

## Problem Based Learning: Teaching engineers to tackle the SDGs

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## Developing the skills & knowledge for designing solutions to poverty



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### No Poverty & Engineering Education









FROM
GENEROSITY
TO
JUSTICE
A NEW GOSPEL
OF WEALTH

DARREN WALKER

I see it like this: If bringing canned goods to a food bank to help feed people in the community is a kind of charity—and if advocating for food stamps, free school lunches, and a living wage reflects a deeper kind of social obligation—then dismantling the systems of poverty and oppression that prevent people from being able to afford healthy food in the first place is delivering justice.









#### II. - MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

FIRST YEAR. SEE PAGE 31.

	SECOND	YEAR.
FIRST TERM.		SECOND TERM.
Carpentry and Wood-turning Differential Calculus . Physics: Mechanics, Wave tion, Electricity (lectures) Descriptive Geometry . German (or French) . English Literature .		Mechanism: Gear-Teeth: Machine Tools; Cotton Machinery Drawing. Pattern Work 14 Foundry (elective) 14 Integral Calculus 36 German (or French) 200 (190) English Literature and Composition 16

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FOURTH YEAR

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	FIRST TERM.	SECOND TERM.			
*	Steam Engineering   \$44	Engineering Laboratory 545 Machine-Tool Work 146 Strength and Stability of Structures; Theory of Elasticity 88 Foundations 555 Industrial Management 555 Thesis.			
	1. Marine Engineering     53       2. Locomotive Construction     53       3. Mill Engineering     53       4. Heating and Ventilation     53       Dynamo-electric Machinery     40       Hygiene of Ventilation     743	1. Marine Engineering 551 2. Locomotive Construction 550			

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#### Requirements 1975

	Departmental Program <sup>2</sup>				
	Required Subjects				135
2.01	Mechanics of Solids	4	0	8	
2.02	Introduction to System Dynamics	4	0	8	
2.03J	Dynamics	4	0	8	
2.20	Fluid Mechanics	4	0	8	
2.30	Mechanical Behavior of Solids	3	2	7	
2.40	Thermodynamics	4	0	8	
2.671	Measurement and Instrumentation	2	3	4	
2.672	Project Laboratory	1	3	2	
2.70	Introduction to Design	2	3	4	
2.73	Design Projects	2	3	4	
2.86	Manufacturing Processes Laboratory	3	3	3	
18.03	Differential Equations	4	0	8	
	Thesis <sup>1</sup>		9		





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= CNLBbtP mBc&t=368s









The second anticipated trend is a move towards socially-relevant and outward-facing engineering curricula. Such curricula emphasize student choice, multidisciplinary learning and societal impact, coupled with a breadth of student experience outside the classroom, outside traditional engineering disciplines and across the world.

Graham, Ruth. 2018. 'Global State of the Art in Engineering Education - MIT School of Engineering', March, 170.









### Who is EWB-SA?









## **Empowering Engineers to Empower People**









# What is the "Engineering for People Design Challenge"?

















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## What is "Design a Difference"?









This programme aims to 1) bring the skills of experienced engineers to the benefit of under-served communities, 2) develop "socio-technical systems design" capacity among engineers, and 3) train engineers to take this skill back into their everyday work











### **Practical Exercise**







### Thank you!



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