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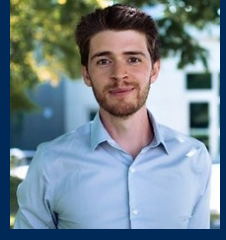
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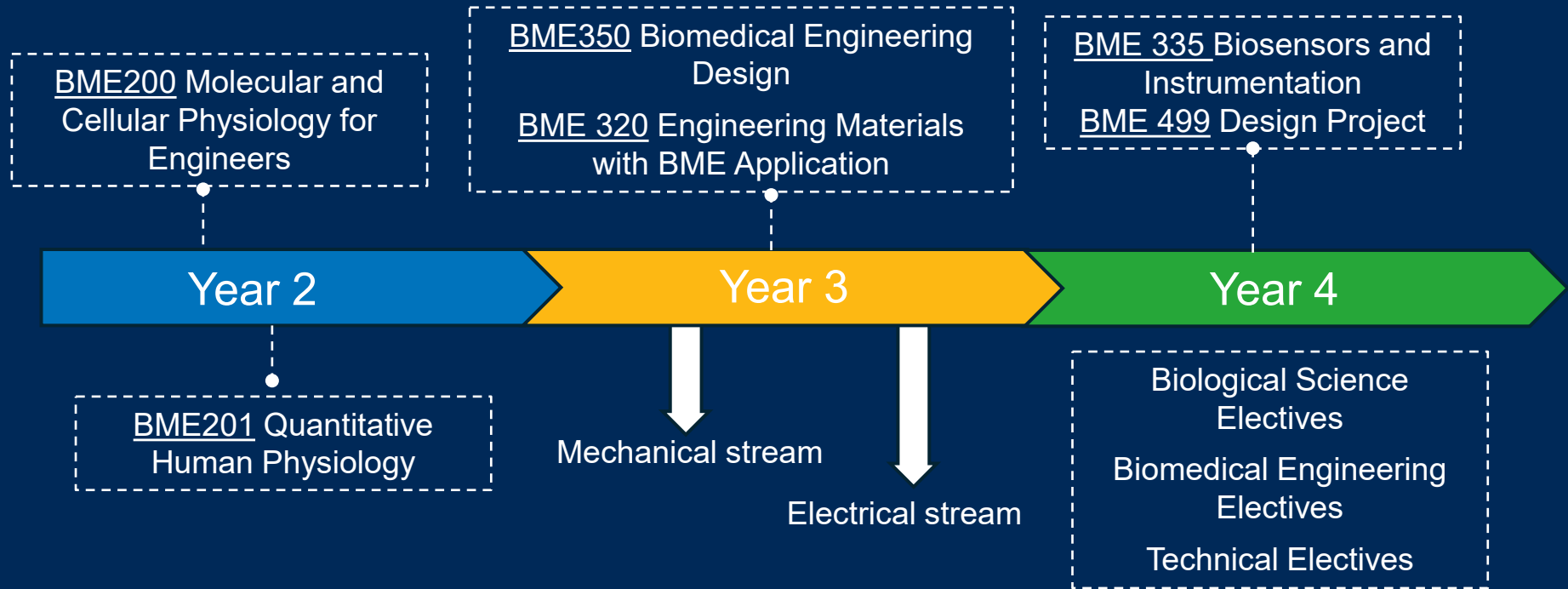


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ELW A110 will be moving to ECSE

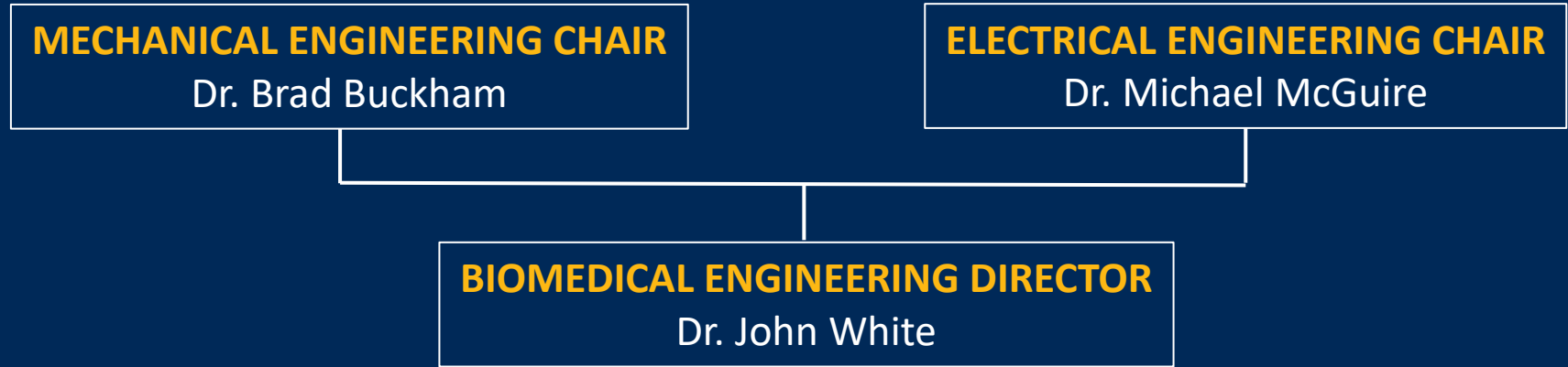
- Supporting Equity, diversity and inclusion initiatives
- Truth and reconciliation efforts
- K-12 STEM outreach through the Get Set program
- Runs feedback sessions (next session Oct 5)
- Helping students ensure they are positioned to succeed in their program

BME AT UVIC - INTRODUCTION

- First accredited BME program in western Canada
- ~140 students in the program



BME IN ECS

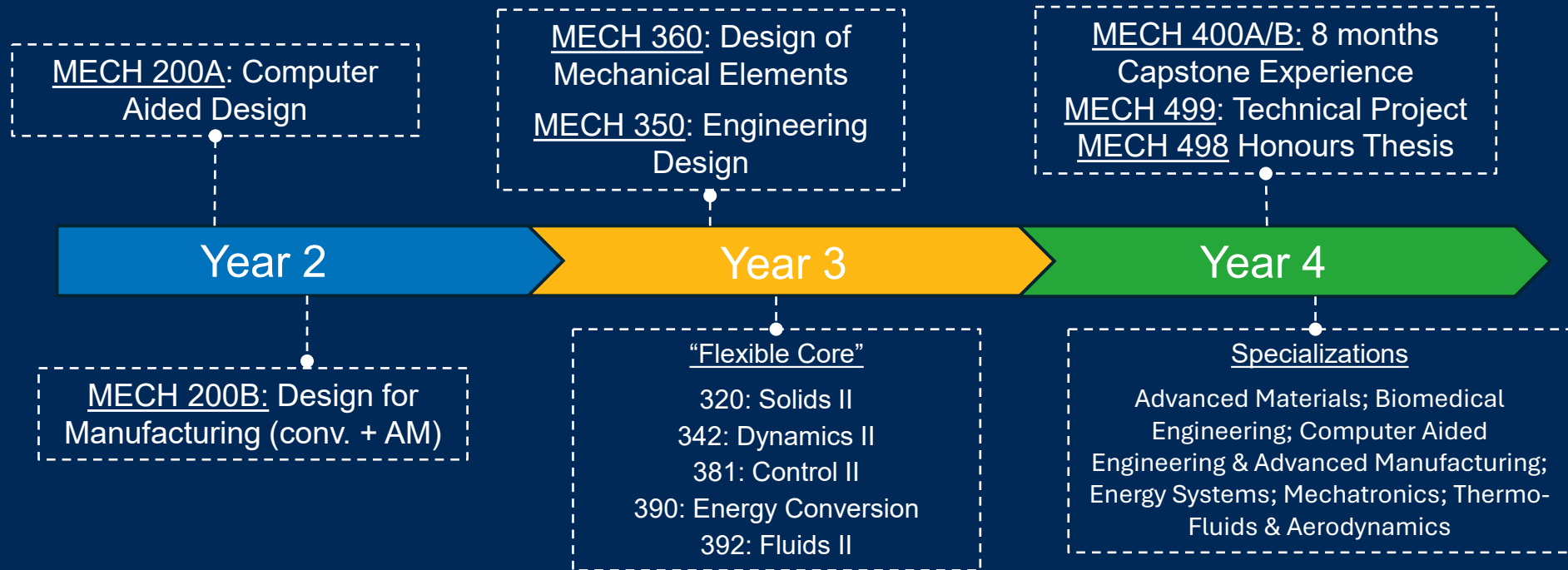


Director's role:

- Shaping student education, ensuring student success
- Interdepartmental collaboration
- Accreditation and compliance
- Program Assessment and Continuous Improvement
- Committee and Administrative Service
- Advocacy and Resource Allocation

MECH AT UVIC - INTRODUCTION

- Curriculum supported by a strong Design spine & experiential learning
- ~500 students in the program



MECH – PROGRAM ADMIN

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING CHAIR

Dr. Buckham

Undergraduate Program Director

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Director's role:

- Shaping Student Education – **monitoring/approving deviations** from program structure.
- Interdepartmental Collaboration – curriculum change
- Advocacy and Resource Allocation

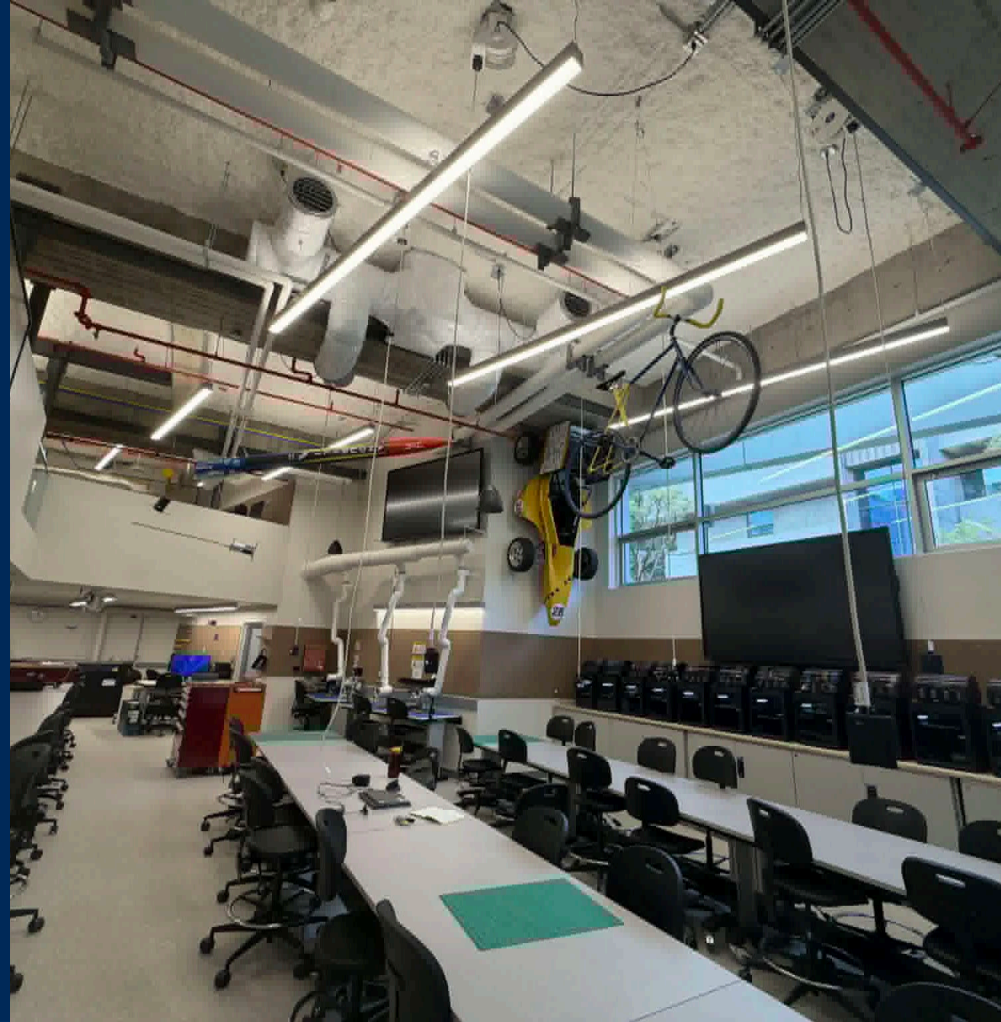
Student Body

Mech student Rep
ECSSS Exec
Competition Team Leads
YOU

Learning Environment & Student experience
Student feedback – cont. program improvement

What is the ECSS Makerspace?

The Makerspace is a hands-on workspace for students, clubs and researchers across the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science. It is designed to support learning, prototyping, fabrication and experimentation by providing access and training on professional-grade tools to bring ideas from concept to reality.



WHAT CAN YOU DO HERE?

- Design and prototype projects
- Course assignments
- Club projects
- Personal projects
- Learn new manufacturing skills

We are open 11am – 7pm Monday to Friday.
Staff are available during these hours to assist Makers

Access outside of staffed hours between 7am and 10pm
can be granted based on proposal process. (Working
alone is not permitted).

The ECSS Makerspace hosts workshops, skill-share
sessions, and course-related lab sessions!

The ECSS Makerspace is free to join. Consumable items
(printer filament, plywood, etc.) are purchasable within
the space.

How to Sign Up



**ECSS Makerspace 2026/2027
Brightspace Course**

OTHER THINGS TO KNOW (BME+MECH)

Customizing Your Program

- You must arrange your schedules to have no time conflicts, even for tutorials. These will generally not be approved
- Timetable conflicts will exist across 200-300-400 levels
- Requests to enroll in course with time conflicts are approved by Undergraduate Dean and only for students in last term of program with exceptional circumstances
- You have a right to ask... we have a responsibility to answer

Academic Concessions

- Unexpected and unplanned events happen – we know
- Instructors have to maintain fulsome & equitable assessment across all students
- Communicate early – provide us time to find good options

Supplemental Exams

- Can replace a failed final exam
- Instructors NOMINATE, Associate Dean decides who is offered a supplementary exam

Advising appointments can be made through WOnline

OTHER THINGS TO KNOW (BME+MECH)

Early Advising

- Course planning and sequencing is critical so that drops/fails/deferrals don't delay registration, co-ops or graduation timelines.
- Many courses are term-specific, and have strict prerequisites, so missing or dropping a key 2nd year course can delay graduation by a full year
- Seek academic advising early in the term rather than waiting for exam season or just before term starts

Proactive Communication

- The sooner you flag course challenges to your instructor, advisor, or department, the more support options we have available for you.

Deferral/Requests for Academic Concession

- If students experience acute illness or extenuating circumstances on exam day, they should not attempt the exam.
- University policy makes it extremely difficult to grant deferrals after a student has already attempted a test and they should report the illness immediately and apply for a formal deferral prior to the exam starting.



Fall Semester

- Fall Orientation (Sept)
- Nat'l Truth and Reconciliation Day (Sept 30)
- Fall Feast (Oct) *in support of our Indigenous students*
- 5 Days of Action (Oct)
- Graduate Student Sharing Circle (TBD)
- Explore UVic (Nov)
- UVic Giving Tuesday (Nov)
- Nat'l Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (Dec)

Spring Semester

- Spring Forward (Feb) *in support of our women and gender diverse students*
- Hi-Tech Career Fair (Feb)
- Rainhouse U/G Event (April)
- ECS EDI Faculty Retreat (TBD)
- Graduate Student Sharing Circle (TBD)

Summer Semester

- Science Rendezvous (May)
- ECS Indigenous Research Symposium (June)
- Graduate Student Sharing Circle (TBD)

Other on-going efforts

- Optional Truth and Reconciliation Lecture Series (Sept 30 to June 21)
- KAIROS Blanket Exercises (once a semester)
- EDI Reflections Group (monthly, on-line)

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Office of student life 250-472-5617 uvic.ca/studentlife	Sexualized violence resource office 250-721-8021 uvic.ca/svp
International student services 250-721-6361 uvic.ca/international	Equity and human rights 250-721-8488 uvic.ca/eqhr
Centre for accessible learning 250-472-4947 uvic.ca/cal	Office of the ombudsperson 250-721-8357 uvicombudsperson.ca
Office of indigenous academic & community engagement 250-472-4913 uvic.ca/services/indigenous	Anti-violence project 250-721-8080 antiviolenceproject.org
Residence services 250-721-8395 uvic.ca/residence	Peer support centre (UVSS) Uvss.ca/peer-support-centre
Student awards & financial aid 250-721-8121 uvic.ca/safa	