

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (M E)

Courses primarily for undergraduates:

M E 160: Mechanical Engineering Problem Solving with Computer Applications

(2-2) Cr. 3. F.S.

Prereq: M E majors only. MATH 142 or MATH 143 or MATH 145; credit or enrollment in MATH 165.

Introduction to the field of Mechanical Engineering through problem-solving in a range of topics including statics, mechanics of materials and thermo-fluids. Techniques to professionally present and communicate solutions. Use of MATLAB computer programming to aid problem solving, including curve fitting and graphing. Only one of M E 160, ENGR 160, Aer E 160, C E 160, CPR E 185, E E 185, S E 185 and I E 148 may count towards graduation.

M E 170: Engineering Graphics and Introductory Design

(2-2) Cr. 3. F.S.

Prereq: Satisfactory scores on mathematics placement assessments; credit or enrollment in MATH 142 or MATH 143 or MATH 145

Integration of fundamental graphics, computer modeling, and engineering design. Applications of multiview drawings and dimensioning. Techniques for visualizing, analyzing, and communicating 3-D geometries. Application of the design process including written and oral reports. Freehand and computer methods.

M E 190: Learning Communities

(1-0) Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.S.

Enrollment in M E learning communities.

M E 202: Mechanical Engineering - Professional Planning

(1-0) Cr. R. F.S.

Prereq: Sophomore classification

Preparation for a career in mechanical engineering; discussion of opportunities for leadership, undergraduate research, experiential learning.

M E 220: Global Sustainability

(Cross-listed with ANTHR, ENV S, GLOBE, MAT E, SOC, T SC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.

An introduction to 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.

M E 231: Engineering Thermodynamics I

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.SS.

Prereq: MATH 166, CHEM 167, PHYS 221

Fundamental concepts based on zeroth, first and second laws of thermodynamics. Properties and processes for ideal gases and solid-liquid-vapor phases of pure substances. Applications to vapor power cycles. Credit for either M E 231 or 330, but not both, may be applied toward graduation.

M E 270: Introduction to Mechanical Engineering Design

(1-6) Cr. 3. F.S.

Prereq: M E 160 or equivalent, M E 170 or equivalent, PHYS 221

Overview of mechanical engineering design with applications to thermal and mechanical systems. Introduction to current design practices used in industry. Semester-long team project focused on addressing societal needs. Past projects include designing human powered charging systems and products for developing nations.

M E 298: Cooperative Education

Cr. R. F.S.SS.

Prereq: Permission of department

First professional work period in the cooperative education program. Students must register for this course before commencing work.

M E 324: Manufacturing Engineering

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.SS.

Prereq: M E 270, E M 324, MAT E 273 and M E 324L or permission of instructor

Fundamentals of manufacturing processes including forming, machining, casting and welding with emphasis on design considerations in manufacturing. Mechanical behavior of metallic materials. Modern manufacturing practices.

M E 324L: Manufacturing Engineering Laboratory

(0-2) Cr. 1. F.S.SS.

Prereq: M E 270, MAT E 273

Laboratory exercises in metrology, mechanical testing (tensile/compression and hardness tests), computer aided design (CAD), machining operations, metal welding, metal casting, and bulk/sheet metal forming.

M E 325: Mechanical Component Design

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.SS.

Prereq: M E 170, E M 324, and STAT 305

Philosophy of design and design methodology. Consideration of stresses and failure models useful for static and fatigue loading. Analysis, selection and synthesis of machine elements.

M E 332: Engineering Thermodynamics II

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.SS.

Prereq: M E 231

Gas power cycles. Fundamentals of gas mixtures, psychrometry, and thermochemistry. Applications to one-dimensional compressible flow, refrigeration, air conditioning and combustion processes.

M E 335: Fluid Flow

(3-2) Cr. 4. F.S.SS.

Prereq: E M 345, MATH 265, MATH 266 or MATH 267, credit or enrollment in M E 332.

Incompressible and compressible fluid flow fundamentals. Dimensional analysis and similitude. Internal and external flow applications. Lab experiments emphasizing concepts in thermodynamics and fluid flow. Written reports are required.

M E 370: Engineering Measurements

(2-3) Cr. 3. F.S.SS.

Prereq: E E 442, STAT 305

Fundamentals of design, selection, and operation of components of measuring systems. Measurement processes, data acquisition systems, analysis of data, and propagation of measurement uncertainty.

M E 396: Summer Internship

Cr. R. Repeatable. SS.

Prereq: Permission of department and Engineering Career Services

Summer professional work period.

M E 397: Engineering Internship

Cr. R. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: Permission of department and Engineering Career Services

Professional work period, one semester maximum per academic year.

M E 398: Cooperative Education

Cr. R. F.S.SS.

Prereq: M E 298, permission of department and Engineering Career Services

Second professional work period in the cooperative education program.

Students must register for this course before commencing work.

M E 410: Mechanical Engineering Applications of Mechatronics

(2-2) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered irregularly.

Prereq: E E 442, E E 448, credit or enrollment in M E 421

Fundamentals of sensor characterization, signal conditioning and motion control, coupled with concepts of embedded computer control. Digital and analog components used for interfacing with computer controlled systems. Mechanical system analysis combined with various control approaches. Focus on automation of hydraulic actuation processes. Laboratory experiences provide hands-on development of mechanical systems.

M E 411: Automatic Controls

(2-2) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: M E 421

Methods and principles of automatic control. Pneumatic, hydraulic, and electrical systems. Representative applications of automatic control systems. Mathematical analysis of control systems.

M E 412: Ethical Responsibilities of a Practicing Engineer

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: Credit or enrollment in M E 325

The study of ethics in engineering design and the engineering profession. A comprehensive look at when ethical decisions must be made and an approach to make them. The approach takes into account moral, legal, technical, experiential, and standards to aid in ethical decision making. Each area will be studied through lectures, debates, guest speakers, class discussion, and case studies.

M E 413: Fluid Power Engineering

(Cross-listed with A B E). (2-2) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: Credit or enrollment in E M 378 or M E 335, A B E 216 or M E 270

Properties of hydraulic fluids. Performance parameters of fixed and variable displacement pumps and motors. Hydraulic circuits and systems. Hydrostatic transmissions. Characteristics of control valves. Analysis and design of hydraulic systems for power and control functions.

M E 415: Mechanical Systems Design

(0-6) Cr. 3. F.S.

Prereq: M E 324, M E 325

Mechanical Engineering Capstone Design course. Team approach to solving design problems involving mechanical systems. Teams will use current design practices they will encounter in industry. Document decisions concerning form and function, material specification, manufacturing methods, safety, cost, and conformance with codes and standards. Solution description includes oral and written reports. Projects often worked with industry sponsors.

M E 417: Advanced Machine Design

(Dual-listed with M E 517). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: M E 325, MAT E 273

Stress life, strain life, and fracture mechanics approaches to fatigue life and design with metals, polymers and ceramics. Introduction to material selection in design of machine components. Thermal and structural considerations in design of machine components and hybrid materials. Course project and relevant literature review required for graduate credit.

M E 418: Mechanical Considerations in Robotics

(Dual-listed with M E 518). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: Credit or enrollment in M E 421

Three dimensional kinematics, dynamics, and control of robot manipulators, hardware elements and sensors. Laboratory experiments using industrial robots.

M E 419: Computer-Aided Design

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: M E 325

Theory and applications of computer-aided design. Computer graphics programming, solid modeling, assembly modeling, and finite element modeling. Mechanical simulation, process engineering, rapid prototyping and manufacturing integration.

M E 421: System Dynamics and Control

(3-2) Cr. 4. F.S.SS.

Prereq: E E 442, E E 448, E M 345, MATH 267

Modeling and simulation of mechanical, electrical, fluid, and/or thermal systems. Development of equations of motion and dynamic response characteristics in time and frequency domains. Fundamentals of classical control applications, including mathematical analysis and design for closed loop control systems. Introduction to computer interfacing for simulation, data acquisition, and control. Laboratory exercises for hands-on system investigation and control implementation.

M E 423: Creativity and Imagination for Engineering and Design

(Dual-listed with M E 523). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Broad exposure to the study of creativity, both in scientific research and in engineering design practice. Exploration of the subject includes readings from a variety of fields; in-class discussion and activities; and individual and team projects that enable students to develop their creativity. Graduate students also will do independent research on creativity and develop a related teaching module.

M E 425: Optimization Methods for Complex Designs

(Dual-listed with M E 525). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: M E 160, MATH 265

Optimization involves finding the 'best' according to specified criteria. Review of a range of optimization methods from traditional nonlinear to modern evolutionary methods such as Genetic algorithms. Examination of how these methods can be used to solve a wide variety of design problems across disciplines, including mechanical systems design, biomedical device design, biomedical imaging, and interaction with digital medical data. Students will gain knowledge of numerical optimization algorithms and sufficient understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of these algorithms to apply them appropriately in engineering design. Experience includes code writing and off-the-shelf routines. Numerous case-studies of real-world situations in which problems were modeled and solved using advanced optimization techniques.

M E 433: Alternative Energy

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: PHYS 221/PHYS 222 and CHEM 167

Basic principles, performance, and cost analysis of alternative energy systems including biofuels, bioenergy, wind, solar, fuel cells, storage and other alternative energy systems. Performance analysis and operating principles of systems and components, and economic analysis for system design and operation will be taught. Emphasis is on alternative energy technologies needed to meet our future energy needs at various scales ranging from household to city to national levels.

M E 436: Heat Transfer

(3-2) Cr. 4. F.S.SS.

Prereq: ME 335

Heat transfer by conduction, convection, and radiation. Similarity concepts in heat, mass, and momentum transfer. Methods for determination of heat transfer coefficients. Combined modes of heat transfer. Heat exchangers. Lab experiments emphasizing concepts in thermodynamics and heat transfer. Written reports are required.

M E 437: Introduction to Combustion Engineering

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: Credit in ME 332 or equivalent and credit or enrollment in ME 335 or equivalent.

Introduction to the fundamentals of combustion and the analysis of combustion systems for gaseous, liquid, and solid fuels-including biomass fuels. Combustion fundamentals are applied to the analysis of engines; turbines, biomass cookstoves; suspension, fixed-bed, and fluidized-bed furnaces; and other combustion devices.

M E 441: Fundamentals of Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: Credit or enrollment in ME 436

Space conditioning and moist air processes. Application of thermodynamics, heat transfer, and fluid flow principles to the analysis of heating, ventilating, and air conditioning components and systems. Performance and specification of components and systems.

M E 442: Heating and Air Conditioning Design

(1-5) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: ME 441

Design criteria and assessment of building environment and energy requirements. Design of heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems. System control and economic analysis. Oral and written reports required.

M E 444: Elements and Performance of Power Plants

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: ME 332, credit or enrollment in ME 335

Basic principles, thermodynamics, engineering analysis of power plant systems. Topics include existing power plant technologies, the advanced energyplex systems of the future, societal impacts of power production, and environmental and regulatory concerns.

M E 448: Fluid Dynamics of Turbomachinery

(Cross-listed with AER E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: AER E 311 or ME 335

Applications of principles of fluid mechanics and thermodynamics in performance analysis and design of turbomachines. Conceptual and preliminary design of axial and radial flow compressors and turbines using velocity triangles and through-flow approaches.

M E 449: Internal Combustion Engines

(3-1) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: ME 335

Basic principles, thermodynamics, combustion, and exhaust emissions of spark-ignition and compression-ignition engines. Laboratory determination of fuel properties and engine performance. Effects of engine components and operating conditions on performance. Written reports required.

M E 451: Engineering Acoustics

(Cross-listed with E E, E M). (2-2) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered even-numbered years.

Prereq: PHYS 221 and MATH 266 or MATH 267

Properties of sound waves and noise metrics (pressure, power levels, etc). Sound sources and propagation. Principles of wave propagation in one-, two-, and three-dimensions. Wave reflection and transmission. Wave propagation in rectangular, cylindrical, and annular ducts. Acoustics fields for model noise sources. Introduction to aerodynamic noise sources in aircraft, aircraft engines, and wind turbines. Selected laboratory experiments.

M E 456: Machine Vision

(Dual-listed with ME 556). Cr. 3. Repeatable. Alt. S., offered irregularly.

Prereq: MATH 317, ME 421 or permission of instructor

Broad exposure to the study of creativity, both in scientific research and in engineering design practice. Exploration of the subject includes readings from a variety of fields; in-class discussion and activities; and individual and team projects that enable students to develop their creativity. Graduate students also will do independent research on creativity and develop a related teaching module.

M E 466: Multidisciplinary Engineering Design

(Cross-listed with A B E, AER E, B M E, CPR E, E E, ENGR, I E, MAT E). (1-4) Cr. 3. Repeatable. F.S.

Prereq: Student must be within two semesters of graduation and 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, computer models and engineering drawings.

M E 467: Multidisciplinary Engineering Design II

(Cross-listed with AER E, CPR E, E E, ENGR, I E, MAT E). (1-4) Cr. 3. Repeatable, maximum of 2 times. Alt. F., offered irregularly. Alt. S., offered irregularly.

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.

M E 475: Modeling and Simulation

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: M E 421, credit or enrollment in M E 436

Introduction to computer solution techniques required to simulate flow, thermal, and mechanical systems. Methods of solving ordinary and partial differential equations and systems of algebraic equations; interpolation, numerical integration; finite difference and finite element methods.

M E 479: Sustainability Science for Engineering Design

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered irregularly.

Prereq: Any engineering design course

Scientific principles and quantitative methods concerning sustainability. Analysis of environmental issues associated with engineering design and product manufacturing in an economic and social context. Heuristic and analytical methods for assessing the sustainability of existing or potential product/service designs. Application to a design problem in teams.

M E 484: Technology, Globalization and Culture

(Dual-listed with M E 584). (Cross-listed with WLC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: junior or senior classification for M E 484; graduate classification for M E 584

Cross-disciplinary examination of the present and future impact of globalization with a focus on preparing students for leadership roles in diverse professional, social, and cultural contexts. Facilitate an understanding of the threats and opportunities inherent in the globalization process as they are perceived by practicing professionals and articulated in debates on globalization. Use of a digital forum for presenting and analyzing globalization issues by on-campus and off-campus specialists.

Meets International Perspectives Requirement.

M E 486: Appropriate Technology Design

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered irregularly.

Prereq: M E 231, M E 270, enrollment in M E 335; or permission of instructor.

Hands-on design experience utilizing knowledge acquired in core mechanical engineering courses. Emphasis with engineering problem formulation and solution, oral and written communication, team decision-making and ethical conduct. Design projects include engineering considerations in appropriate technology which have multidisciplinary components in economics and sociology.

M E 490: Independent Study

Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.

Prereq: Senior classification

Investigation of topics holding special interest of students and faculty. Election of course and topic must be approved in advance by supervising faculty.

M E 490H: Independent Study: Honors

Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.

Prereq: Senior classification

Investigation of topics holding special interest of students and faculty. Election of course and topic must be approved in advance by supervising faculty.

M E 490J: Independent Study: Thermodynamics and Energy Utilization

Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.

Prereq: Senior classification

Investigation of topics holding special interest of students and faculty. Election of course and topic must be approved in advance by supervising faculty.

M E 490M: Independent Study: Nuclear Engineering

Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.

Prereq: Senior classification

Investigation of topics holding special interest of students and faculty. Election of course and topic must be approved in advance by supervising faculty.

M E 490O: Independent Study: Design and Optimization

Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.

Prereq: Senior classification

Investigation of topics holding special interest of student and faculty. Election of course and topic must be approved in advance by supervising faculty.

M E 490P: Dynamic Systems and Controls

Cr. 1. Repeatable.

Prereq: Senior classification

Investigation of topics holding special interest of student and faculty. Election of course and topic must be approved in advance by supervising faculty.

M E 490Q: Independent Study: Materials Processing and Mechanics

Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.

Prereq: Senior classification

Investigation of topics holding special interest of student and faculty. Election of course and topic must be approved in advance by supervising faculty.

M E 490R: Independent Study: Thermo-fluids

Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.

Prereq: Senior classification

Investigation of topics holding special interest of student and faculty. Election of course and topic must be approved in advance by supervising faculty.

M E 490S: Independent Study: Emerging Areas

Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.

Prereq: Senior classification

Investigation of topics holding special interest of student and faculty. Election of course and topic must be approved in advance by supervising faculty.

M E 498: Cooperative Education

Cr. R. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

Prereq: M E 298, permission of department and Engineering Career Services

Third and subsequent professional work periods in the cooperative education program. Students must register for this course before commencing work.

Courses primarily for graduate students, open to qualified undergraduates:

M E 510: Economics and Policy of Engineered Energy Systems

Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: Graduate standing.

Economics and policy for U.S. energy systems, with an emphasis on connections to engineering. Topics include: economic analysis of conventional energy commodity markets and technologies, deregulated electricity markets, and emerging energy technologies; demand forecasting; economic and environmental policy in energy; integrated assessment; and semester-specific contemporary issues. Economics majors may not apply this course towards graduation.

M E 511: Advanced Control Design

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: M E 411

Application of control design methods using continuous, discrete, and frequency-based models. Approaches include classical, pole assignment, model reference, internal model, and adaptive control methods. Mechanical design projects.

M E 517: Advanced Machine Design

(Dual-listed with M E 417). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: M E 325, MAT E 273

Stress life, strain life, and fracture mechanics approaches to fatigue life and design with metals, polymers and ceramics. Introduction to material selection in design of machine components. Thermal and structural considerations in design of machine components and hybrid materials. Course project and relevant literature review required for graduate credit.

M E 518: Mechanical Considerations in Robotics

(Dual-listed with M E 418). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: Credit or enrollment in M E 421

Three dimensional kinematics, dynamics, and control of robot manipulators, hardware elements and sensors. Laboratory experiments using industrial robots.

M E 520: Material and Manufacturing Considerations in Design

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered irregularly.

Prereq: M E 324, M E 325

Integration of materials, design and manufacturing. Materials selection. Design for assembly and manufacturing (DFMA). Design and redesign to facilitate cost-effective manufacturing using material selection and DFMA software.

M E 521: Mechanical Behavior and Manufacturing of Polymers and Composites

(Cross-listed with M S E). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered odd-numbered years.

Prereq: M E 324 or MAT E 272 and E M 324

Effect of chemical structure and morphology on properties. Linear viscoelasticity, damping and stress relaxation phenomena. Structure and mechanics of filler and fiber reinforced composites. Mechanical properties and failure mechanisms. Material selection and designing with polymers. Processing of polymer and composite parts.

M E 523: Creativity and Imagination for Engineering and Design

(Dual-listed with M E 423). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Broad exposure to the study of creativity, both in scientific research and in engineering design practice. Exploration of the subject includes readings from a variety of fields; in-class discussion and activities; and individual and team projects that enable students to develop their creativity. Graduate students also will do independent research on creativity and develop a related teaching module.

M E 525: Optimization Methods for Complex Designs

(Dual-listed with M E 425). (Cross-listed with HCI). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: M E 160, MATH 265

Optimization involves finding the 'best' according to specified criteria. Review of a range of optimization methods from traditional nonlinear to modern evolutionary methods such as Genetic algorithms. Examination of how these methods can be used to solve a wide variety of design problems across disciplines, including mechanical systems design, biomedical device design, biomedical imaging, and interaction with digital medical data. Students will gain knowledge of numerical optimization algorithms and sufficient understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of these algorithms to apply them appropriately in engineering design. Experience includes code writing and off-the-shelf routines. Numerous case-studies of real-world situations in which problems were modeled and solved using advanced optimization techniques.

M E 527: Mechanics of Machining and Finishing Processes

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered odd-numbered years.

Prereq: M E 324

Mechanics of material removal for ductile materials. Shear zone theory. Oblique cutting. Heat transfer in machining. Milling and grinding. Mechanics of material removal for brittle materials. Optimal selection and design of cutting parameters. Control of machining processes. Principles of precision finishing. Design considerations for machining and finishing processes.

M E 528: Micro/Nanomanufacturing

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered irregularly.

Prereq: M E 324

Concepts and applications of micro/nanotechnology appropriate to the manufacturing field. An overview of micro/nano-fabrication techniques including mechanical, EDM, laser and lithography. MEMS device fabrication. Scaling laws. Top down and bottom up approaches of nanomanufacturing. Experimental or theoretical project leading to potential submission of a manuscript for journal or conference.

M E 530: Advanced Thermodynamics

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: M E 332

Fundamentals of thermodynamics from the classical viewpoint with emphasis on the use of the first and second laws for analysis of thermal systems. Generalized thermodynamic relationships. Computer applications of thermodynamic properties and system analysis. Selected topics.

M E 531: Advanced Energy Systems and Analysis

Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: any undergraduate thermodynamics course; mathematics through differential equations

Introduction to energy systems including economic and thermodynamic principles. Various production systems will be analyzed. Application to transportation and building systems will be emphasized. Sustainability, climate change and other current energy system topics.

M E 532: Compressible Fluid Flow

(Cross-listed with AER E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: AER E 310, 311 or equivalent

Thermodynamics of compressible flow. Viscous and inviscid compressible flow equations. One dimensional steady flow; isentropic flow, shocks, expansions. Multidimensional compressible flow aspects. Linear and nonlinear wave analysis and method of characteristics. Subsonic, transonic, supersonic and hypersonic flows.

M E 535: Thermochemical Processing of Biomass

(Cross-listed with BRT). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: Undergraduate course work in thermodynamics and transport phenomena

Introduction to thermal and catalytic processes for the conversion of biomass to biofuels and other biobased products. Topics include gasification, fast pyrolysis, hydrothermal processing, syngas to synfuels, and bio-oil upgrading. Application of thermodynamics, heat transfer, and fluid dynamics to bioenergy and biofuels.

M E 536: Advanced Heat Transfer

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: M E 436

Advanced treatment of heat transmission by conduction, convection, and radiation.

M E 538: Advanced Fluid Flow

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: Credit or enrollment in M E 436

Detailed analysis of incompressible/compressible, viscous/inviscid, laminar/turbulent, and developing fluid flows on a particle/point control volume basis.

M E 539: Nanoscale Heat Transfer

Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: Any undergraduate course on thermodynamics or heat transfer or transport phenomena or solid state physics

Fundamentals of heat transfer in nanoscale systems, ballistic and diffusive transport, heat conduction due to photons and electrons. Wave and particle nature of energy transfer. Basics of nanoscale thermal radiation. Size effects and transport characteristics for solids, liquids and gases. Computational methodologies and measurement techniques for thermal properties.

M E 542: Advanced Combustion

(3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: M E 332 or CH E 381

Thermochemistry and transport theory applied to combustion. Gas phase equilibrium. Energy balances. Reaction kinetics. Flame temperatures, speed, ignition, and extinction. Premixed and diffusion flames. Combustion aerodynamics. Mechanisms of air pollution.

M E 543: Introduction to Random Vibrations and Nonlinear Dynamics

(Cross-listed with E M). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered odd-numbered years.

Vibrations of continuous systems. Nonlinear vibration phenomena, perturbation expansions; methods of multiple time scales and slowly-varying amplitude and phase. Characteristics of random vibrations; random processes, probability distributions, spectral density and its significance, the normal or Gaussian random process. Transmission of random vibration, response of simple single and two-degree-of-freedom systems to stationary random excitation. Fatigue failure due to random excitation.

M E 545: Thermal Systems Design

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered even-numbered years.

Prereq: M E 436

Integrating thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, and heat transfer to model thermal equipment and to simulate thermal systems. Second law and parametric analysis; cost estimation, life cycle analysis and optimization. Some computer programming required.

M E 546: Computational Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer I

(Cross-listed with AER E). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: AER E 310 or M E 335, and programming experience

Basic concepts of discretization, consistency, and stability. Explicit and implicit methods for ordinary differential equations. Methods for each type of partial differential equation. Iterative solution methods; curvilinear grids. Students will program basic algorithms.

M E 547: Computational Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer II

(Cross-listed with AER E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: AER E 546 or equivalent

Application of computational methods to current problems in fluid mechanics and heat transfer. Methods for solving the Navier-Stokes and reduced equation sets such as the Euler, boundary layer, and parabolized forms of the conservation equations. Introduction to relevant aspects of grid generation and turbulence modeling.

M E 552: Advanced Acoustics

(Cross-listed with E M). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered irregularly.

Prereq: E M 451

Theoretical acoustics: wave propagation in fluids; acoustic radiation, diffraction and scattering; nonlinear acoustics; radiation force; cavitation; and ray acoustics.

M E 556: Machine Vision

(Dual-listed with M E 456). Cr. 3. Repeatable. Alt. S., offered irregularly.

Prereq: MATH 317, M E 421 or permission of instructor

Broad exposure to the study of creativity, both in scientific research and in engineering design practice. Exploration of the subject includes readings from a variety of fields; in-class discussion and activities; and individual and team projects that enable students to develop their creativity. Graduate students also will do independent research on creativity and develop a related teaching module.

M E 557: Computer Graphics and Geometric Modeling

(Cross-listed with COM S, CPR E). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: M E 421, programming experience in C

Fundamentals of computer graphics technology. Data structures. Parametric curve and surface modeling. Solid model representations. Applications in engineering design, analysis, and manufacturing.

M E 561: Scanning Probe Microscopy

(2-2) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered irregularly.

Prereq: First year physics, chemistry

Introduction to the scanning probe microscope (SPM, also known as atomic force microscope or AFM) and associated measurement techniques. Overview of instrumentation system, basic principles of operation, probe-sample interaction and various operational modes to obtain micro/nanoscale structure and force spectroscopy of material surfaces. Examples of SPM significance and applications in science and engineering research, nanotechnology and other industries. Laboratory work involving use of a scanning probe microscope system is an integral part of the course.

M E 563: Micro and Nanoscale Mechanics

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered odd-numbered years.

Prereq: E M 324 and M E 325

Review of Fundamentals: (Elasticity, Electromagnetism, Mechanical response), Mechanics of thermally, electrostatically and magnetically actuated microsystems, Mechanics and design of nanostructured materials, mechanics of surface stress engineering and its implications to sensors and thin film structures.

M E 564: Fracture and Fatigue

(Cross-listed with AER E, E M, M S E). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered even-numbered years.

*Prereq: E M 324 and either M A T E 216 or M A T E 273 or M A T E 392.**Undergraduates: Permission of instructor*

Materials and mechanics approach to fracture and fatigue. Fracture mechanics, brittle and ductile fracture, fracture and fatigue characteristics, fracture of thin films and layered structures. Fracture and fatigue tests, mechanics and materials designed to avoid fracture or fatigue.

M E 566: Phase Transformation in Elastic Materials

(Cross-listed with E M). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: E M 510 or E M 516 or E M 514

Continuum thermodynamics and kinetics approaches to phase transformations. Phase field approach to stress- and temperature-induced martensitic transformations and twinning at the nanoscale. Nucleation and growth. Nanostructural evaluation. Analytical and numerical solutions. Surface stresses and energy. Surface-induced phase transformations. Large Strain formulation.

M E 573: Random Signal Analysis and Kalman Filtering

(Cross-listed with AER E, E E). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: E E 324 or AER E 331 or M E 370 or M E 411 or MATH 341

Elementary notions of probability. Random processes. Autocorrelation and spectral functions. Estimation of spectrum from finite data. Response of linear systems to random inputs. Discrete and continuous Kalman filter theory and applications. Smoothing and prediction. Linearization of nonlinear dynamics.

M E 574: Optimal Control

(Cross-listed with AER E, E E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: E E 577

The optimal control problem. Variational approach. Pontryagin's principle, Hamilton-Jacobi equation. Dynamic programming. Time-optimal, minimum fuel, minimum energy control systems. The regulator problem. Structures and properties of optimal controls.

M E 575: Introduction to Robust Control

(Cross-listed with AER E, E E). (3-0) Cr. 3.

Prereq: E E 577

Introduction to modern robust control. Model and signal uncertainty in control systems. Uncertainty description. Stability and performance robustness to uncertainty. Solutions to the H₂, H_∞, and l₁ control problems. Tools for robustness analysis and synthesis.

M E 576: Digital Feedback Control Systems

(Cross-listed with AER E, E E). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: E E 475 or AER E 432 or M E 411 or MATH 415; and MATH 267

Sampled data, discrete data, and the z-transform. Design of digital control systems using transform methods: root locus, frequency response and direct design methods. Design using state-space methods. Controllability, observability, pole placement, state estimators. Digital filters in control systems. Microcomputer implementation of digital filters. Finite wordlength effects. Linear quadratic optimal control in digital control systems. Simulation of digital control systems.

M E 577: Linear Systems

(Cross-listed with AER E, E E, MATH). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: E E 324 or AER E 331 or MATH 415; and MATH 207

Linear algebra review. Least square method and singular value decomposition. State space modeling of linear continuous-time systems. Solution of linear systems. Controllability and observability. Canonical description of linear equations. Stability of linear systems. State feedback and pole placements. Observer design for linear systems.

M E 578: Nonlinear Systems

(Cross-listed with AER E, E E, MATH). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: E E 577

Linear vs nonlinear systems. Phase plane analysis. Bifurcation and center manifold theory. Lyapunov stability. Absolute stability of feedback systems. Input-output stability. Passivity theory and feedback linearization. Nonlinear control design techniques.

M E 580: Virtual Environments, Virtual Worlds, and Application

(Cross-listed with HCI). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: Senior or Graduate status.

A systematic introduction to the underpinnings of Virtual Environments (VE), Virtual Worlds, advanced displays and immersive technologies; and an overview of some of the applications areas particularly virtual engineering.

M E 584: Technology, Globalization and Culture

(Dual-listed with M E 484). (Cross-listed with WLC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.

Prereq: junior or senior classification for M E 484; graduate classification for M E 584

Cross-disciplinary examination of the present and future impact of globalization with a focus on preparing students for leadership roles in diverse professional, social, and cultural contexts. Facilitate an understanding of the threats and opportunities inherent in the globalization process as they are perceived by practicing professionals and articulated in debates on globalization. Use of a digital forum for presenting and analyzing globalization issues by on-campus and off-campus specialists.

Meets International Perspectives Requirement.

M E 590: Special Topics

Cr. 1-8. Repeatable.

M E 590Q: Special Topics: Independent Literature Investigation

Cr. 1-8. Repeatable.

M E 590T: Special Topics: Biological and Nanoscale Sciences

Cr. 1-8. Repeatable.

M E 590U: Special Topics: Complex Fluid Systems

Cr. 1-8. Repeatable.

M E 590V: Special Topics: Clean Energy Technologies

Cr. 1-8. Repeatable.

M E 590W: Special Topics: Design and Manufacturing Innovation

Cr. 1-8. Repeatable.

M E 590Z: Special Topics: Simulation and Visualization

Cr. 1-8. Repeatable.

M E 599: Creative Component

Cr. arr. Repeatable.

Courses for graduate students:

M E 600: Seminar

Cr. R. Repeatable.

(1-0).

M E 625: Surface Modeling

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered irregularly. Alt. S., offered irregularly.

Prereq: M E 557, programming experience in C

Theory and implementation of contemporary parametric sculptured surface modeling technology. Non-uniform rational B-spline (NURBS) curves and surfaces. Fundamental computational algorithms. Construction techniques. Advanced modeling topics. Computer projects.

M E 632: Multiphase Flow

(Cross-listed with CH E). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered odd-numbered years.

Prereq: M E 538

Single particle, multiparticle and two-phase fluid flow phenomena (gas-solid, liquid-solid and gas-liquid mixtures); particle interactions, transport phenomena, wall effects; bubbles, equations of multiphase flow. Dense phase (fluidized and packed beds) and ducted flows; momentum, heat and mass transfer. Computer solutions.

M E 637: Convection Heat Transfer

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered irregularly. Alt. S., offered irregularly.

Prereq: M E 436

Convection heat transfer to internal or external flows under laminar or turbulent conditions. Dimensionless parameters. Classical solutions of Newtonian viscous flows. Forced and free convection. Special topics.

M E 638: Radiation Heat Transfer

(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered irregularly.

Prereq: M E 436

Techniques for analysis of radiation in enclosures. Radiative properties of surfaces. Radiative transfer in participating media. Combined modes of transfer. Approximate methods of analysis.

M E 647: Advanced Computational Fluid Dynamics

(Cross-listed with AER E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.

Prereq: AER E 547

An examination of current methods in computational fluid dynamics. Differencing strategies. Advanced solution algorithms for unstructured meshes. Grid generation. Construction of higher-order CFD algorithms. Parallel computing. Current applications. Use of state of the art CFD codes.

M E 690: Advanced Topics

Cr. arr. Repeatable.

Investigation of advanced topics of special interest to graduate students in mechanical engineering.

M E 690G: Advanced Topics: Advanced Machine Design

Cr. arr. Repeatable.

Investigation of advanced topics of special interest to graduate students in mechanical engineering.

M E 690O: Advanced Topics: Engineering Computation

Cr. arr. Repeatable.

Investigation of advanced topics of special interest to graduate students in mechanical engineering.

M E 690Q: Advanced Topics: Independent Literature Investigation

Cr. arr. Repeatable.

Investigation of advanced topics of special interest to graduate students in mechanical engineering.

M E 690T: Advanced Topics: Biological and Nanoscale Sciences

Cr. arr. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

Investigation of Special Topics: Biological and Nanoscale Sciences of special interest to graduate students in mechanical engineering.

M E 690U: Advanced Topics: Complex Fluid Systems

Cr. arr. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

Investigation of Special Topics: Complex Fluid Systems of special interest to graduate students in mechanical engineering.

M E 690V: Advanced Topics: Clean Energy Technologies

Cr. arr. F.S.SS.

Investigation of Special Topics: Clean Energy Technologies of special interest to graduate students in mechanical engineering.

M E 690W: Advanced Topics: Design and Manufacturing Innovation

Cr. arr. Repeatable.

Investigation of Design & Manufacturing Innovation of special interest to graduate students in mechanical engineering.

M E 690Z: Advanced Topics: Simulation and Visualization

Cr. arr. Repeatable. F.S.SS.

Investigation of Special Topics: Simulation and Visualization of special interest to graduate students in mechanical engineering.

M E 697: Engineering Internship

Cr. R. Repeatable.

Prereq: Permission of Director of Graduate Education, graduate classification
One semester and one summer maximum per academic year professional work period. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

M E 699: Research

Cr. arr. Repeatable.

Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.