

# Get ready for BEng(Hons) Mechatronics Engineering

Welcome to your upcoming adventure at UWE Bristol! I trust you're making the most of your summer break and are filled with anticipation for the start of your journey with us.

It is my pleasure, as your Programme Lead, to extend a warm invitation to you for the BEng(Hons) Mechatronics Engineering programme. Below, you will find essential information designed to smooth your transition into our academic community.

## Dr Aghil Jafari

Programme Lead

# Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 15 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the <u>Starting Block webpage</u> for more details.

Your <u>timetable</u> will be available to you via <u>MYUWE</u> (login required) once you have started the registration process. Please visit the <u>'Understanding your teaching timetable</u>' webpage to find out when your timetable will be published.

## **Preparing and arrival**

You can find everything you need to know about registration, Starting Block and the start of teaching on our <u>Preparing and Arrival</u> webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the <u>library</u>, <u>study skills</u>, <u>academic support</u>, <u>health and wellbeing support</u> and much more.

Our <u>Study Skills Workbook</u> introduces you to essential services as well as key skills. You can also explore our support for careers and enterprise. <u>UWE Careers & Enterprise</u> provide a range of workshops, appointments and a huge range of online resources to support students in realising their future ambitions. The <u>Career Toolkit</u> is our online portal to finding vacancies, booking onto events and accessing a range of resources.

### Registration

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the <u>MYUWE</u> platform where you can register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Registration for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our <u>Registration</u> website.

#### ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to <u>MYUWE</u>. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our <u>student card</u> <u>guidance</u>.

# **Be prepared**

### Read around your subject

A key skill for success in your Mechatronics Engineering programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you develop this skill and prepare for your studies, I suggest starting to read and research around Mechatronics before you arrive. Consider exploring introductory textbooks such as <u>Introduction to Mechatronics and Measurement Systems by David G. Alciatore and Michael B. Histand</u> or <u>Mechatronics:</u> <u>Electronic Control Systems in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering by W. Bolton</u>. Once you become a UWE Bristol student, make sure to explore the <u>Library</u> webpages to access a wide range of resources that will support your learning journey.

## **Access support**

Check the information on our <u>Disability web pages</u> so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

## **Get equipped**

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use in your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the <u>Student Money Service</u> for advice and guidance.

See the UWE webpage for detailed information on <u>choosing your IT equipment</u> including <u>recommended specifications</u>.

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification**.

#### International students

<u>The Global Student Support Team</u> offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol, and they organise social events to help you adapt to your new environment.

# Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact me: **Aghil Jafari** via email at <u>aghil.jafari@uwe.ac.uk</u>

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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