- 1. Course number and name: BMED 2250 Problems in Biomedical Engineering
- 2. Credits and contact hours: (1-4-0-3)
- 3. Prepared by: Wendy Newstetter
- 4. Textbook: None
- 5. Specific course information
  - a. Catalog description: Biomedical engineering problems from industrial and clinical applications are addressed and solved in small groups using problem-based learning methodologies.
  - b. Prerequisites or co-requisites: BMED 2110
  - c. Required
- 6. Specific goals for the course
  - a. INQUIRY (Student Outcomes 1, 6, 7)
    - i. Undertake targeted inquiry designed to identify the most relevant, reliable and up-to-date sources
    - ii. Use databases to find peer reviewed journal articles 1.2 Explore the problem statement to identify critical problem features
    - iii. 1.3 Evaluate the quality of sources
    - iv. 1.4 Develop and use the EndNote bibliographic application
    - v. 1.5 Maintain a real-time, sharable record of your sources and their value to you
  - b. KNOWLEDGE BUILDING (Student Outcomes 2 and 7)
    - i. Identify/define knowledge gaps and utilize enhanced inquiry skills to address them
    - ii. Develop and ask probing questions
    - iii. Search for/develop deep principles for organizing new knowledge
    - iv. Work with the team to teach and learn
  - c. PROBLEM-SOLVING (Student Outcome 5)
    - i. Define your client's problem and your team's approach
    - ii. Break problem into components, utilize white boards to publicly represent ideas, apply inquiry results to the problem, and develop hypotheses
    - iii. Understand the value of a mathematical model and develop a mathematical model to test design ideas
    - iv. Propose and build a physical model to conduct experiments for testing the predictive accuracy of a mathematical model and making evidencebased claims used to predict next-steps
  - d. TEAM BUILDING & TEAMWORK (Student Outcomes 1 and 4)
    - i. Actively listen to team members and clearly communicate ideas
    - ii. Offer support and encouragement, monitor group process and make suggestions for positive change

- iii. Fluidly assume, encourage, and distribute leadership among the group members during different phases of the work
- e. APPLICATION OF ENGINEERING FUNDAMENTALS (Student Outcome 3)
  - i. Demonstrate the value of utilizing theory and professional practices to solve engineering problems and to report outcomes
  - ii. Recognize the interconnected nature of knowledge domains
- f. COMMUNICATION (Student Outcome 3)
  - i. Identify and enact appropriate communication mode for specific purposes
  - ii. Exhibit professional writing and presentation skills
  - iii. Use whiteboards and other conveyances (email, social media) to negotiate ideas and communicate with associates
  - iv. Verbally engage with colleagues in supportive and encouraging ways that support team and individual progress
- 7. Brief list of topics to be covered
  - a. Team formation, peer- and self-evaluation of team work
  - b. Conducting literature reviews
  - c. Biomedical engineering statistics, sensitivity, selectivity, power
  - d. Experimental design to evaluate medical devices
  - e. Mathematical modeling as a tool for building understanding of complex biomedical
  - f. engineering problems