

Kennesaw State University
MTRE 4400 – Directed Research – Mechatronics
Course Syllabus – Summer 2016 – 4 credits

I. Identifying information

Students: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Course: MTRE 4400 Directed Research – Mechatronics, 4 credits

Instructor: Kevin McFall, PhD.

II. Course Description

This directed research will explore the FESTO MPS 500 Conveyor System and work to develop laboratory exercises using it applicable to the Mechatronics Engineering program. This will involve learning programmable logic controller (PLC) ladder logic, pneumatic actuation systems, and sensor data acquisition.

III. Objective of the Course

The primary goal of the course is to configure the MPS 500 system to be fully operational. Once completed, a series of laboratory exercise using the system will be developed for use in courses such as MTRE 4100 Instruments and Controls. Finally, a written user manual will be created to ease future use of the system.

IV. Detailed Schedule

- Week 1: Research into the MPS 500 and how it is typically used in education
- Week 2: Familiarization with the various components and how they interact
- Week 3-4: Study into how to use ladder logic to program PLCs
- Week 5-7: Program MPS 500 to perform all of its functions
- Week 8: Write user manual for the MPS 500
- Week 9-10: Develop laboratory exercises for the MPS 500

V. Description of Expected Roles

The student is expected to work independently on this project, of course under direction of the instructor. Weekly meetings will be established to report progress and seek advice and guidance from the instructor on how to proceed. A total of 192 hours of time is expected on this project. The student is expected to follow all safety guidelines when interacting with the system as directed by the instructor and laboratory technicians.

VI. Basis for Evaluation

Primary deliverables for the project are a fully functional MPS 500 system (40%), compilation of an engineering logbook documenting the progress made and time spent (20%), written laboratory exercises using it (20%) and a comprehensive user manual for all components (20%). Grades will be assigned for each component according to the following rubric:

- A (90-100): Exceptional deliverable quality and/or completion of extended topics
- B (80-89): Satisfactory completion of deliverables
- C (70-79): Incomplete completion of deliverables
- D (60-69): Partial completion of deliverables
- F (0-59): Little or no completion of deliverables

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