This course is in a seminar format. The goal of this course is to learn more about a variety of BME topics and to find out which seminars are regularly held that students can attend to help their research. Students are required to attend two types of seminars: BME organized seminars, and Off-week seminars.

BME Organized seminars
The BME organized seminars are held every other Wednesday at 4pm on the following days Jan 14, Jan 28, Feb 11, Feb 25, Mar 17, Mar 31, Apr 14. The location and topic will be announced on the class web site: http://plaza.ufl.edu/oostrom/bme6936.html. Attendance to these seminars is mandatory

Off-week Seminars
Between BME Seminars, the students are required to pick one seminar from the calendar published at http://webct.ufl.edu (the course webct page). Students can suggest seminars for this list by emailing hans@anest.ufl.edu. Only seminars on the list count as off-week seminars. Special arrangements can be made in advance for students attending a scientific conference. Please note: No double dipping is allowed!! If you are signed up for another seminar course (BME6938 for example), you cannot use those seminars as an off-week seminar even if they are listed on the calendar. A total of 6 off-week seminars are required. Summary reports (see below) must be submitted through WebCT before the deadline.

This course will be graded based on 2 parts: Final report (30 points), and attendance (70 points).

WebCT
This course is WebCT enhanced. You will need access to a computer and the web for this course. Reports must be submitted via the web page, and the approved listing of seminars is only at the WebCT course page. Log in to WebCT at http://webct.ufl.edu

Reports
Summary reports
For each of the off-week seminar, a summary report is due at the next BME Organized seminar. Summary reports consist of a maximum of one page summary of the seminar
that you attended. Minimum one paragraph. An example is included in this syllabus. The purpose is to convince me you were really there. Reports can be submitted at any time before the deadline. I recommend you get most of them done in the first part of the semester.

**Final report**

For the final report you will need to pick one or two seminar topics from the seminars you attended (either organized or off-week) and write an expanded overview of the topic. This means a brief overview of the talk augmented with additional information about the topic you find in the library or on the Internet. The report should be at least 3 pages long single spaced not counting references and pictures/graphs, printed with at most a 12 point font. Reports are individual work! Please make sure to include references to books, papers, and Internet sites that you used.

**Report Due date**

Final report: Thursday April 29, 2004 by 11pm uploaded to WebCT.

**Attendance**

Because attendance is so important for this course, it is heavily weighted. You are allowed to maximally miss 2 lectures during the semester. This means excused or unexcused! Failure to submit a summary report on time will be counted as a missed seminar. Every seminar you miss after 2 will cause a deduction of 10 points. An attendance sheet will be sent around every BME organized seminar, so make sure to check off your name, because this is how attendance is taken.

**Schedule**

Please check the course WebCT page for an up-to-date schedule and a listing of report assignments.

**Accommodation**

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

**Academic Honesty**

As a result of completing the registration form at the University of Florida, every student has signed the following statement: "I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University." We agree to comply with the new Honor Code, which specifies that "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity."
Dr. van Oostrom gave an overview of the Biomedical Engineering Seminar. He handed out the syllabus and explained the difference between BME Organized seminars and Off-week seminars. He also welcomed the FEEDS students who follow the course via video tape delay. This is the 7th semester that the BME seminar is offered in the Biomedical Engineering program.