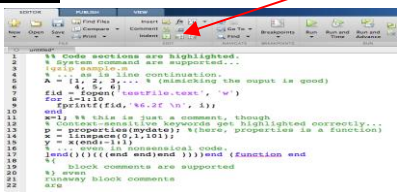

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Definitions:

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1. immediate family, e.g. spouse or partner, parents, children, step-children, etc.;
2. close relatives, e.g. aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces etc.;
3. rivals, e.g. competitors or persons with whom one has a history of serious conflict or enmity; and
4. all other relationships that could introduce bias in carrying out official duties.

Private interests - refers to any interests that involve potential gain or loss (financial or non-financial) for an individual or for any other person or organization that individual may wish to benefit (e.g. family, friends, associates) or disadvantage (e.g. competitors, rivals).

Rules and Guidelines:

1. All individuals are responsible for identifying, declaring, and managing conflicts of interest that apply to them.
2. Conflicts of interest may affect or have the appearance to affect sound and professional judgement adversely. Conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest must be declared and managed to ensure integrity and transparency.
3. Staff members, students and other individuals who are charged with carrying out University activities and functions have a responsibility to declare and manage conflicts of interest as they arise. When declared, the conflict of interest should be avoided. Where this is not possible, action must be undertaken to ensure that the conflict (or perceived conflict) is managed in a transparent and appropriate manner.
4. Supervisors, chairs of committees/panels/groups and other responsible parties are accountable for ensuring that declared conflicts of interest, real or perceived, are evaluated and managed appropriately.
5. Declarations of conflict of interest should be made by individuals in writing to the relevant supervisor, chair of a committee/panel/group, other relevant person, or body as soon as the conflict is identified. Where circumstances prevent an immediate written declaration (e.g. conflict arises during a meeting), a verbal declaration should be lodged and, if possible, formally noted (e.g. in minutes of the meeting).

6. Where a supervisor, chair of a committee/panel/group, other relevant person or body becomes aware of a conflict of interest (or perceived conflict of interest) that has not been declared they should discuss the matter with the individual and take appropriate actions.
7. The best way in which to handle a conflict of interest is to avoid it. Where it is not possible to avoid a conflict of interest, the MSc Biomedical Engineering committee, the Head of Department, the School's Vice-Dean for Teaching and Learning and the School's Dean should be responsible for assessing the risk and taking appropriate actions.