UNLV ME 425/625 – Robotics 1 – Fall 2023 (last updated 11/10/23)

Week		Торіс	
WEEK	Τορις		
Week 1 08/28/23	Lecture	Introduction	
	Lab	BrixCC setup, NXC programming, Studio	
	Programming	NXC data types, if-then, loops, TextOut and FormatNum	
	Homework	NXC programming basics	
		Studio: Casters	
Week 2 09/04/23	Labor Day – UNLV Holiday		
Week 3 09/11/23	Lecture	Simple Machines I: Levers, Shafts and Cranks	
	Lab	LEGO levers, shafts and cranks	
		Domabot: Introduction	
	Programming	NXC: strings, motors (OnFwd, Rotate), Buttons, and touch sensor	
	Homework	Levers, Shafts and Cranks	
		NXC programming strings and motors	
		Studio: Lift mechanisms; Grabbing things	
		Domabot touch sensor reaction	
Week 4	Lecture	Simple Machines II: Cams, Springs and Linkages	
09/18/23	Lab	LEGO cams, springs and linkages	
	Programming	NXC: Infrared light sensor	
		Domabot: Line following Bang-Bang	
	Homework	Cranks, Cams, and Linkages	
		NXC: Line following with light sensor	
		Studio: Reciprocating motions Domabot: Line following – Bang-Bang	
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Week 5	Lecture	Simple Machines III: Ratchets, Drives and Gearing	
09/25/23		Line Following PID (motivated from Bang-Bang)	
	Lab	LEGO ratchets, drives and gearing	
		Domabot: Line following PID	
	Drogramming	Introduce Project 1 Semi-Finals Rules	
	Programming Homework	NXC Files Ratchets, Drives, and Gearing	
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		Studio: Oscillating Mechanisms	
		Domabot: Line following PID	
Week 6 10/02/23		Project 1 Relay Race PLR Day (no lecture)	
Week 7 10/09/23		Project 1 Relay Race: Semi-Finals Competition Day	

Week 8 10/16/23	Midterm Part 1 Closed-book (60-min): Fill-in-the-blanks, essays, etc Part 2 Open-book (90-min): Hands-on LEGO construction		
Week 9 10/23/23	Lecture DC motor theory and open-loop step response Lab NXC File Handling NXC Timers Motor Open-Loop Step Response NXC Ultrasonic Sensors Homework DC motor theory and open-loop step response NXC Timing		
Week 10 10/30/23	Lecture Electronics: Robot Sensing, Actuation and Communications Lab DIY Touch Sensor and Voltage Supply RS-485 Communications Bluetooth Communications Homework Communications		
Week 11 11/06/23	Lecture Path-Planning (Mazes) Part 1: Wall-Following Wall-Following PID Theory Lab Domabot: Wall-Following PID Homework Wall-Following and PID Theory		
Week 12 11/13/23	Lecture Path-Planning (Mazes) Part 2: Obstacle-Avoidance Obstacle-Avoidance PID Theory Lab Domabot: Obstacle Avoidance PID Maze Solving Homework Domabot: Obstacle Avoidance Maze Prop Mount		
Week 13	Form Teams – 2 people per team No Lecture: Teams demonstrate can navigate Everblock Maze		
11/20/23 Week 14 11/27/23	No Lecture: Course Revealed and PDR (demonstrate robots can wall-follow, avoid obstacle, and extinguish lit candle) Homework: None		
Week 15 12/04/23	Study Week Begins Project 2 Relay Race Finals		
Week 16 12/11/23	Finals Begin		