This document is short because everything you might want to know about this course is on the course web site. Look for it at URL

http://www.me.umn.edu/courses/me2011/

There you will find a wealth of information about instructors, meeting times, schedule, grading criteria, textbooks, assignments, design briefs and other details. The place to start on the web site is the syllabus. From there move to the schedule and the assignment list. Because we attempt to run a paperless course, most information will be published on the web site only. If you don’t know how to access the course web site, ask a friend for help or consult one of the course teaching staff as soon as you can. We are here to help.

Essentials

- Course meets MW, 2:30-4:25. Lectures on Mondays Rapson Hall 100. Labs are on Wednesdays. Your lab is the section number you signed up for when registering (002 thru 008). See the Teaching Staff link on the web site to see where you meet and who your section instructor is.
- Faculty: Durfee, TAs: Dittli, Burgstahler, Kangude, Briscoe, Peterson, Stimart
- Office hours: Lots, see web under Teaching Staff
- Grade based on assignments, in-class activities, design projects. Our grading marks are ✓ (check), ✓+ (check-plus), ✓- (check-minus), and 0 (zero). The ✓+ is rare so treat ✓ as the top grade. See Syllabus and Assignments sections of Web for details.
- Textbooks: several; see web for list. Also a took kit to purchase, available at the bookstore. Later we will be loaning you a robot kit.
- You will need some supplies (pens, pencils and so on). Engineering design notebook purchase is essential (see syllabus). Bring your notebook to class every day but do not use it for lecture notes
- You are responsible for reading the schedule to see when assignments are due as assignment logistics are not covered in lecture.
- No exams, no final.
- Robot Show is big. December 8, 2-5 PM. Invite your family and friends!
- Check your e-mail daily for class news and official announcements. All announcements are sent to your @umn.edu address, so have those emails forwarded if you don't use @umn.

Assignments

- First assignment [A101] was sent out by e-mail. If you did not get it, check Web site, and do the assignment today if you can. Thanks.
- Assignment [A102] is on the back of this sheet; due Wednesday.
- Other assignments are on the web but are not handed out in paper form. It is up to you to consult the schedule to see what is due and when.

Questions? Raise your hand and/or ask a course staff member during break or after class. This course will be fun. Welcome aboard!