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CDIO as an idea, a methodology for program development, and a community

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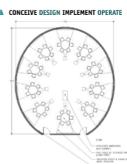
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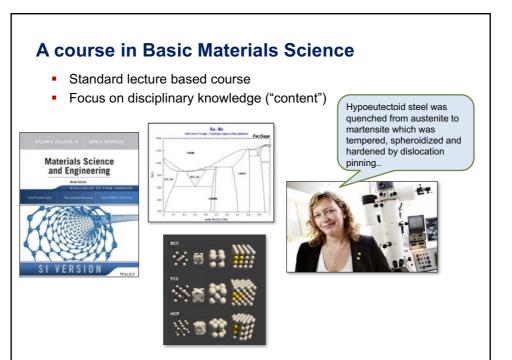
LET'S START WITH TWO EXAMPLES

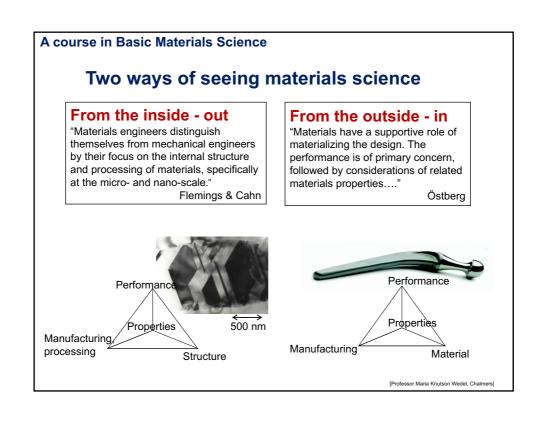
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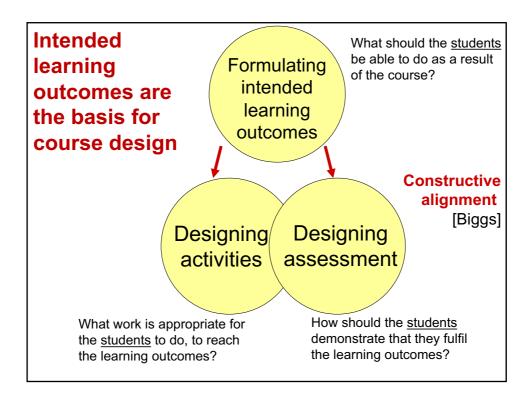
COURSE LEVEL

A course in basic materials science









A course in Basic Materials Science

1. Changing the learning objectives

Intended learning outcomes Designing Designing activities assessment

Before disciplinary knowledge in itself

- ...describe crystal structures of some metals...
- ...interpret phase diagrams...
- ...explain hardening mechanisms...
- ...describe heat treatments...

Now performances of understanding

- ...select materials based on considerations for functionality and sustainability
- ...explain how to optimize material dependent processes (e.g. casting, forming, joining)
- ...discuss challenges and trade-offs when (new) materials are developed
- ...devise how to minimise failure in service (corrosion, creep, fractured welds)

[Professor Maria Knutson Wedel, Chalmers

A course in Basic Materials Science

2. Changing the learning activities



Still lectures and still the same book, but framed differently:

- from product to atoms
- focus on engineering problems



And...

- Study visit in industry, assessed by written reflection
- Material selection class (CES)
- Active lecturing: buzz groups, quizzes
- Test yourself on the web
- Students developed animations to visualize

Professor Maria Knutson Wedel Chalmers

A course in Basic Materials Science

3. Redesigning assessment



2011:

New type of exam, aimed at deeper working understanding

- More open-ended questions many solutions possible, the quality of reasoning is assessed
- Interconnected knowledge integrating the parts of the course

2012:

Added formative midterm exam, with peer assessment

- Communicates expectations on the required level and nature of understanding (Feedback / Feed forward)
- Generates appropriate learning activity
- Early engagement in the basics of the course (a basis for further learning)

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What view of knowledge is the teaching in your programmes and courses based on?

How can subject courses contribute to both academic and professional preparation?

Let's go to Chalmers for another example

PROGRAMME LEVEL

How computational mathematics was integrated



Integrating computational mathematics Mechanical Engineering at Chalmers, Sweden



THE AIM

to modernize the mathematical content while also strengthening the connection between engineering and mathematics

Students need to:

- learn to solve more general, real-world problems
- spend less time "solving oversimplified problems that can be expressed analytically and with solutions that are already known in advance"
- work on complete problems
 - setting up a mathematical model and solving it,
 - simulation of the system,
 - using visualisation to assess the correctness of the model and the solution and compare with physical reality

(Enelund et al. 2011)

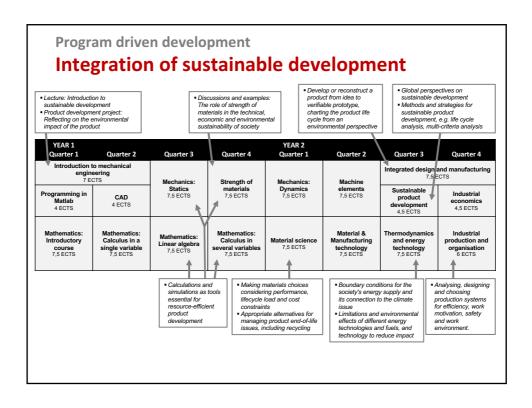
Computational mathematics

Integrated curriculum approach

Interventions to infuse the programme with computational mathematics

- new basic math courses including a an introduction to programming in a technical computing language and environment (Matlab)
- production of new teaching materials (since few textbooks take advantage of the development in computing)
- integration of relevant mathematics topics in fundamental engineering courses such as mechanics and control theory
- cross-cutting exercises, assignments and team projects shared between the mechanics and strengths of materials courses and mathematics courses

Instead of framing this as a task for mathematics teachers to solve within the mathematics courses, the **programme-driven** approach was applied, where **making connections to** mathematics in engineering subjects was at least as important as making connections to engineering in mathematics



Integrated curriculum

Start by forming a vision

- Form a vision for the graduate in dialogue with stakeholders
- Prioritise and translate to learning outcomes for the programme

Integrated learning

- Develop knowledge and understanding together with skills, approaches and judgment
- Learning in the logic of disciplines (theory) and the logic of problems (practice)

Connection and progression

- The contribution of the course is made explicit (connection between course and program)
- Connection between courses, progression
- Program driven course development

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What kinds of improvements / problems are best addressed with a programme level approach?

What is CDIO?

- A community to develop the concept & share experiences
 The CDIO Initiative
- 2. An idea that we should educate engineers who can actually engineer
- 3. <u>A methodology</u> for curriculum development The 12 CDIO Standards



CDIO is a community for developing engineering education

The CDIO Initiative





- The CDIO Initiative started in 2000 with four partners:
 MIT, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Chalmers, and Linköping University
- Soon other institutions expressed an interest in joining
- Today some180 CDIO Collaborators worldwide

The international CDIO community North America - Arizona State University - California State University - California State University - Excel Polytechnrique de Montréal - Los Polytechnrique de Montréal - Los Permykorational State University - Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Naval Postgraduate School (U.S.) - Permykorational State University - Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Naval Postgraduate School (U.S.) - Permykorational State University - Sheridan College - Stanford University - University of Arizonas - Sheridan College - University of Colorado - University of Maribasa - University of Maribas



Annual International CDIO Conference



- 17th International CDIO Conference
 - 21-24 June 2021, Bangkok, Thailand (online)
- 18th International CDIO Conference

June 2022, Reykjavik, Iceland

2005 Queen's University, Kingston, Canada 2006 Linköping University, Linköping, Sweden

2007 Hogeschool Gent, Gent, Belgium

2008 MIT, Cambridge MA, USA

2009 Singapore Polytechnic, Singapore

2010 École Polytéchnique, Montreal, Canada

2011 Denmark Technical University, Copenhagen,

2012 Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia

2013 Harvard/MIT, Cambridge MA, USA

2014 UPC, Barcelona, Spain

2015 CUIT, Chengdu, China

2016 Turku UAS, Turku, Finland

2017 University of Calgary, Canada

2018 Kanazawa, Japan

2019 Aarhus University, Denmark

2020 Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden (online)

CDIO is a community for developing engineering education

It is based on an **idea** of what students should learn to become good engineers

(who can develop technology, or Conceive, Design, Implement and Operate products, processes and systems)



The dual nature of engineering education

Higher engineering education is simultaneously

- academic, emphasising theory in a range of disciplines, and
- professional, preparing students for engineering practice.

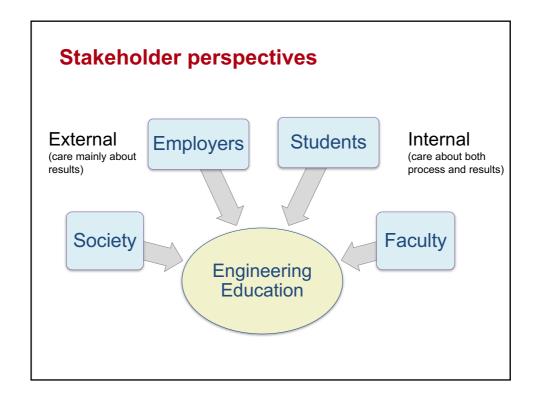
These are not merely two separate components that need to be balanced in appropriate proportions, but they should also be in **meaningful relationship** in the curriculum.

... creates a dual challenge

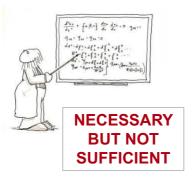
We want to educate students with

- a deeper working knowledge of technical fundamentals, and
- professional competences

not one at the expense of the other!



Disciplinary theory applied to "problem-solving"



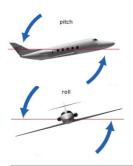
Theory and judgement applied to <u>real</u> problems

"Real" problems

- cross disciplinary boundaries
- sit in contexts with societal and business aspects
- contain values and interests
- are complex, ill-defined and contain tensions
- need interpretations and estimations ('one right answer' are exceptions)
- require systems view

Jonassen, D., Strobel, J., & Lee, C. B. (2006). Everyday problem solving in engineering: Lessons for engineering educators. Journal of Engineering Education 95(2), 139.

An education *about* technology



NECESSARY BUT NOT SUFFICIENT

An education *in* engineering – *becoming* an engineer

Conceive customer needs, technology, enterprise strategy, regulations; and conceptual, technical, and business plans...

Design plans, drawings, and algorithms that describe what will be implemented...

Implement transformation of the design into the product, process, or system, including manufacturing, coding, testing and validation...

Operate the implemented product or process delivering the intended value, including maintaining, evolving and retiring the system...

Individual approach



NECESSARY BUT NOT SUFFICIENT

Communicative and collaborative approach

- Crucial for all engineering work processes
- Much more than working in project teams with well-defined tasks
- Engineering is a social activity involving customers, suppliers, colleagues, citizens, authorities, competitors
- Networking within and across organizational boundaries, over time, in a globalised world

CDIO Standard 1: The context Educating for the context of engineering

Education set in Engineering science

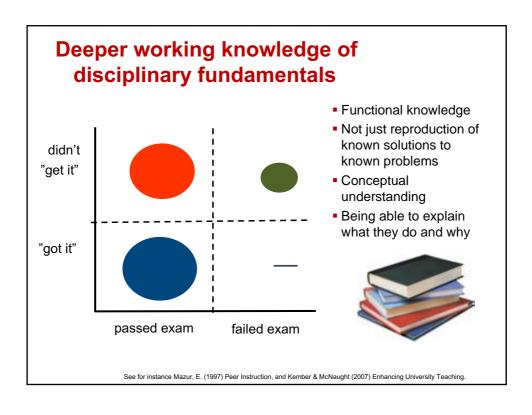
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Educate for the context of *Engineering*

CDIO Standard 1 - The context

Adoption of the principle that sustainable product, process, system, and service lifecycle development and deployment – Conceiving, Designing, Implementing and Operating – are the context for engineering education.

Engineers who can engineer!



Quality of student learning Feisel-Schmitz Technical Taxonomy

Judge	To be able to critically evaluate multiple solutions and select an optimum solution
Solve	Characterize, analyze, and synthesize to model a system (provide appropriate assumptions)
Explain	Be able to state the process/outcome/concept in their own words
Compute	Follow rules and procedures (substitute quantities correctly into equations and arrive at a correct result, "plug & chug")
Define	State the definition of the concept or describe in a qualitative or quantitative manner

[Feisel, L.D., Teaching Students to Continue Their Education, Proceedings of the Frontiers in Education Conference, 1986.]

CDIO is a community for developing engineering education

It is a methodology

The 12 CDIO Standards





Success

is never inherent in a method; it always depends on good implementation.

CDIO is open source - do whatever you want

Civil Engineering
Investigate – Plan – Design – Construct – Operate and maintain





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Luleå University of Technology

Nilsson, M., Edelbro, C., & Edström, K. (2016). Adapting CDIO to Civil Engineering: Investigate - Plan - Design - Construct - Operate and Maintain

CDIO Standard 2: Learning Outcomes Recognising the *dual nature* **of learning**

Understanding of technical fundamentals

and

Professional engineering skills







CDIO Standard 2 – Learning Outcomes

Specific, detailed learning outcomes for personal and interpersonal skills, and product, process, system, and service building skills, as well as disciplinary knowledge, consistent with program goals and validated by program stakeholders.

The CDIO Syllabus **Support in formulating learning outcomes**

Each institution formulates program goals considering their own stakeholder needs, national and institutional context, level and scope of programs, subject area, etc

The CDIO Syllabus

- is not prescriptive (not a CDIO Standard)
- is offered as an instrument for specifying local program goals by selecting topics and making appropriate additions in dialogue with stakeholders
- lists and categorises desired qualities of engineering graduates
- is based on stakeholder input and validation



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- see www.cdio.org/framework-benefits/cdio-syllabus-report for version 2.0, see Crawley, Malmqvist, Lucas, and Brodeur. 2011. "The CDIO Syllabus v2.0. An Updated Statement of Goals for Engineering Education." Proceedings of the 7th International CDIO Conference



The strategy of CDIO is integrated learning of knowledge and skills





Standard 3 – Integrated curriculum Integrating the two learning processes



Acquisition of technical knowledge

The CDIO strategy is the integrated curriculum where knowledge & skills give each other meaning!



Development of engineering skills

CDIO Standard 3 – Integrated Curriculum

A curriculum designed with mutually supporting disciplinary courses, with an explicit plan to integrate personal and interpersonal skills, and product, process, system, and service building skills.

Every learning experience sets a balance and relationship



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Discipline-led learning

- Well-structured knowledge base
- Evidence/theory, Model/reality
- Methods to further the knowledge frontier

CONNECTING WITH PROBLEM/PRACTICE

- Deep working understanding = ability to apply
- Seeing the knowledge through the lens of problems, interconnecting the disciplines
- Integrating skills, e.g. communication and collaboration

Problem/practice-led learning

- Integration and application, synthesis
- Open-ended problems, ambiguity, tradeoffs
- Real problems, in a context
- Professional work processes
- "Creating that which has never been"

CONNECTING WITH DISCIPLINARY KNOWLEDGE

- Discovering how the disciplinary knowledge is useful
- Reinforcing disciplinary understanding
- Motivational context

Design-Implement Experiences

student teams design and implement actual products, processes, or systems

- Projects take different forms in various engineering fields
- The essential aim is to learn through near-authentic engineering tasks, working in modes resembling professional practice
- Progression in several dimensions
 - > engineering knowledge (breadth and depth)
 - ➤ size of student teams
 - > length of project
 - increasingly complex and open-ended problems
 - > tensions, contextual factors
 - > student and facilitator roles

How to teach these courses sustainably

CDIO Standard 5 – Design-Implement Experiences

A curriculum that includes two or more design-implement experiences, including one at a basic level and one at an advanced level.

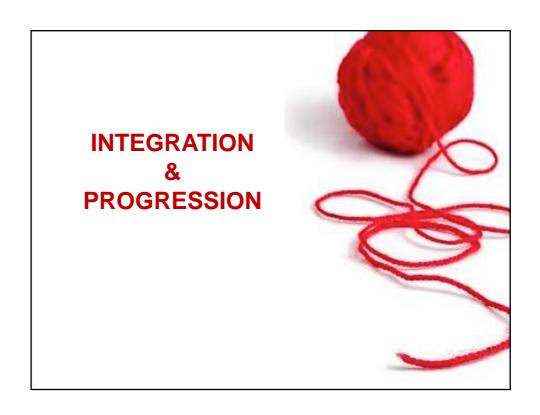


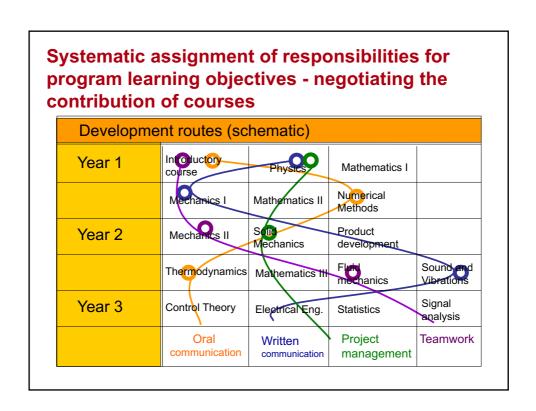
Learning in Design-Implement Experiences

The purpose is not to build things, but to learn from building things

- it is key that students bring their designs and solutions to an operationally testable state.
- To turn practical experiences into learning, students are continuously guided through reflection and feedback exercises supporting them to evaluate their work and identify potential improvement of results and processes.
- Assessment and grading should reflect the quality of attained learning outcomes, rather than the product performance in itself







Example: Communication skills in Lightweight design & FEM modelling

In this course, **communication** means being able to

- Use the technical concepts comfortably
- Discuss a problem of different levels
- Determine what factors are relevant to the situation
- Argue for, or against, conceptual ideas and solutions
- Develop ideas through discussion and collaborative sketching
- Explain technical matters to different audiences
- Show confidence in expressing oneself within the field

The skills are **embedded** in, and **inseparable** from, students' application of technical knowledge.

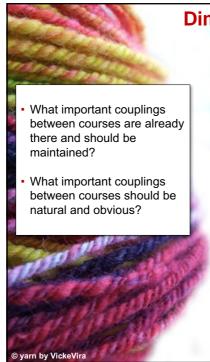
The same interpretation should be made for teamwork, problem solving, professional ethics, and other engineering skills.

"It's about educating engineers who can actually engineer!"

What does communication skills mean in the specific professional role or subject area?

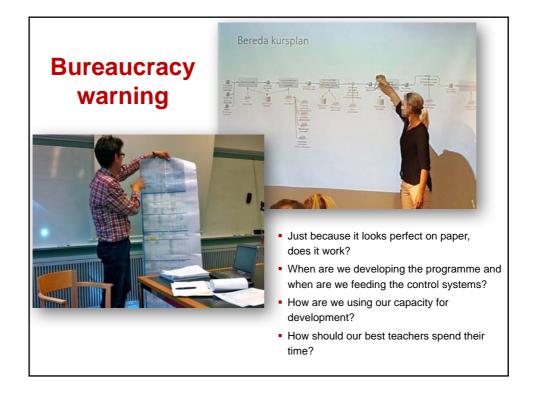


[Barrie 2004]



Dimensions of progression

- Subject content
- Personal, professional and engineering skills
- Theoretical maturity not just "more" theory, but to make connections and apply (integration, synthesis & modelling)
- Understanding context
 ("real" problems, sustainable development, ethics, etc)
- Selecting and applying methods, understanding limitations
- Professional "eye" and language (see and interpret situations, discuss with others and relate to knowledge)
- Academic writing, professional writing
- Personal development (feedback, reflection, etc)
- View on knowledge (not just black and white)
- Degree of independence as a learner (pedagogical red threads)





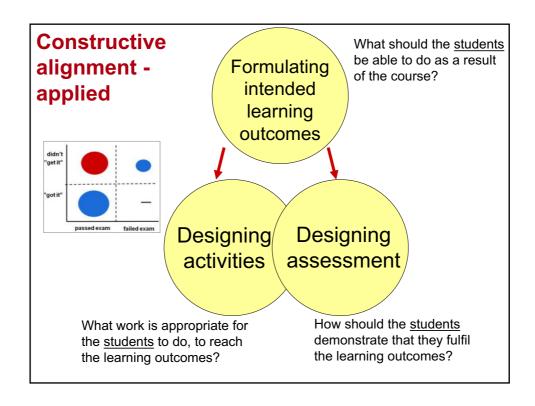
Anyone can improve a course if it means that the teacher works 100 hours more

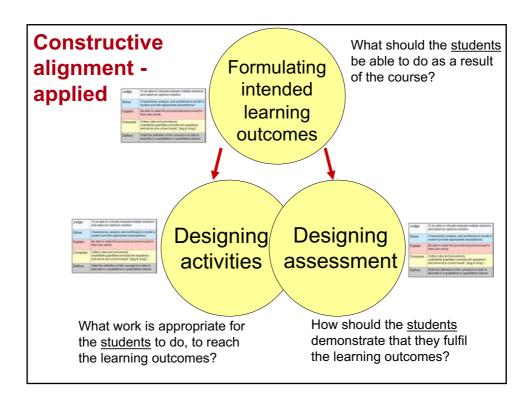
That is not a valid solution...

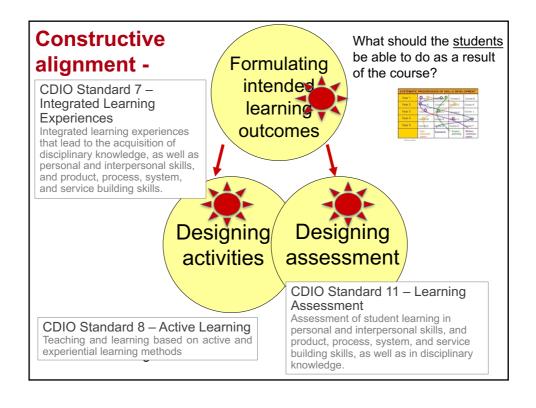
This is about how to get better student learning from the same teaching resources

CDIO Standard 10 - Enhancement of Faculty Teaching Competence

Actions that enhance faculty competence in providing integrated learning experiences, in using active and experiential learning methods, and in assessing student learning.







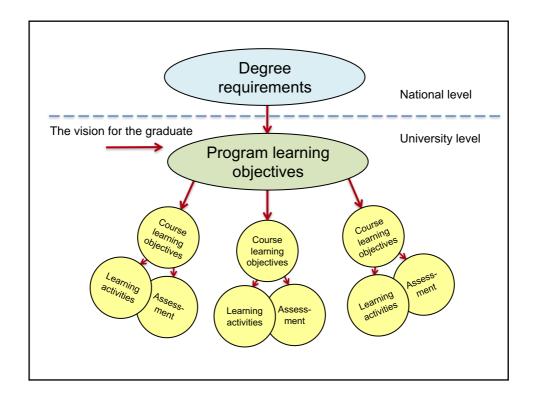
Our curriculum system has 2 logical links

The strength of the chain – the extent to which graduates will actually meet the program learning objectives – hinges on:

 the connection between courses and programs that the sum of course learning objectives <u>actually</u> equals the program objectives,

and

 the constructive alignment that each course <u>actually</u> teaches and assesses students according to its learning objectives.



The working definition of CDIO:

The CDIO Standards – aligned strategies

Context:

Recognise that we educate for the practice of engineering [1]

Curriculum development:

- Formulate explicit program learning outcomes (including engineering skills) in dialogue with stakeholders [2]
- Map out responsibilities to courses negotiate intended learning outcomes [3]
- Evaluation and continuous programme improvement [12]

Course development, discipline-led and project-based learning experiences:

- Introduction to engineering [4]
- Design-implement experiences and workspaces [5, 6]
- Integrated learning experiences [7]
- Active and experiential learning [8]
- Learning assessment [11]

Faculty development

- Engineering skills [9]
- Skills in teaching & learning, and assessment [10]

Integrated curriculum development

- the process in a nutshell
- Set program learning outcomes in dialogue with stakeholders
- Design an integrated curriculum mapping out responsibilities to courses - negotiate intended learning outcomes (both knowledge and engineering skills)
- **Create integrated learning experiences** course development with constructive alignment
 - ✓ mutually supporting subject courses
 - √ applying active learning methods
 - √ an introductory course
 - √ a sequence of design-implement experiences
- **Faculty development**
 - ✓ Engineering skills
 - ✓ Skills in teaching, learning and assessment
- **Evaluation** and continuous improvement









In the book shelf

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