1 INSTRUCTOR

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2 LEARNING RESOURCES

2.1 Course Website

Course material, news, announcements, and grades will be regularly posted to the ENGG*6790 Courselink site. You are responsible for checking the site regularly.

2.2 Required Resources

There is no required textbook for this course. The instructors will provide weekly reading materials related to specific lecture topics. All students are expected to study the assigned readings prior to each lecture.

2.3 Recommended Resources

Recommended resources will be posted on the Courselink.

2.4 Additional Resources

Lecture Information: All the lecture slides will be posted on the Courselink (week #1-#12).
Assignments: Download the assignments according to the schedule provided in the class.

3 ASSESSMENT

3.1 Dates and Distribution

P2 Case Study Presentations (individual presentations) 15%
Reflective Journals (based on course assigned readings) 15%
Pollution prevention and sustainable engineering team project 35%
Individual Pollution Prevention Project 10%
Final Exam 25%

3.2 Course Grading Policies

When You Cannot Meet a Course Requirement: When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the graduate calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration:
http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/sec_d0e1400.shtml

Accommodation of Religious Obligations: If you are unable to meet an in-course requirement due to religious obligations, please email the course instructor within two weeks of the start of the semester to make alternate arrangements. See the undergraduate calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Accommodation of Religious Obligations:
http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-accomrelig.shtml

4 AIMS & OBJECTIVES

4.1 Suggested Calendar Description

Pollution prevention is a proactive approach to environmental management for minimizing or preventing the generation of pollutants at the source. Pollution prevention is an important element of sustainable engineering that promotes efficient use of resources and minimizes negative human impact on the natural environment.

4.2 Course Aims

This course aims to:
1. Introduce students to the pollution prevention concepts, policies, procedures and processes
2. Enable students to conduct pollution prevention audits and develop pollution prevention plans
3. Present various concepts related to sustainability and sustainable engineering theories and practices
4. Provide students with adequate theoretical background to effectively and critically analyse strategies and engineering solutions in terms of their degree of sustainability
5. Provide students with various tools for conducting pollution prevention and sustainable design such as pinch analysis, material and energy flow analysis, systems analysis (causal loops, stock & flow diagrams, etc.)

4.3 Learning Objectives

At the successful completion of this course, the student will have demonstrated the ability to:
1. Conduct pollution prevention audits and develop pollution prevention plans
2. Effectively prioritize pollution prevention strategies and develop implementation plans
3. Apply the basic concepts of science such as the laws of thermodynamics to understanding of sustainability and sustainable engineering
4. Apply various concepts of sustainable engineering to assess the critically evaluate the long-term sustainability of proposed engineering solutions

4.4 Instructor’s Role and Responsibility to Students

The instructor’s role is to develop and deliver course material in ways that facilitate learning for a variety of students. Selected lecture notes will be made available to students on Courcelink/D2L but these are not intended to be stand-alone course notes. During lectures, the instructor will expand and explain the content of notes and provide example problems that supplement posted notes. Scheduled classes will be the principal venue to provide information and feedback for tests and project.

4.5 Students’ Learning Responsibilities

Students are expected to take advantage of the learning opportunities provided during lectures and tutorials. Students, especially those having difficulty with the course content, should also make use of other resources recommended by the instructor. Students who do (or may) fall behind due to illness, work, or extra-curricular activities are advised to keep the instructor informed. This will allow the instructor to recommend extra resources in a timely manner and/or provide consideration if appropriate.

E-mail Communication: All students are required to check their University of Guelph e-mail account regularly. E-mail is the official route of communication between the University and its students.

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**Drop Date:** The last date to drop one-semester courses, without academic penalty, is Friday, July 14. Two-semester courses must be dropped by the last day of the add period in the second semester. Refer to the Graduate Calendar for the Schedule of Dates.

**Recording of Materials:** Presentations which are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded in any electronic media without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a classmate or guest lecturer.

### 4.6 Relationships with other Courses

**Previous Courses:** This course may relate to a number of graduate courses the students may have already taken including those dealing with sustainability, water and wastewater management, renewable energy and emission monitoring and control.

**Follow-on Courses:** None

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### 5 Teaching and Learning Activities

**5.1 Timetable**

**Lectures:**

Lectures will be conducted at Rm. 3257, Richards Building on Thursdays.
5.2 Course Topics and Schedule

Please note that the outline below is for reference purposes only. Other topics will be introduced as deemed necessary by the instructor or students.

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5.3 Other Important Dates

**Drop Date:** The last date to drop one-semester courses, without academic penalty, is June 5, 2014. Refer to the Graduate Calendar for the schedule of dates:

[http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/sched/sec_d0e892.shtml](http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/sched/sec_d0e892.shtml)
6 **ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT**

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and it is the responsibility of all members of the University community – faculty, staff, and students – to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. University of Guelph students have the responsibility of abiding by the University's policy on academic misconduct regardless of their location of study; faculty, staff and students have the responsibility of supporting an environment that discourages misconduct. Students need to remain aware that instructors have access to and the right to use electronic and other means of detection. The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the Graduate Calendar:

http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/sec_d0e1702.shtml

### 6.1 Resources

A tutorial on Academic Misconduct produced by the Learning Commons can be found at:

http://www.academicintegrity.uoguelph.ca/

The School of Engineering has adopted a Code of Ethics that can be found at:

http://www.uoguelph.ca/engineering/undergrad-counselling-ethics

The Graduate Calendar is the source of information about the University of Guelph’s procedures, policies and regulations which apply to graduate programs:

http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/