MATERIALS ENGINEERING
(MAT E)

Any experimental courses offered by MAT E can be found at:
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Courses primarily for undergraduates:

MAT E 101: Materials Science & Engineering Learning Community
Seminar
Cr. R. F.
Prereq: Enrollment in Materials Science Engineering Learning Community
Introduction to the Materials Science & Engineering Department
and resources available to support student success. Offered on a
satisfactory-fail basis only.

MAT E 170: Numeric, Symbolic, and Graphical Methods for Materials
Engineering
Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: ENGR 160
Introduction to computer-based problem solving techniques including
data analysis, data visualization, and materials simulation using
spreadsheet, array, and symbolic methods that are necessary for
materials science. Introduction to 3D CAD with consideration for additive
manufacturing techniques.

MAT E 214: Structural Characterization of Materials
(2-2) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: MAT E 215, PHYS 231
Structural characterization of materials. Techniques include optical and
electron microscopy, x-ray diffraction, and thermal analysis. Identification
of materials type, microstructure, and crystal structure.

MAT E 215: Introduction to Materials Science and Engineering I
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: Math 165 AND (CHEM 177 or CHEM 167)
Introduction to the structure and properties of engineering materials.
Structure of crystalline solids and imperfections. Atomic diffusion.
Mechanical properties and failure of ductile and brittle materials.
Dislocations and strengthening mechanisms. Phase equilibria, phase
transformations, microstructure development, and heat treatment
principles of common metallurgical systems including steels and
aluminum alloys. Engineering applications. Only one of Mat E 215, 273, or
392 may count toward graduation.

MAT E 215L: Introduction to Materials Science and Engineering I - Lab
(0-2) Cr. 1. F.S.
Prereq: Credit or enrollment in MAT E 215 or MAT E 273 or MAT E 392
Materials Engineering majors only. Laboratory exercise in materials.

MAT E 216: Introduction to Materials Science and Engineering II
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: MAT E 215, MAT E 273 or MAT E 392; credit or enrollment in PHYS 232
Materials Engineering majors only. Fundamentals of ceramic, polymeric,
and composite materials; degradation, electronic, thermal, magnetic, and
optical properties of materials. Materials for energy, biomaterials, and
nanomaterials.

MAT E 216L: Introduction to Materials Science and Engineering II - Lab
(0-2) Cr. 1. F.S.
Prereq: Credit or enrollment in 216
Materials Engineering majors only. Laboratory exercise in materials.

MAT E 220: Globalization and Sustainability
(Cross-listed with ANTHR, ENV S, GLOBE, M E, SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.
An introduction to understanding the key global issues in sustainability.
Focuses on interconnected roles of energy, materials, human resources,
economics, and technology in building and maintaining sustainable
systems. Applications discussed will include challenges in both the
developed and developing world and will examine the role of technology
in a resource-constrained world. Cannot be used for technical elective
credit in any engineering department.
Meets International Perspectives Requirement.

MAT E 273: Principles of Materials Science and Engineering
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: CHEM 167 or CHEM 177; MATH 165
Introduction to the structure and properties of engineering materials.
Structure of crystalline solids and imperfections. Atomic diffusion.
Mechanical properties and failure of ductile and brittle materials.
Dislocations and strengthening mechanisms. Phase equilibria, phase
transformations, microstructure development, and heat treatment
principles of common metallurgical systems including steels and
aluminum alloys. Structure and mechanical properties of ceramic,
polymeric and composite materials. Thermal properties of materials.
Corrosion and degradation. Basic electronic properties of materials.
Engineering applications. Only one of Mat E 215, 273, or 392 may count
toward graduation.
MAT E 301: Materials Engineering Professional Planning
Cr. R. S.
PreReq: Sophomore classification in materials engineering
Preparation for a career in industry or advanced study in graduate school; Lectures and guest speakers discuss various topics, including: experiential learning, resumes, interviewing, leadership, networking, professional ethics, and graduate school opportunities. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

MAT E 311: Thermodynamics in Materials Engineering
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
PreReq: CHEM 178, MAT E 215 or MAT E 273 or MAT E 392, and credit or enrollment in MAT E 216 and MATH 267
Basic laws of thermodynamics applied to phase equilibria, transformations, and reactions in multicomponent multiphase materials systems; thermodynamic descriptions of heterogeneous systems; binary and ternary phase diagrams; interfaces, surfaces, and defects.

MAT E 314: Kinetics and Phase Equilibria in Materials
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
PreReq: MAT E 216, MAT E 311
Kinetic phenomena and phase equilibria relevant to the origins and stability of microstructure in metallic, ceramic and polymeric systems. Application of thermodynamics to the understanding of stable and metastable phase equilibria, interfaces and their effects on stability: defects and diffusion, empirical rate equations for transformation kinetics, driving forces and kinetics of nucleation, diffusional and diffusionless phase transformations.

MAT E 317: Introduction to Electronic Properties of Ceramic, Metallic, and Polymeric Materials
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
PreReq: MAT E 216 and PHYS 232

MAT E 319: Mechanics of Structures and Materials
Cr. 3. S.
PreReq: PHYS 231, credit or enrollment in MATH 166
Fundamentals of engineering mechanics as applied to materials. Forces and moments; stresses in loaded bodies; elasticity and stress analysis including stress / strain relationships; failure of materials including the mechanics of creep, fracture, and fatigue. Only one of MAT E 319 or E M 324 may be used for graduation requirements.

MAT E 321: Introduction to Ceramic Science
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
PreReq: MAT E 216
Ceramic crystal structures, defects, diffusion and transport. Phase equilibria and microstructures. Thermal, electronic, optical and magnetic properties of ceramics.

MAT E 322: Introduction to Ceramic Processing
(2-3) Cr. 3. S.
PreReq: MAT E 214, MAT E 321

MAT E 332: Semiconductor Materials and Devices
(Cross-listed with E E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
PreReq: CPR E and E E majors: E E 230; MAT E majors: MAT E 317
Introduction to semiconductor material and device physics. Quantum mechanics and band theory of semiconductors. Charge carrier distributions, generation/recombination, transport properties. Physical and electrical properties and fabrication of semiconductor devices such as MOSFETs, bipolar transistors, laser diodes and LED's.

MAT E 334: Electronic & Magnetic Properties of Metallic Materials
(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered odd-numbered years.
PreReq: MAT E 317

MAT E 341: Metals Processing
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
PreReq: Mat E 214 and either MAT E 215, 273 or 392
Theory and practice of metal processing, including: extractive metallurgy; casting and solidification; welding and joining; deformation processes (e.g., forging, extrusion); powder metallurgy; and additive manufacturing.
MAT E 342: Structure/Property Relations in Nonferrous Metals
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: MAT E 215 or 273 or 392
Processing of metals and alloys to obtain desired mechanical properties by manipulation of their microstructure and composition of constituent phase(s). Relevance of defects to mechanical properties, plastic flow. Strengthening mechanisms in metals and alloys. Microstructure, heat treatment and mechanical properties of engineering alloys. Metal-matrix composites.

MAT E 348: Solidification Processes
(Cross-listed with I E). (2-2) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: I E 248 and MAT E 273, or MAT E 215
Theory and applications related to metal casting, welding, polymer processing, powder metallurgy, and composites manufacturing, and related rapid manufacturing processes.

MAT E 350: Polymers and Polymer Engineering.
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: MAT E 216 or MAT E 273 or MAT E 392
Fundamental concepts of soft matter, including polymer, colloid and surfactant. Their physical and chemical properties, rheology and production methods. Applications of polymers in the chemical industry. Related topics in surface, diffusion and stability.

MAT E 351: Introduction to Polymeric Materials
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: MAT E 216
Introduction to polymeric materials, synthesis, structure and properties. Relationship between polymer composition, processing and properties.

MAT E 362: Principles of Nondestructive Testing
(Cross-listed with E M). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: PHYS 132 and PHYS 132L or PHYS 232 and PHYS 232L
Radiography, ultrasonic testing, magnetic particle inspection, eddy current testing, dye penetrant inspection, and other techniques. Physical bases of tests, materials to which applicable, types of defects detectable, calibration standards, and reliability safety precautions.

MAT E 362L: Nondestructive Testing Laboratory
(Cross-listed with E M). (0-3) Cr. 1. S.
Prereq: Credit or enrollment in E M 362
Application of nondestructive testing techniques to the detection and sizing of flaws in materials and to the characterization of material’s microstructure. Included are experiments in hardness, dye penetrant, magnetic particle, x-ray, ultrasonic and eddy current testing. Field trips to industrial laboratories.

MAT E 391: Introduction to US Women's Roles in Industry and Preparation for Summer Study
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: Permission of instructor
Introduction to the historical role of women as related to US industry, family and community with emphasis on the years 1830 - 1945, but also related to the current climate. Topics completed in 392 with arranged lectures at Brunel University. Orientation for Brunel summer study program. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only. Credit for graduation allowable only upon completion of summer study abroad program. Meets U.S. Diversity Requirement

MAT E 392: Principles of Materials Science and Engineering
(3-0) Cr. 3. SS.
Prereq: MAT E 391, Math 165, CHEM 167 or CHEM 177

MAT E 396: Summer Internship
Cr. R. Repeatable. SS.
Prereq: Permission of department and Engineering Career Services
Professional work period of at least 10 weeks during the summer. Students must register for this course prior to commencing work. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

MAT E 398: Cooperative Education (Co-op)
Cr. R. Repeatable. F.S.
Prereq: Permission of department and Engineering Career Services
Professional work period. One semester per academic or calendar year. Students must register for this course before commencing work. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.
MAT E 413: Materials Design and Professional Practice I
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: Senior Classification: Mat E 413-414 sequence is intended for students in their final two semesters before graduation.
Fundamentals of materials engineering design, information sources, team behavior, professional preparation, quantitative design including finite-element analysis and computer aided design, materials selection, informatics and combinatorial methods. Analysis of design problems, development of solutions, selected case studies. Oral presentation skills. Preparations for continued project in Mat E 414.

MAT E 414: Materials Design and Professional Practice II
(2-2) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: MAT E 413
Team projects specified by either industry or academic partners. Written and oral final project reports. Integration of materials processing, structure/composition, properties and performance principles in materials engineering problems. Multi-scale design of materials, materials processing, case studies including cost analysis, ethics, risk and safety.

MAT E 418: Mechanical Behavior of Materials
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: MAT E 216; Credit or enrollment in MAT E 319
Mechanical behavior of ceramics, metals, polymers, and composites. Relationships between materials processing and atomic aspects of elasticity, plasticity, fracture, and fatigue. Life prediction, stress-and failure analysis.

MAT E 419: Magnetism and Magnetic Materials
(Dual-listed with M S E 519). (Cross-listed with E E). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: E E 311 or MAT E 317 or PHYS 364

MAT 425: Glass Science and Engineering
(2-3) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: MAT E 214, MAT E 321
Composition, structure, properties manufacturing, and applications of inorganic glasses. Mechanical, structural, thermal, optical, ionic, electronic, and biological applications of inorganic glasses, especially silicate glasses. Contemporary topics in glass science and engineering such as glass optical fiber communication and flat panel display technologies. Laboratory exercises in the preparation and characterization of silicate glasses.

MAT E 432: Microelectronics Fabrication Techniques
(Dual-listed with M S E 532). (Cross-listed with E E). (2-4) Cr. 4.
Prereq: PHYS 232 and PHYS 232L; MAT E majors: MAT E 317; CPR E and E E majors: E E 230
Techniques used in modern integrated circuit fabrication, including diffusion, oxidation, ion implantation, lithography, evaporation, sputtering, chemical-vapor deposition, and etching. Process integration. Process evaluation and final device testing. Extensive laboratory exercises utilizing fabrication methods to build electronic devices. Use of computer simulation tools for predicting processing outcomes. Recent advances in processing CMOS ICs and micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS).

MAT E 433: Advanced Ceramics and Electronic Materials
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: MAT E 317, MAT E 321

MAT E 437: Electronic Properties of Materials
(Dual-listed with M S E 537). (Cross-listed with E E). Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: E E 332 or MAT E 317 or PHYS 322
MAT E 443: Physical Metallurgy of Ferrous Alloys
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: MAT E 311

MAT E 444: Corrosion and Failure Analysis
(2-2) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: MAT E 214, 215 or 273 or 392
Failure analysis. Characteristics of common types of metallic failures, case studies of failures, designing to reduce failure risk. Corrosion and corrosion control of metallic systems. Corrosion fundamentals, classification of different types of metallic corrosion, corrosion properties of various engineering alloys, corrosion control.

MAT E 452: Scanning and Auger Electron Microscopy
(Dual-listed with M S E 552). (2-3) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: PHYS 232

MAT E 453: Physical and Mechanical Properties of Polymers
(Dual-listed with M S E 553). (2-3) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: MAT E 214, MAT E 351
Overview of polymer chemical composition, microstructure, thermal and mechanical properties, rheology, and principles of polymer materials selection. Intensive laboratory experiments include chemical composition studies, microstructural characterization, thermal analysis, and mechanical testing.

MAT E 454: Polymer Composites and Processing
(Dual-listed with M S E 554). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: MAT E 351
Basic concepts in polymer composites, blends, and block copolymers. Phase separation and miscibility, microstructures and mechanical behavior. Fiber reinforced and laminated composites. Viscosity, rheology, viscoelasticity of polymers. Polymer melt processing methods such as injection molding and extrusion; selection of suitable processing methods and their applications.

MAT E 456: Biomaterials
(Dual-listed with M S E 556). (Cross-listed with B M E). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: CHEM 178 and MAT E 216 or MAT E 273 or MAT E 392
Presentation of the basic chemical and physical properties of biomaterials, including metals, ceramics, and polymers, as they are related to their manipulation by the engineer for incorporation into living systems. Role of microstructure properties in the choice of biomaterials and design of artificial organs, implants, and prostheses.

MAT E 457: Chemical and Physical Metallurgy of Rare Earth Metals
(Dual-listed with M S E 557). (Cross-listed with M S E 557). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered even-numbered years.
Prereq: MAT E 311 or CHEM 325
Electronic configuration, valence states, minerals, ores, beneficiation, extraction, separation, metal preparation and purification. Crystal structures, phase transformations and polymorphism, and thermochemical properties of rare earth metals. Chemical properties: inorganic and organometallic compounds, alloy chemistry, nature of the chemical bonding. Physical properties: mechanical and elastic properties, magnetic properties, resistivity, and superconductivity.

MAT E 466: Multidisciplinary Engineering Design
(Cross-listed with A B E, AER E, B M E, CPR E, E E, ENGR, I E, M E). (1-4) Cr. 3. Repeatable. F.S.
Prereq: Student must be within two semesters of graduation; permission of instructor.
Application of team design concepts to projects of a multidisciplinary nature. Concurrent treatment of design, manufacturing, and life cycle considerations. Application of design tools such as CAD, CAM, and FEM. Design methodologies, project scheduling, cost estimating, quality control, manufacturing processes. Development of a prototype and appropriate documentation in the form of written reports, oral presentations and computer models and engineering drawings.

MAT E 467: Multidisciplinary Engineering Design II
Prereq: Student must be within two semesters of graduation or receive permission of instructor.
Build and test of a conceptual design. Detail design, manufacturability, test criteria and procedures. Application of design tools such as CAD and CAM and manufacturing techniques such as rapid prototyping. Development and testing of a full-scale prototype with appropriate documentation in the form of design journals, written reports, oral presentations and computer models and engineering drawings.
MAT E 481: Computational Modeling of Materials
(Dual-listed with M S E 581). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered odd-numbered years.
Prereq: MATH 265 and MAT E 311 or CH E 381 or CHEM 325 or PHYS 304
Introduction to the basic methods used in the computational modeling and simulation of materials, from atomistic simulations to methods at the mesoscale. Students will be expected to develop and run sample programs. Topics to be covered include, for example, electronic structure calculations, molecular dynamics, Monte Carlo, phase-field methods, etc.

MAT E 488: Eddy Current Nondestructive Evaluation
(Dual-listed with M S E 588). (Cross-listed with E E). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered odd-numbered years.
Prereq: MATH 265 and (MAT E 216 or MAT E 273 or MAT E 392 or E E 311 or PHYS 364)
Electromagnetic fields of various eddy current probes. Probe field interaction with conductors, cracks and other material defects. Ferromagnetic materials. Layered conductors. Elementary inversion of probe signals to characterize defects. Special techniques including remote-field, transient, potential drop nondestructive evaluation and the use of Hall sensors. Practical assignments using a 'virtual' eddy current instrument will demonstrate key concepts.

MAT E 490: Independent Study
Cr. arr. Repeatable.
Prereq: This course requires an approved proposal to the MSE Department’s Undergraduate Curriculum Committee prior to the beginning of the semester. Investigation of individual research or special topics. Independent study that is being proposed to be used toward graduation or minor requirements.

MAT E 490H: Independent Study: Senior Honors Project
Cr. arr. F.S.S.
Prereq: This course requires an approved proposal to the College of Engineering Honors Committee. Independent study that is being proposed to be used for an honors project.

MAT E 499: Undergraduate Research Opportunity
Cr. R. Repeatable, maximum of 12 times. F.S.S.
Prereq: Permission of Instructor
Independent study working in research lab with faculty member. Designed to allow students opportunity to gain experience that may assist them in obtaining future employment. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only. The course cannot be applied toward any graduation requirements.