## Course Title: Building Science and Technology 1

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## Course Information / Description of the Course

“The importance of contemporary building science is often fully appreciated only after the occurrence of building performance problems, or worse, after failures, rather than at the planning and design stage of building projects” (Kesik, 2016).

Building Science and Technology 1 looks at how the principles of building science and the properties of building materials can inform the design of buildings. It examines the elements that make up the building enclosure and the conditions affecting their performance. Through case study analysis and explorations of wall sections and building details the course will explore design principles for enhancing occupant comfort, lighting, acoustics, indoor environmental quality and energy performance.

## Learning Resources

### Readings

**Canadian Building Digest**, Institute for Research in Construction, National Research Council. Volumes 1-250. Free download from: [https://nrc-publications.canada.ca/eng/home/](https://nrc-publications.canada.ca/eng/home/) (Type in i.e., CBD48 in “Search for”)

Recommended books:

Simmons, H.L., **Olin's Construction: Principles, materials, and methods**, 9th Ed. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. ~$142.00 U/C bookstore or electronic copy. Might be cheaper to order from Amazon.com or the Used Bookstore.

Course Learning Outcomes

Objectives
1. Introduction to principles of building science and the properties of building materials
2. To acquire a basic understanding of the design of building envelope systems
3. To understand the impact of environmental conditions and occupant behaviour on building materials and assemblies
4. To learn to evaluate the condition of building components and identify opportunities to improve their performance.
5. To develop an ability to interpret and describe building assemblies through wall sections and details
6. To gain an understanding of the relationship between building science and Technology and building regulations.

Assessment Components

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<td>1. Acoustics Assignment</td>
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<td>25%</td>
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<td>2. Team Project: Building Performance Optimization</td>
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<td>3. In-Class Presentation</td>
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<td>4. In-class Quizzes</td>
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<td>5. Weekly Detail Presentation</td>
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Assessment and Evaluation Information

Students will be evaluated individually for all assignments. In the case of group assignments, participants will be asked to describe their contribution to the assignment. Projects will be evaluated for completeness, quality and originality. Work submitted late will lose 10% points per day at the discretion of the instructor.

Note: Students must submit and pass Assignment 2 in order to receive credit for the course.

Registrar-scheduled Final Examination: No

Policy for Late Assignments
Assignments submitted after the deadline will be penalized with the loss of a grade (e.g.: A- to B+). For late submission after one week but not more than 2 weeks late, the loss will be two grades, e.g.: A- to B. Assignments will not be accepted after 3
Grading Scale

Final grades will be reported as letter grades, with the final grade calculated according to the 4-point range. Assignment(s) will be evaluated by percentage grades, with their letter grade equivalents as shown.

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<td>95-100</td>
<td>Outstanding - evaluated by instructor</td>
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<td>A</td>
<td>4.00</td>
<td>3.85-4.00</td>
<td>90-94.99</td>
<td>Excellent - superior performance showing comprehensive understanding of the subject matter</td>
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<td>A-</td>
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<td>3.50-3.84</td>
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<td>B+</td>
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<td>Good performance</td>
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<td>B</td>
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<td>Satisfactory performance</td>
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<td>B-</td>
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<td>Minimum pass for students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies</td>
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<td>C+</td>
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<td>All final grades below B- are indicative of failure at the graduate level and cannot be counted toward Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements.</td>
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A student who receives a "C+" or lower in any one course will be required to withdraw regardless of their grade point average (GPA) unless the program recommends otherwise. If the program permits the student to retake a failed course, the second grade will replace the initial grade in the calculation of the GPA, and both grades will appear on the transcript.
The following CACB Student Performance Criteria will be covered in this course at a primary level (other criteria will be covered at a secondary level):

**Primary:**
- B8. Environmental Systems,
- B9. Building Envelopes,
- B11. Building Materials,

**Secondary:**

### Topic Areas & Detailed Class Schedule

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<td><strong>KS</strong></td>
<td>*ASSIGN: Acoustics Assignment (ASSG 1).</td>
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<td>Sound intensity, transmission loss, absorption, insulation, reflection, reverberation, vibration, and ambient noise. <strong>Guest: Ian Bonsma Acoustic Engineer</strong></td>
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<td>Design Considerations for Attenuation + Enhancement</td>
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<td><strong>KS</strong> - Tutorial on Pachyderm</td>
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<td>Understanding the functions and durability of the building enclosure as it relates to Indoor Environmental Quality, Human Factors, Ergonomics, Climate, Performance, Acoustics, Light, Thermal Considerations, Air Quality, Privacy + Safety</td>
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<td><strong>Environmental Conditions</strong></td>
<td>Olin’s 16 HVAC. p.956-995</td>
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<td>sol-air effects, wind, precipitation, snow loads,</td>
<td>28 - Wind on Buildings.</td>
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<td>drifting, humidity, atmospheric, fire, toxins, pollutants.</td>
<td>37 - Snow Loads on Roofs.</td>
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<td>121 - Irradiation Effects on Organic Mtls.</td>
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<td>122 - Radiation and other Weather Factors.</td>
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<td>146 - Control of Snow Drifting about Blgs.</td>
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<td>*155 - Joint Movement and Sealant Selection.</td>
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<td>170 - Atmospheric Corrosion of Metals.</td>
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<td>*247 - Control of Radon in Houses</td>
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<td><strong>Impact of Water Intrusion</strong></td>
<td>Olin’s 7.1 Moisture Ctrl. p.427-443</td>
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<td>water intrusion, water vapor, – staining, occupant health implications, remediation strategies</td>
<td>*1 - Humidity in Canadian Buildings.</td>
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<td>*42 - Humidified Buildings.</td>
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<td>*72 - Control of Air Leakage is Important.</td>
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<td>83 - Indoor Swimming Pools.</td>
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<td>February 4</td>
<td><strong>Water Vapor, condensation and freezing</strong></td>
<td>*57 - Vapour Diffusion and Condensation.</td>
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<td>-relative humidity, dewpoint, diffusion, vapor retardants, air barriers, psychrometry, sublimation</td>
<td>175 - Vapour Barriers: What are they? effective?</td>
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<td>*231 - Moisture Problems in Houses</td>
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<td>February 6</td>
<td><strong>QUIZ: WATER INTRUSION/WATER VAPOR</strong></td>
<td>*102 - Thermal Environment and Human Comfort.</td>
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<td><strong>Comfort + human factors</strong></td>
<td>*199 - Air Ions and Human Comfort.</td>
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<td>*110 - Ventilation and Air Quality.</td>
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<td>*222 - Airtight Houses and CO Poisoning.</td>
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<td>February 11</td>
<td><strong>Heat flow + Thermal Considerations</strong></td>
<td>Olin’s 7.3 Insulation. p.443-457</td>
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<td>Guest: Mike Lasby, Morisson Herschfield</td>
<td>*16 - Thermal Insulation in Dwellings.</td>
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<td>Modes of heat transfer, heating load, ground temperatures, thermal bridges, resistance, thermal gradient, heat loss calculations; insulation materials.</td>
<td>*149 - Thermal Resistance of Building Insulation.</td>
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<td>178 - Fire and Plastic Foam Insulation Materials</td>
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<td>218 - Effects of Insulation on Fire Safety.</td>
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<td><strong>Monday Feb 24th Acoustic Assignment Due (25%)</strong></td>
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<td>Energy modelling and the NECB</td>
<td>In Class Readings</td>
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<td>Guest: Ben Francis, Red Pelican Building Science</td>
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<td><strong>Air Flow and Stack effect</strong></td>
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<td>Wind pressure, wind tunnel effect, stack effect</td>
<td>34 - Wind Pressures on Buildings.</td>
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<td>104 - Stack Effects in Buildings.</td>
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<td>107 - Stack Effects in Building Design.</td>
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<td>174 - Ground Level Winds Around Tall Bldgs.</td>
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<td>245 - Mechanical Ventilation and Air Pressure.</td>
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<td>March 3</td>
<td><strong>Envelope Optimization</strong></td>
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<td>- Building forensics pertaining to building envelopes, mechanisms for</td>
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<td>strategies for durability and optimal performance. Fire and the</td>
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<td>Guest: David Leonard, Entuitive</td>
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<td>ASSIGN: Team Projects (Building failures).</td>
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<td><strong>Guest: David Silburne, GBT</strong></td>
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<td>Prefabricated construction techniques</td>
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<td>Modular and Flat-pack off-site construction methods, Code</td>
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<td>March 12</td>
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<td>March 17</td>
<td><strong>Wood</strong></td>
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<td>Dimensional changes, durability, strength seasoning, types of wood,</td>
<td>Olin’s 6.0 Wood, p.316-413</td>
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<td>decay, preservatives, fire protection, log enclosures, PWF, CLT,</td>
<td>*30 - Water and Building Materials.</td>
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<td>wood frame, Engineered floor and roof systems, SIP and panelized</td>
<td>*85 - Some Basic Characteristics of Wood.</td>
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<td>wall systems, FSC + SFI certification –</td>
<td>*86 - Some Implications Properties of Wood.</td>
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<td>*115 - Performance of Building Materials.</td>
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<td>March 19</td>
<td>Glass/Composites</td>
<td>Laura Little – Goldray Glass</td>
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| March 24 | Concrete and Metal                         | **Circular Economies and Building Science**
|         |                                            | Guests: Hayden Patullo and Kristen Forward |
| March 26 | Roof Design Principles                     | **Guest: Stephen Epp, RJC**            |

**Notes:**

- Biological Attack on Organic Materials.
- Wetting and Drying of Porous Materials.
- Deterioration of Indoor Parking Garages.
- Olin’s 5.0 Metals. p.248-312
- Olin’s 3.0 Concrete. p.68-147
- Concrete.
- Admixtures in Portland Cement Concrete.
- Durability of Concrete Under Winter Condition.
- Concrete in Sulphate Environments.
- Fibre reinforced Concrete.
- Olin’s 4.0 Masonry. p.152-243
- Efflorescence.
- Rain Penetration of Walls of Unit Masonry.
- Cold Weather Masonry Construction.
- Coatings For Masonry Surfaces.
- On Using Old Bricks in New Bldgs.
- Bricks.
- Cleaning of Brickwork.
- Olin’s 7.7 Siding. p.502-521
- Olin’s 7.9.2 Wall Flashing. p.537-540
- Rain Penetration of Walls of Masonry Units.
- Cavity Walls.
- Look at Joint Performance.
- Cladding Problems Due to Frame...
- Corrosion in Buildings.
- Coatings for Exterior Metals.
- Olin’s 7.6 Steep-Slope Roofing. p.458-502
- Olin’s 7.8 Membrane Roofing Sys. p.521-5 roof membranes. 537
- Olin’s 7.10 Metal Roofing. p.540-545
- Mineral Aggregate Roof Surfacing.
- Fundamentals of Roof Design.
- Moisture Considerations in Roof Design.
- Ice on Roofs.
- Application of Roof Design Principles.
- Designing Wood Roofs Prevent Decay.
| March 31 | **Window + Door Design**  
Code requirements, materials, energy transmissions, absorption, types, condensation, thermal breaks, and hardware | Olin’s 8.5 Glazed Curtain Wall p.583-615  
Olin’s 8.10 Glazing p.615-633  
*4 - Condensation on Inside Window  
*5 - Condensation Panes of Dble  
39 - Solar Heat Gain through Glass Walls.  
46 - Factory-Sealed Double-Glazing Units.  
55 - Glazing Design.  
58 - Thermal Characteristics of Dble Windows.  
*60 - Characteristic of Window Glass.  
*101 - Reflective Glazing Units.  
240 - Sound Transmission - Windows. |
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| April 2 | **Passivehouse Design Principles**  
*Guest: Oscar Fleschas, Passivehouse*  
Drawing Review | Olin’s 7.12 Fireproofing p.545-548  
*36 - Temp. Gradient thro Bldg. Envelopes  
| April 7 | TBD | |
| April 9 | STUDENT PRESENTATIONS (10 minutes + 2min q+a) | |
| April 14 | STUDENT PRESENTATIONS (10 minutes + 2min q+a)  
Assignment 2 report due | |

Indicate the following dates:
- If applicable, dates, times and locations of all approved class activities scheduled outside of regular course hours
- If applicable, dates, times, locations and referral to the student centre for unique and binding drop/withdraw deadlines for courses that have been approved to run outside of regular term dates

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**Media and Recording in Learning Environments**

**Part 1**

University Calendar: [https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-6.html](https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-6.html)

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**Part 2**

The instructor may use media recordings to capture the delivery of a lecture. The instructor will notify all students and guests in the class that the event is being recorded. If a student or guest wants to take steps to protect privacy, and does not want to be recorded, the instructor will provide the individual(s) with an alternative means of participating and asking questions (e.g., passing written notes with questions). Students cannot be penalized for choosing not to be recorded in situations where participation is part of the course. Students must be offered other ways of earning participation credit that do not involve recording. Any video-recording would be intended to only capture the instructor and the front of the classroom. Students/other participants would not necessarily be visible on video recordings.

### Special Budgetary Requirements

| nil |

### University of Calgary Policies and Supports

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Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students’ assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.

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