

**Kennesaw State University**  
**MTRE 4400 – Directed Research – Mechatronics**  
Course Syllabus – Fall 2018 – 3 credits

**I. Identifying information**

Students: \*\*\*\*\*

Course: MTRE 4400 Directed Research – Mechatronics, 3 credits

Instructor: Kevin McFall, PhD.

**II. Course Description**

This directed study will explore using the Jetson TX2 embedded system for robotics applications. This involves installing and configuring software on the Jetson, constructing a mobile robot incorporating the Jetson, and incorporating sensors and motor actuation.

**III. Objective of the Course**

The primary goal of this course is for the student to understand and implement the technology for a sophisticated embedded system in a mobile robot.

**IV. Detailed Schedule**

- Week 1: Familiarize with the Jetson TX2
- Week 2: Identify and install necessary software
- Week 3: Construct robot
- Week 4: Configure sensors to operate within ROS
- Week 5: Configure actuation of motors in ROS
- Week 6: Test odometry and robot kinematics
- Week 7: Explore laboratory exercises for robot in NVIDIA Robotics Learning Kit
- Week 8: Explore laboratory exercises for robot in NVIDIA Robotics Learning Kit
- Week 9: Explore laboratory exercises for robot in NVIDIA Robotics Learning Kit
- Week 10: Time for extended topics such as SLAM
- Week 11: Time for extended topics such as SLAM
- Week 12: Prepare data to be included in report
- Week 13: Write draft of final report
- Week 14: Review draft of final report
- Week 15: Finalize report

The student is expected to work independently on this project, of course under direction of the instructor. Meeting with the instructor is expected at least once weekly, demonstrating completion of the week's task. A minimum total of 150 hours of time is required on this project. The student is expected to follow all safety guidelines when interacting with equipment as directed by instructors and laboratory technicians.

**V. Basis for Evaluation**

The primary deliverable for this course is working autonomous robot based on the Jetson TX2 platform. The student will be evaluated on satisfactory operation of the robot (40%), compilation of a logbook documenting the progress made and time spent (20%), and preparing a manuscript describing the system and its operation appropriate for submission to the [Early Career Technical Conference](https://www.uab.edu/engineering/home/departments-research/me/conferences/ectc2018)<sup>1</sup> (40%). 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

**Acceptance of Syllabus**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.uab.edu/engineering/home/departments-research/me/conferences/ectc2018>

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- ability to complete tasks required in courses.

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