



**BAKER COLLEGE**  
**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**ME 4790 Biomechanics and Biomaterials**  
**3 Semester Hours**

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**Student Learning Outcomes & Enabling Objectives**

1. Explain biomechanical analysis of human movement
  - a. Discuss the measurement, description, and modeling elements of biomechanical assessment
  - b. Explain kinematics, kinetics, anthropometry, muscle mechanics, and electromyography
  - c. Explain signal processing methods such as auto- and cross- correlation analysis, frequency analysis, and ensemble averaging
2. Analyze kinematic data and related measuring techniques
  - a. Describe direct measurement techniques
  - b. Describe imaging measurement techniques
  - c. Explain processing of raw kinematic data
  - d. Calculate other kinematic variables
3. Analyze anthropometric data and related measuring techniques
  - a. Describe density, mass, and inertial properties of the human body
  - b. Describe direct experimental measures
  - c. Explain muscle anthropometry
4. Analyze forces and moments of force on the human body
  - a. Describe biomechanical models including Free-Body Diagrams
  - b. Explain force transducers and force plates
  - c. Solve problems based on kinetic and kinematic data
5. Analyze mechanical work, energy, and power associated with human movement
  - a. Explain the law of conservation of energy
  - b. Describe positive and negative work of muscles and muscle mechanical power
  - c. Calculate internal and external work
  - d. Explain power balances at joints and within segments
6. Analyze three dimensional kinematic and kinetic data
  - a. Explain reference systems used in 3D analysis
  - b. Determine segment angular velocities and accelerations
  - c. Perform kinetic analysis of reaction forces and moments
7. Explain muscle mechanics
  - a. Describe different motor units
  - b. Explain force-length characteristics of muscles
  - c. Explain force-velocity characteristics of muscles

8. Explore kinesiological electromyography
    - a. Describe the electrophysiology of muscle contraction
    - b. Discuss recording and processing of the electromyogram
    - c. Describe the relation between electromyogram and biomechanical variables
  9. Analyze biomechanical movement synergies
    - a. Explain the support moment synergy
    - b. Explain the medial/lateral and anterior/posterior balance in standing
    - c. Explain dynamic balance during walking
  10. Explore biomaterials and their applications
    - a. Explore mechanical, thermal, optical and other properties of biomaterials
    - b. Describe applications of biomaterials in medicine and industry
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