

Course code	Course Name	Credits
MEPBL 401	Mini Project - 1B	02

### Objectives

1. To acquaint with the process of identifying the needs and converting it into the problem.
2. To familiarize the process of solving the problem in a group.
3. To acquaint with the process of applying basic engineering fundamentals to attempt solutions to the problems.
4. To inculcate the process of self-learning and research.

**Outcome:** Learner will be able to...

5. Identify problems based on societal /research needs.
6. Apply Knowledge and skill to solve societal problems in a group.
7. Develop interpersonal skills to work as member of a group or leader.
8. Draw the proper inferences from available results through theoretical/ experimental/simulations.
9. Analyse the impact of solutions in societal and environmental context for sustainable development.
10. Use standard norms of engineering practices
11. Excel in written and oral communication.
12. Demonstrate capabilities of self-learning in a group, which leads to life long learning.
13. Demonstrate project management principles during project work.

### Guidelines for Mini Project

- Students shall form a group of 3 to 4 students, while forming a group shall not be allowed less than three or more than four students, as it is a group activity.
- Students should do survey and identify needs, which shall be converted into problem statement for mini project in consultation with faculty supervisor/head of department/internal committee of faculties.
- Students shall submit implementation plan in the form of Gantt/PERT/CPM chart, which will cover weekly activity of mini project.
- A log book to be prepared by each group, wherein group can record weekly work progress, guide/supervisor can verify and record notes/comments.
- Faculty supervisor may give inputs to students during mini project activity; however, focus shall be on self-learning.
- Students in a group shall understand problem effectively, propose multiple solution and select best possible solution in consultation with guide/ supervisor.
- Students shall convert the best solution into working model using various components of their domain areas and demonstrate.
- The solution to be validated with proper justification and report to be compiled in standard format of University of Mumbai.

- With the focus on the self-learning, innovation, addressing societal problems and entrepreneurship quality development within the students through the Mini Projects, it is preferable that a single project of appropriate level and quality to be carried out in two semesters by all the groups of the students. i.e. Mini Project 1 in semester III and IV. Similarly, Mini Project 2 in semesters V and VI.
- However, based on the individual students or group capability, with the mentor's recommendations, if the proposed Mini Project adhering to the qualitative aspects mentioned above gets completed in odd semester, then that group can be allowed to work on the extension of the Mini Project with suitable improvements/modifications or a completely new project idea in even semester. This policy can be adopted on case by case basis.

### **Guidelines for Assessment of Mini Project:**

#### **Term Work**

- The review/ progress monitoring committee shall be constituted by head of departments of each institute. The progress of mini project to be evaluated on continuous basis, minimum two reviews in each semester.
- In continuous assessment focus shall also be on each individual student, assessment based on individual's contribution in group activity, their understanding and response to questions.
- Distribution of Term work marks for both semesters shall be as below;
  - Marks awarded by guide/supervisor based on log book : 10
  - Marks awarded by review committee : 10
  - Quality of Project report : 05

**Review/progress monitoring committee may consider following points for assessment based on either one year or half year project as mentioned in general guidelines.**

#### **One-year project:**

- In first semester entire theoretical solution shall be ready, including components/system selection and cost analysis. Two reviews will be conducted based on presentation given by students group.
  - First shall be for finalisation of problem
  - Second shall be on finalisation of proposed solution of problem.
- In second semester expected work shall be procurement of components/systems, building of working prototype, testing and validation of results based on work completed in an earlier semester.
  - First review is based on readiness of building working prototype to be conducted.
  - Second review shall be based on poster presentation cum demonstration of working model in last month of the said semester.

### **Half-year project:**

- In this case in one semester students' group shall complete project in all aspects including,
  - Identification of need/problem
  - Proposed final solution
  - Procurement of components/systems
  - Building prototype and testing
- Two reviews will be conducted for continuous assessment,
  - First shall be for finalisation of problem and proposed solution
  - Second shall be for implementation and testing of solution.

### **Assessment criteria of Mini Project.**

**Mini Project** shall be assessed based on following criteria;

1. Quality of survey/ need identification
  2. Clarity of Problem definition based on need.
  3. Innovativeness in solutions
  4. Feasibility of proposed problem solutions and selection of best solution
  5. Cost effectiveness
  6. Societal impact
  7. Innovativeness
  8. Cost effectiveness and Societal impact
  9. Full functioning of working model as per stated requirements
  10. Effective use of skill sets
  11. Effective use of standard engineering norms
  12. Contribution of an individual's as member or leader
  13. Clarity in written and oral communication
- In **one year, project**, first semester evaluation may be based on first six criteria's and remaining may be used for second semester evaluation of performance of students in mini project.
  - In case of **half year project** all criteria's in generic may be considered for evaluation of performance of students in mini project.

### **Guidelines for Assessment of Mini Project Practical/Oral Examination:**

- Report should be prepared as per the guidelines issued by the University of Mumbai.
- Mini Project shall be assessed through a presentation and demonstration of working model by the student project group to a panel of Internal and External Examiners preferably from industry or research organisations having experience of more than five years approved by head of Institution.
- Students shall be motivated to publish a paper based on the work in Conferences/students competitions.

**Mini Project** shall be assessed based on following points;

1. Quality of problem and Clarity
2. Innovativeness in solutions
3. Cost effectiveness and Societal impact
4. Full functioning of working model as per stated requirements
5. Effective use of skill sets
6. Effective use of standard engineering norms
7. Contribution of an individual's as member or leader
8. Clarity in written and oral communication

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