



## Distinguished MIE Seminar Series

### Purpose

The objective of the **Distinguished MIE Seminar Series (DMSS)** is to provide a venue for top international researchers across major areas of mechanical engineering (MechE) and industrial engineering (IndE) to engage with faculty and students of MIE, and to foster interactions between the department and leading experts from around the world. The DMSS aims to offer graduate students a survey of significant research advances in specialized fields within both MechE and IndE research themes. Every year, MIE will invite and host 8 internationally renowned researchers named **Distinguished Speakers** for a two-day visit. The speaker will meet with students and give a 45-minute lecture on their latest research work and their perspectives on the current state of their field. It is an opportunity for the MIE community to come together, and to recognize the academic diversity within our own department.

**\*\*\* All research graduate students (in MAsC and PhD programs) are required to attend a minimum of 70% of these seminars (6 out of 8 seminars) to earn course credit as part of their degree requirements. This requirement applies to MAsC students in their *first year* and PhD students in their *first two years of study*. \*\*\***

### Time and Location

All seminars (unless otherwise stated) are held on **Fridays from 2 to 3 pm, in MC102**. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be served just before the start of the seminar.

The full seminar schedule is available at: <http://www.mie.utoronto.ca/events/seminars/>

The seminar schedule is also listed below (approximately one seminar per month):

#### Fall 2018

October 12, 2018	<b>Robert Carpick</b> , University of Pennsylvania
October 26, 2018	<b>Susan Dumais</b> , Microsoft
November 16, 2018	<b>Warren Powell</b> , Princeton University
November 30, 2018	<b>Metin Sitti</b> , Carnegie Mellon University

#### Winter 2019

January 25, 2019	<b>Utkan Demirci</b> , Stanford University
February 15, 2019	<b>Jerome Lynch</b> , University of Michigan
March 15, 2019	<b>Edward Guo</b> , Columbia University
April 12, 2019	<b>Karon Maclean</b> , UBC

## Course Requirements

**Research graduate students** (Ph.D. and M.A.Sc., but not M.Eng.) must attend these seminars to earn credit as part of their degree requirements. Requirements for Ph.D. and M.A.Sc. students are summarized below:

**Ph.D.:            Need 2 credits**

Register for SRD4444Y

To earn one credit, minimum 70% of seminars attended during an academic year

**M.A.Sc.:         Need 1 credit**

Register for SRM3333Y

To earn one credit, minimum 70% of seminars attended during their first year of registration

*Note that while the number of seminars offered this year has changed significantly, the course requirement of **70% attendance remains the same. Thus, you must attend at least 6 out of the 8 seminars this year.***

*Note that it is the student's responsibility to check ACORN, and ensure that the SRD (for PhD students) or SRM (for MASc students) course code is correctly registered in their accounts under **both** Fall and Winter sessions.*

Here are two examples for how the attendance record is calculated to determine whether course credit is approved.

**Example #1:**

A PhD student started her program in September 2017. There were 21 seminars in 2017-2018, and there are only 8 seminars in 2018-2019. The PhD student must therefore attend *a minimum of 15 seminars* between September 2017 and April 2018 to earn the first credit, and *a minimum of 6 seminars* between September 2018 and April 2019 to earn the second credit.

**Example #2:**

A MASc student started his program in January 2018. There were only 10 seminars in the Winter 2018 semester. There are 4 seminars in Fall 2018, for a total of 14 seminars between January and December 2018. The student therefore needs to attend *a minimum of 10 seminars* spanning the two consecutive semesters. If this student attended all 10 seminars in Winter 2018, he does not need to attend any more seminars to earn the credit. But if the student only attended 7 out of 10 seminars in Winter 2018, he will need to attend an additional 3 more seminars in Fall 2018.

### **Consecutive Academic Semesters**

Note that the student's attendance record is based on **consecutive academic semesters**. Students are not allowed to suspend attendance for any semester, except with **written approval from the Graduate Office**.

**Example:**

If you start your program in September 2017, you must attend 70% of seminars between Sept 2017 and April 2018. You are not allowed to use seminars attended for Fall 2017 and Fall 2018, and skip the Winter 2018 semester.

If you are for any reason unable to meet the required seminar attendance due to major scheduling conflicts, illness, or other unforeseen circumstance, you must inform the MIE Graduate Office first so that permission may be granted to you by the **Associate Chair of Graduate Studies**, and so that proper notation may be recorded on your student file.

### ***Exceptions***

A research graduate student may be allowed an exception on their seminar attendance record only under exceptional circumstances. **You must check with the Graduate Office to inquire about whether an exception is valid.**

### ***Flex-time Ph.D. Students***

As stated in our policy: “The program requirements of the *MIE flex-time Ph.D.* option are the same as the requirements of the full-time Ph.D. program.”

Thus, as flex-time Ph.D. students, you are still required to satisfy the same attendance requirements as all other Ph.D. students, *i.e.*, 70% of seminars attended for two separate years of your program. Your status in the flex-time program only allows you flexibility with your program schedule.

### ***Transferring from M.Eng. to M.A.Sc.***

M.Eng students do not need to take the seminar course. However, M.Eng. students often transfer into the M.A.Sc. program in subsequent years. In this case, the student should enrol in the seminar **course only when he/she is officially in the M.A.Sc. program**, since any record of seminar attendance as an M.Eng. student **cannot** be transferred to your degree requirements for the M.A.Sc. program.

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the Grad Office.

## **Contact Information**

For questions related to the Seminar Series, please email [seminars@mie.utoronto.ca](mailto:seminars@mie.utoronto.ca), and a member of the Seminar Series Team will reply to you as soon as possible.

If the matter concerns course credit, please check with **Jho Nazal** ([jho@mie.utoronto.ca](mailto:jho@mie.utoronto.ca)) in the Graduate Office, who will coordinate with the Seminar Team and the Associate Chair of Graduate Studies, as needed.

## **Academic Misconduct**

We have observed cases of students attempting to obtain credit for a seminar they did not attend. This constitutes an **academic offence**. It is our policy that a student caught with their first offence will have their attendance voided for that seminar. For repeated offences, much more severe penalties will be administered on a case-by-case basis. A record of all offences will remain permanently on your student file.

**Academic misconduct is a serious offence, and will not be tolerated at this university.**

## Attendance Procedure

In order to minimize disruption during the Distinguished Speaker's seminar, we remind students to abide by the following simple guidelines on attendance and participation.

**NOTE: Failure to do so may result in your attendance not being counted towards your record.**

### ***Leaving seminar early or arriving late:***

Late arrivals (more than 15 min after start of seminar) and early departures will not be counted towards your record, unless you have presented a reason to the seminar committee via email at [seminars@mie.utoronto.ca](mailto:seminars@mie.utoronto.ca). The committee will approve the request on a case-by-case basis. With approval, you may swipe your card early or leave your name with the TA in case the reader is not set up yet, but these early departures will be cross-checked with our own list of approvals granted.

### ***Main entrance only:***

The left entrance of MC102 behind the podium speaker (near the women's washroom) will not be accessible after 2:10pm once the seminar has started. Please use the main entrance closest to the exit of MC building.

### ***Swiping for attendance:***

Please remain seated until the question period is finished. Students should not leave the seminar room while the speaker is still engaging with the audience. The TA will only swipe your card after 3:00 PM, or after the speaker has answered all questions. The TA will be set up in MC lobby.