

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Courses

MEE 100. Introduction to Mechanical Engineering I. 0 Hours

First semester of introduction to Mechanical Engineering. Seminars on course selection, campus policies, safety, and health. Introductions to campus services for learning, counseling, coop and job placement. Weekly meeting of first-semester, first-year mechanical engineering students. Orientation to engineering problem solving and team building through hands on applications.

MEE 101. Introduction to Mechanical Engineering II. 0 Hours

Second semester of introduction to Mechanical Engineering. Seminars on course selection, campus policies, safety, and health. Introductions to campus services for learning, counseling, coop and job placement.

MEE 104L. Solid Modeling in Design. 2 Hours

Introduction to engineering graphics and visualization. Instruction on sketching methods and proper techniques for parametric, solid modeling using computer aided design (CAD) software. Students will interpret and develop technical drawings that are used to communicate mechanical designs.

MEE 114L. Introduction to Programming. 1 Hour

Introduction to applications and use of computer programs for mechanical engineers with concentration on spreadsheets, plotting, data manipulation and basic programming.

MEE 198. Research & Innovation Laboratory. 0-6 Hours

Students participate in (1) selection and design, (2) investigation and data collection, (3) analysis, and (4) presentation of a research project. Research can include, but is not limited to, developing an experiment, collecting and analyzing data, surveying and evaluating literature, developing new tools and techniques including software, and surveying, brainstorming, and evaluating engineering solutions and engineering designs. Proposals from teams of students will be considered.

MEE 200. Professional Development for Sophomores I. 0 Hours

Exposure to breadth of Mechanical Engineering and opportunities available to students including minors and concentrations, research, and student organizations. Registration required for all MEE sophomores. Prerequisite(s): MEE 101.

MEE 201. Professional Development for Sophomores II. 0 Hours

Exposure to breadth of Mechanical Engineering and opportunities available to students including minors and concentrations, research and student organizations. Registration required for all MEE sophomores.

MEE 203. Intro to Mechanical Innovation. 3 Hours

Application of the innovation process with emphasis on detailed mechanical design techniques, standards and guidelines. Experience is gained by completing individual and team design projects, and generating integrated CAD models. Prerequisite(s): EGR 103, MEE 104L.

MEE 204. Introduction to Robot Design. 3 Hours

Mechanical design aspects of robotic and automation systems. Employing the innovation process as applied to automation systems with an emphasis on detailed mechanical design techniques, standards and guidelines. Experience is gained by completing individual and team design projects. Prerequisite(s): EGR 103 and MEE 104L.

MEE 205. Mechatronics. 3 Hours

This course provides an introduction to the cross-disciplinary topic of Mechatronics, a blend of Mechanical, Electrical, and Computer Engineering. Topics include principles of linear circuit analysis and problem solving techniques (both analytical and computer solutions) associated with analog circuits containing both passive and active components. Students are introduced to DC, AC, and transient circuit analyses. In addition to these fundamentals, the "mechatronics emphasis" involves practical experience in creating robotic and automated systems. Related to its Integrative component within CAP, students discuss and reflect on the social impact such technology has within their lives, their future profession, and the world as a whole. Ultimately, students scaffold their knowledge through a series of microprocessor programming modules which culminate in student teams designing, fabricating, and programming autonomous robotic vehicles for a class-wide competition. Prerequisite(s): MTH 168.

MEE 214. Programming for Mechanical Engineers. 3 Hours

Detailed introduction to solving engineering problems through computational methods. Fundamentals of programming in MATLAB involving arrays, functions, decision making, loops, and graphing. Emphasis on numerical methods that are applied in engineering. Prerequisite(s): MTH 169.

MEE 225. Introduction to Flight. 3 Hours

An introductory course designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the multitude of disciplines that comprise the aeronautical engineering profession. A background and brief history of flight are covered. Foundational knowledge of aerodynamics, propulsion, aerostructures, aircraft performance and aerospace vehicle design. Laboratory included. Prerequisite(s): PHY 206.

MEE 230. Introduction to Biomechanics. 3 Hours

Introduction to the field of biomechanical engineering with an emphasis on human movement. Application of engineering concepts to solve clinical, occupational, and sports biomechanics problems with a focus on experimental data analysis, kinematics, research, product design, and technical reporting. Corequisite: EGR 201 or permission of instructor. Prerequisite(s): PHY 206 or permission of instructor.

MEE 298. Research & Innovation Laboratory. 0-6 Hours

Students participate in (1) selection and design, (2) investigation and data collection, (3) analysis, and (4) presentation of a research project. Research can include, but is not limited to, developing an experiment, collecting and analyzing data, surveying and evaluating literature, developing new tools and techniques including software, and surveying, brainstorming, and evaluating engineering solutions and engineering designs. Proposals from teams of students will be considered.

MEE 300. Professional Development for Juniors. 0 Hours

Presentations on contemporary mechanical engineering subjects by students, faculty, and engineers in active practice; student involvement in professional and service activities. Registration required of all MEE juniors. Prerequisite(s): MEE 200 or COP 200 or EGR 200.

MEE 308. Fluid Mechanics. 3 Hours

An introductory course in fluid mechanics. Fundamental concepts including continuity, momentum, and energy relations. Control volume analysis and differential formulations. Internal and external flows in laminar and turbulent regimes. One-dimensional compressible flows. Prerequisite(s): EGR 202. Corequisite(s): MTH 219.

MEE 312. Engineering Materials I. 3 Hours

Atomic structure, bonding, and arrangement in solids. Mechanical and physical properties of solids, phase equilibria, and processing of solids. Strengthening methods in solids, principles of material selection, and characteristics of non-ferrous alloys, polymers, ceramic composites, and construction materials. Corequisite(s): EGM 303; MEE 312L.

MEE 312L. Materials Laboratory. 1 Hour

Conducting mechanical and physical tests on solids including, but not limited to tension, compression, bending, hardness, and impact. Metallographic examination of surfaces. Test standards, data reduction, analysis, interpretation, and written and oral communication of test results. Corequisite(s): EGM 303; MEE 312.

MEE 314. Computational Methods. 3 Hours

Detailed introduction to solving engineering problems through programming in the Matlab technical computing software package. Fundamentals of algorithms, including iterative processes, arrays and logic operations. Graphing of 2D and 3D functions. Graphical user interfaces. Focus on engineering applications that utilize the mathematical techniques of linear algebra, statistics and numerical methods. Prerequisite(s): MTH 169.

MEE 321. Theory of Machines. 3 Hours

Analysis and synthesis of mechanisms using analytical and computer-based techniques. Applications include cams, gears, and linkages such as four-bar, slider-crank, and quick-return mechanisms. Gear train specification and force analysis. Position, velocity, and acceleration analysis and mechanical advantage of a wide variety of linkage systems. Prerequisites: EGR 201. Corequisites: MEE 214 or MEE 314 or ECE 203.

MEE 341. Engineering Experimentation. 3 Hours

Basic sensors and instrumentation, design of experiments, data acquisition and processing, and uncertainty and statistical analysis of data. Measurement of strain, motion, pressure, temperature, flow and sound. Measurement applications to engineering phenomena or systems. Course will utilize a mix of lecture, laboratory experiments, and demonstrations. Also a term project to provide design of experiment experience. Corequisite(s): EGR-203 or MEE-205 or ECE-201.

MEE 344. Manufacturing Processes. 3 Hours

Casting processes including casting defects and design of castings; metal working processes such as extrusion, forging, rolling and wire drawing; sheet metal forming; welding processes; powder metallurgy and design principles for P/M parts, metal removal processes; forming and shaping plastics and composite materials; rapid prototyping. Design principles for manufacturability. Includes laboratory. Prerequisite(s): MEE 312.

MEE 398. Research & Innovation Laboratory. 0-6 Hours

Students participate in (1) selection and design, (2) investigation and data collection, (3) analysis, and (4) presentation of a research project. Research can include, but is not limited to, developing an experiment, collecting and analyzing data, surveying and evaluating literature, developing new tools and techniques including software, and surveying, brainstorming, and evaluating engineering solutions and engineering designs. Proposals from teams of students will be considered.

MEE 400. Professional Development for Seniors. 1 Hour

Presentations on contemporary mechanical engineering subjects by students, faculty, and engineers in active practice; student involvement in professional and service activities. Registration required of all MEE seniors. Prerequisite(s): MEE 300.

MEE 401. Aerodynamics. 3 Hours

Fundamentals of steady and inviscid aerodynamic flows. Emphasis on force and moment determination for airfoils and finite wings. Prerequisite(s): MEE 308.

MEE 409. Aerospace Structures. 3 Hours

Structural properties of wing and fuselage sections. Nonsymmetrical bending of skin-stringer wing sections. Shear stresses in thin-walled and skin-stringer multiple-celled sections. Deflection by energy methods. Introduction to finite element stiffness method. Prerequisite(s): EGM 303.

MEE 410. Heat Transfer. 3 Hours

Fundamentals of conduction, convection, and thermal radiation energy transfer. Conduction of heat in steady and unsteady state. Principles of boundary layer theory applicable to free and forced convection heat transfer for internal and external flows. Radiation analysis with and without convection and conduction. Prerequisite(s): MEE 308.

MEE 410L. Thermo-Fluids Laboratory. 1 Hour

Hands-on opportunities for students to gain knowledge of instrumentation used for temperature, flow, heat, and pressure measurement and to visualize thermo-fluids phenomena in a rich problem solving context. Phenomena to be studied include: boundary layer and separation phenomena, internal flow characteristics, hydraulics, conduction, convection, and combustion. Corequisite(s): MEE 410.

MEE 413. Propulsion. 3 Hours

Principles of propulsive devices, aerothermodynamics, diffuser and nozzle flow, energy transfer in turbo-machinery; turbojet, turbo-fan, prop-fan engines; turbo-prop and turboshaft engines. RAM and SCRAM jet analysis and a brief introduction to related materials and air frame-propulsion interaction. Prerequisite(s): MEE 308.

MEE 415. Professional Development I. 0 Hours

Presentations on contemporary mechanical engineering subjects by students, faculty, and engineers in active practice; student involvement in professional and service activities. Registration required of all MEE juniors.

MEE 416. Professional Development II. 1 Hour

Presentations on contemporary mechanical engineering subjects by students, faculty, and engineers in active practice; student involvement in professional and service activities. Registration required of all MEE seniors.

MEE 417. Internal Combustion Engines. 3 Hours

Combustion and energy release processes. Applications to spark and compression ignition, thermal jet, rocket, and gas turbine engines. Emphasis on air pollution problems caused by internal combustion engines. Idealized and actual cycles studied in preparation for laboratory testing of I. C. engines. Prerequisite(s): EGR 202 or permission of instructor.

MEE 420. Energy Efficient Buildings. 3 Hours

Provides knowledge and skills necessary to design and operate healthier, more comfortable, more productive, and less environmentally destructive buildings. A specific design target of E/3 (typical energy use divided by three) is established as a goal. Economic, thermodynamic, and heat transfer analyses are utilized. Extensive software development. Prerequisite(s): MEE 410.

MEE 421. Robot Modeling. 3 Hours

This course provides the fundamentals of modeling the movement of spatial systems with a focus on robots, particularly industrial robots. Topics include planar and spatial robotics, forward kinematics including the Denavit-Hartenberg formalism, inverse kinematics, manipulator velocities and the robotics-specific Jacobian, static loads in robots, and the product-of-exponentials formalism. Prerequisites: EGR 201 or MCT 215. Corequisites: MEE 214 or ECE 203 or SET 250.

MEE 425. Aerospace Design. 3 Hours

Capstone Air Vehicle Design project that involves both individual and team-based conceptual and preliminary design and sizing. This course integrates the knowledge acquired from the disciplinary subjects already taken (aerodynamics, aerospace structures, propulsion, flight dynamics and intro to flight) in order to size an air vehicle based on a set of requirements. Prerequisite(s): (MEE 225, MEE 401) or permission of instructor. Corequisite(s): MEE 409.

MEE 427. Mechanical Design I. 3 Hours

Stress and deflection analysis of machine components; theories of failure; fatigue failure of metals. Design and analysis of mechanical components such as gears, shafts, bearings and springs. Prerequisite(s): EGM 303; MEE 321.

MEE 428. Mechanical Design II. 3 Hours

Advanced topics in stress and deflection analysis; analysis and design of mechanical elements such as gears, journal and ball bearings, belts, brakes, and clutches; principles of fracture mechanics; failure analysis; machinery construction principles. Contemporary design methods and issues associated with the product development cycle. Prerequisite(s): MEE 427.

MEE 430. Biomechanical Engineering. 3 Hours

Application of engineering principles to clinical, occupational, and sports biomechanics topics. The course focuses on biomechanical analysis, particularly kinematics and kinetics of human movement, with emphasis on both research and product design.

MEE 431L. Multidisciplinary Design I. 2 Hours

Application of engineering fundamentals to sponsored multidisciplinary-team design projects. In a combination of lecture and lab experiences, students learn the product realization process and project management. Product realization topics include idea generation, proposal development, design specifications, conceptualization and decision analysis. Project management topics include cost estimation and intellectual property management. Design projects progress to the proof of concept and prototype development stages. Prerequisites: MEE Students: EGM 303 and MEE 321, ECE students: ECE 304 or ECE 314. Corequisites: (MEE 344 or MEE 473 or MEE 456 or MEE 401 or MEE 409).

MEE 432L. Multidisciplinary Design II. 3 Hours

One hour lecture and five hours of lab per week. Detailed evaluation of the Product Realization Process focusing on conceptual design, embodiment design, final design and prototyping is taught. Analysis of the design criteria for safety, ergonomics, environment, cost and sociological impact is covered. Periodic oral and written status reports are required. The course culminates in a comprehensive written report and oral presentation. Prerequisites: MEE majors MEE 431L; CPE majors ECE 431L and (2 of the following: ECE 334, CPS 444, ECE 340, CPS 356, ECE 444); ELE majors ECE 431L and (2 of the following: ECE 401, ECE 415, ECE 333, ECE 334, ECE 340).

MEE 433. Project Management & Innovation. 1 Hour

Introduces students and teams to project management, entrepreneurship, and innovation. Topics include project management, cost estimating, time value of money, patent law, marketing, finance, and business plan development. Prerequisite(s): Junior status.

MEE 434. Mechatronics. 3 Hours

Emphasis on the integration of sensors, micro-controllers, electromechanical actuators, and control theory in a 'smart' system for a semester long design project. Topics include: sensor signal processing, electromechanical actuator fundamentals, interfacing of sensors and actuators to micro-controllers, digital logic, and programming of micro-controllers, programmable logic controllers and programmable logic devices. Equal mix of lecture and laboratory. Prerequisite(s): (ECE 201 or EGR 201) and (ECE 201L or EGR 203L).

MEE 437. Autonomous Systems. 3 Hours

At the intersection of mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and computer science, autonomous systems involve the implementation of mechatronic technologies which operate independently (autonomously) from human intervention. This course emphasizes the practical implementation of modern control systems for the purposes of creating fully- or semi-autonomous systems. Topics include programming syntax and structure, integration of peripherals (sensors and actuators) with controllers, and data communications both within and external to the systems. Equal mix of lecture and laboratory with significant time dedicated to design projects. Prerequisite(s): (ECE 201 or EGR 203) and (ECE 201L or EGR 203L) or MEE 205.

MEE 438. Robotics & Flexible Manufacturing. 3 Hours

Overview of industrial robots; physical configuration, operation, and programming of robots; actuators, drive mechanisms, sensors, vision systems, controls, and control methods for robots; economic considerations; and automated factory concept. Prerequisite(s): MEE 321.

MEE 439. Dynamic Systems & Controls. 4 Hours

Dynamic systems modeling with special emphasis on mechanical systems (one and two degrees of freedom). Covers both transfer function and state space modeling techniques. Analogues drawn between mechanical, electrical, fluid, and thermal physical domains. System nonlinearities and model linearization methods are discussed. Analytical solutions of linear ordinary differential equations using Laplace transformation and state space theory. Feedback control theory, including root locus and frequency response techniques. Prerequisite(s): EGM 202; MTH 219.

MEE 440. Flight Vehicle Performance. 4 Hours

This course is intended to introduce the student to the flight mechanics of aerospace vehicles. Some familiarity with aircraft performance, static stability and control is assumed, but not required. We will use modern analysis methods to develop the topical details including: 1) a study of aerodynamics involved in-flight vehicle motion to obtain an understanding of influence coefficients; 2) use of linear algebra to develop a rational approach to modeling aircraft dynamics; 3) an introduction to modern control theory methodology; and 4) problems and examples that illustrate the use of desktop computational tools currently available. Prerequisite(s): (EGM 202; MEE 401, MEE 225; MTH 219) or permission of instructor.

MEE 450. Experimental Methods in Biomechanics. 3 Hours

This course is focused on developing and applying advanced experimentation skills with a specific focus on techniques associated with the study of human movement. Emphasis on equipment and technology, data analysis and interpretation, statistical methods, and technical reporting. Prerequisite(s): MEE 341 Engineering Experimentation or permission of instructor.

MEE 454. Biomechanical Modeling. 3 Hours

The course will focus on biomechanical modeling, specifically, computational modeling of the human body's bones, joints, and muscles and the motion of the human body. Emphasis on representing aspects of the body computationally (through equations and as mechanical systems) and applying modeling and simulation to analyze the motion of a human.

MEE 456. Energy Systems Engineering. 3 Hours

This course is aimed at providing fundamental knowledge of thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, and heat transfer in context of Energy Systems Engineering. A Just-in-Time approach to learning and applying these topics will be used. Projects will anchor all class activities. In addition to providing knowledge and experience of thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, and heat transfer, this course seeks to provide students the analysis skills necessary to determine the importance of energy conversion technologies, with special emphasis on energy efficiency and renewable energy (tidal, hydroelectric, wind, solar and geothermal). Corequisite(s): MEE 410.

MEE 457. Building Energy Informatics. 3 Hours

The focus of the course is the collection and analysis of energy data sets to reduce energy consumption and/or energy demand. Students will typically utilize monthly energy data from multiple buildings, real time energy data, and building energy audit data. Students will disaggregate/aggregate data to develop energy use benchmarks, identify priority buildings/actions for energy reduction, identify problems, and estimate savings. Programming in Matlab and an introduction to sql dbase management are covered. Corequisite(s): MEE 410.

MEE 460. Engineering Analysis. 3 Hours

Case study approach to engineering problem solving. Emphasis on breaking down problems to tractable parts, modeling physical systems and selection of solution techniques. Problems related to thermal, fluid, structural, and dynamic systems. Problems typically involve solution of ordinary and partial differential equations, Fourier analysis of periodic behavior, simulation, optimization and/or statistical analysis. Analytical and numerical solution techniques, with an emphasis on selecting the most appropriate technique and understanding the limitations of the analysis. Corequisites: MEE 410.

MEE 461. Solar Energy Engineering. 3 Hours

This course will cover the theory, design and application of two broad uses of solar energy: (i) direct thermal and (ii) electrical energy generation. The majority of the course will focus on thermal applications, with emphasis on system simulation and design for buildings and other systems. This course will expose students to the development and use of solar design and simulation tools. Most of the tools will be implemented in Excel and TRNSYS, but students are welcome to use other software tools such as Engineering Equation Solver, (EES) or MATLAB. Some of the class time will be devoted to demonstrate the development and use of these tools to solve homework problems. Corequisite(s): MEE 410.

MEE 462. Geothermal Energy Engineering. 3 Hours

This course will cover the theory and design of three broad uses of geothermal energy: (i) heat pump applications, (ii) direct uses, and (iii) electrical energy generation. The majority of the course will focus on heat pump applications, with emphasis on ground heat exchanger simulation and design for buildings and other systems. Closed-loop, open-loop, and hybrid geothermal heat pump systems will be examined. Heating, cooling, and electricity generating applications using hot geothermal reservoirs will also be discussed. This course will expose students to the development and use of geothermal design and simulation tools. Most of the tools will be implemented in Excel, but students are welcome to use other software tools such as Engineering Equation Solver (EES) or MATLAB. The course notes explain the development and use of these tools, which will be used to solve homework problems. Corequisite(s): MEE 410.

MEE 463. Wind Energy Engineering. 3 Hours

Introduction to wind energy engineering, including wind energy potential and its application to power generation. Topics include wind turbine components; turbine fluid dynamics and aerodynamics; turbine structures; turbine dynamics, wind turbine controls; fatigue; connection to the electric grid; maintenance; web site assessment; wind economics; and wind power legal, environmental, and ethical issues. Corequisite(s): MEE 410.

MEE 464. Sustainable Energy Systems. 3 Hours

Survey of conventional fossil-fuel and renewable energy with an emphasis on system integration. Basic concepts of climate physics will be addressed along with estimates of fossil resources. Corequisite(s): MEE 410.

MEE 471. Design of Thermal Systems. 3 Hours

This course integrates thermodynamics, heat transfer, engineering economics, and simulation and optimization techniques in a design framework. Topics include design methodology, energy analysis, heat exchanger networks, thermal-system simulation and optimization techniques. Prerequisite(s): MEE 410.

MEE 472. Design for Environment. 3 Hours

Emphasis on design for environment over the life cycle of a product or process, including consideration of the mining, processing, manufacturing, use, and post-life stages. Course provides knowledge and experience in invention for the purpose of clean design, life cycle assessment strategies to estimate the environmental impact of products and processes, and cleaner manufacturing practices. Course includes a major design project.

MEE 473. Renewable Energy Systems. 3 Hours

Introduction to the impact of energy on the economy and environment. Engineering models of solar thermal and photovoltaic systems. Introduction to wind power. Fuel cells and renewable sources of hydrogen.

MEE 478. Energy Efficient Manufacturing. 3 Hours

This course presents a systematic approach for improving energy efficiency in the manufacturing sector. Current patterns of manufacturing energy use, the need for increased energy efficiency, and models for sustainable manufacturing are reviewed. The lean-energy paradigm is applied to identify energy efficiency opportunities in industrial, electrical, lighting, space conditioning, motor drive, compressed air, process heating, process cooling, and combined heat and power systems. Prerequisite(s): (EGR 202 or equivalent) or permission of instructor.

MEE 490. Special Topics in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering. 3 Hours

Particular assignments to be arranged and approved by the department chairperson.

MEE 493. Honors Thesis. 3 Hours

Selection, design, investigation, and completion of an independent, original research study resulting in a document prepared for submission as a potential publication and a completed undergraduate thesis. Restricted to students in University Honors Program.

MEE 494. Honors Thesis. 3 Hours

Selection, design, investigation, and completion of an independent, original research study resulting in a document prepared for submission as a potential publication and a completed undergraduate thesis. Restricted to students in University Honors Program. Prerequisite(s): MEE 493.

MEE 498. Research & Innovation Laboratory. 0-6 Hours

Students participate in (1) selection and design, (2) investigation and data collection, (3) analysis, and (4) presentation of a research project. Research can include, but is not limited to, developing an experiment, collecting and analyzing data, surveying and evaluating literature, developing new tools and techniques including software, and surveying, brainstorming, and evaluating engineering solutions and engineering designs. Proposals from teams of students will be considered.

MEE 499. Special Problems in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering. 1-6 Hours

Particular assignments to be arranged and approved by department chairperson.

MEE 501. Principles of Materials I. 3 Hours

Structure of engineering materials from electronic to atomic and crystallographic considerations. Includes atomic structure and interatomic bonding, imperfections, diffusion, mechanical properties, strengthening mechanisms, failure, phase diagrams, phase transformations and processing. Prerequisite(s): MTH 219; college chemistry; college physics.

MEE 502. Principles of Materials II. 3 Hours

Structure, behavior and processing of metal alloys, ceramics, polymers, and composites to include: mechanical behavior, corrosion, electrical, magnetic, and optical properties. Prerequisite(s): MEE 501 or equivalent.

MEE 503. Introduction to Continuum Mechanics. 3 Hours

Tensors, calculus of variations, Lagrangian and Eulerian descriptions of motion. General equations of continuum mechanics, constitutive equations of mechanics, thermodynamics of continua. Specialization to cases of solid and fluid mechanics. Prerequisite(s): EGM 303 or EGM 330.

MEE 504. Fundamentals of Fluid Mechanics. 3 Hours

An advanced course in fluid mechanics with emphasis on the derivation of conservation equations and the application of constitutive theory. Navier-Stokes equations. Ideal fluid approximation. Exact and approximate solutions to classical viscous and inviscid problems. Compressible and incompressible flows. Prerequisites: MEE 308 or equivalent, or instructor permission.

MEE 506. Mechanical Behavior of Materials. 3 Hours

Fundamental relationships between the structure and mechanical behavior of materials. Includes fundamentals of stress and strain, the physical basis for elastic deformation, elementary dislocation theory and plastic deformation, strengthening mechanisms, yield criteria and their application to biaxial and multi-axial behavior and failure, fracture and toughening mechanisms, creep and creep rupture, behavior and failure of cellular solids and fatigue. Prerequisite(s): (MAT 501, MAT 502) or permission of instructor.

MEE 507. Materials for Advanced Energy Applications. 3 Hours

Successful long-term application of many advanced energy technologies is ultimately based on utilization of materials in 'real world' environmental conditions. The physical/mechanical properties and application of various materials (k.e. superalloys, refractory metal alloys, ceramics) being employed in advanced energy applications are discussed. Several advanced energy technologies (i.e. fuel cells, nuclear energy, and others) are covered with emphasis on how the selection of advanced materials enhances their commercial application. Prerequisite(s): MAT 501 and MAT 502 or permission of instructor.

MEE 508. Principles of Material Selections. 3 Hours

Basic scientific and practical considerations involved in the intelligent selection of materials for specific applications. Impact of new developments in materials technology and analytical techniques. Prerequisite(s): MEE 501 or permission of instructor.

MEE 509. Introduction to Polymer Science-Thermoplastics. 3 Hours

Broad technical overview of the nature of synthetic macromolecules, including the formation of polymers and their structure - property relationships, polymer characterization and processing, and the application of polymers. Fundamental topics such as viscoelasticity, the glassy state, time-temperature superposition, polymer transitions, and free volume will also be reviewed. The course focuses on thermoplastic polymers. Prerequisite(s): Organic chemistry; college physics, differential equations.

MEE 510. Biomaterials. 3 Hours

The course introduces students with engineering materials used in dentistry, manufacture of surgical devices, prosthetics, and repair of tissues. Topics include bonding and atomic arrangement in materials, material selection, testing, and characterization, biocompatibility, tissue response to materials, and failure analysis. A spectrum of materials including metals, polymers, ceramics, and composites used in biomedical applications will be considered.

MEE 511. Advanced Thermodynamics. 3 Hours

Equilibrium, first law, second law, state principle, and zeroth law; development of entropy and temperature from availability concepts; chemical potential, chemical equilibrium, and phase equilibrium. Thermodynamics of irreversible processes; Onsager reciprocal relations; application of these concepts to direct energy conversion.

MEE 513. Propulsion. 3 Hours

Principles of propulsive devices, aerothermodynamics; diffuser and nozzle flow; energy transfer in turbo-machinery; turbojet, turbo-fan, prop-fan engines; and turbo-prop and turboshaft engines. RAM and SCRAM jet analysis and a brief introduction to related materials and air frame-propulsion interaction. Prerequisite(s): MEE 418.

MEE 514. Physical Gas Dynamics with Aerospace Applications. 3 Hours

Physical Gas Dynamics: The basic elements of kinetic theory, chemical thermodynamics, and statistical mechanics. Emphasis is placed on the application of these molecular theories for analyzing thermodynamic and transport phenomena, as they pertain to the modeling of 'real gas effects' in high temperature flows. The course assumes material media in local equilibrium in the gaseous state but some non-equilibrium behavior will also be considered. The equilibrium topics include kinetic theory and concepts related to microscopic, molecular collisions, macroscopic chemical thermodynamics, the law of mass action, internal molecular structure and quantum energy states, general statistical mechanics applied to the prediction of thermodynamic properties of monatomic and diatomic gases, chemically reacting mixtures, and the dissociation and ionization of gases. Prerequisite(s): Background in fluid mechanics, thermodynamics, and compressible flow or permission of instructor.

MEE 515. Conduction Heat Transfer. 3 Hours

Steady state and transient state conduction. Evaluation of temperature fields by formal mathematics and numerical analysis. Emphasis on approximate solution techniques.

MEE 516. Convection Heat & Mass Transfer. 3 Hours

Development of governing differential equations for convection. Methods of solution including similarity methods, integral methods, superposition of solutions, eigenvalue problems. Turbulent flow convection; integral methods, eddy diffusivities for heat and momentum. Extensions to mass transfer. Prerequisite(s): MEE 410 or equivalent.

MEE 517. Radiation Heat Transfer. 3 Hours

Fundamental relationships of radiation heat transfer. Radiation characteristics of surfaces. Geometric considerations in radiation exchange between surfaces. Emissivity and absorptivity of gases. Introduction to radiative exchange in gases.

MEE 519. Analytical Dynamics. 3 Hours

Dynamical analysis of a system of particles and rigid bodies; Lagrangian and Hamiltonian formulation of equations of motion; classical integrals of motion. Stability analysis of linear and nonlinear systems. Prerequisite(s): (EGM 202; MTH 219) or equivalent.

MEE 520. Theoretical Kinematics. 3 Hours

Introduction to the mathematical theory underlying the analysis of general spatial motion. Analysis of mechanical systems including robots, mechanisms, walking machines and mechanical hands using linear algebra, quaternion and screw formulations. Fundamental concepts include forward and inverse kinematics, workspace, Jacobians, and singularities.

MEE 521. Kinematic Principles in Design. 3 Hours

Study of the use of kinematic principles in the design of mechanical systems including robots, planar and spatial mechanisms, robotic platforms and systems modeled by jointed rigid bodies. The formulation and solution of design problems involving the sizing and placement of these mechanical systems to accomplish specific tasks is the primary goal. Mathematical tools are introduced to account for singularity avoidance and joint limitations.

MEE 522. Geometric Methods in Kinematics. 3 Hours

Trajectories and velocities of moving bodies are designed and analyzed via the principles of classical differential and algebraic geometry. Fundamentals include centrodes, instantaneous invariants, resultants and center point design curves. Curves, surfaces, metrics, manifolds and geodesics in spaces of more than three dimensions are analyzed to study multi-parameter systems.

MEE 523. Engineering Design Optimization. 3 Hours

Introduction to the theory and algorithms of nonlinear optimization with an emphasis on applied engineering problems. Fundamentals include Newton's method, line searches, trust regions, convergence rates, and linear programming. Advanced topics include penalty, barrier, and interior-point methods.

MEE 524. Electrochemical Power. 3 Hours

The course will cover fundamental as well as engineering aspects of fuel cell technology. Specifically, the course will cover basic principles of electrochemistry, electrical conductivity (electronic and ionic) of solids, and development/design of major fuel cells (alkaline, polymer electrolyte, phosphoric acid, molten carbonate, and solid oxide). A major part of the course will focus on solid oxide fuel cells (SOFC), as it is emerging to be dominant among various fuel cell technologies. The SOFC can readily and safely use many common hydrocarbon fuels such as natural gas, diesel, gasoline, alcohol, and coal gas. Prerequisite(s): MEE 301, MEE 312, or permission of instructor.

MEE 525. Principles in Corrosion. 3 Hours

Theoretical and practical application of electrochemical principles to the field of corrosion covering thermodynamics, kinetics, forms of corrosion in areas of biomedical engineering, aerospace, automotive and marine environments. Prerequisite(s): MEE 501.

MEE 526. Aerospace Fuels Science. 3 Hours

Basic elements of hydrocarbon fuel production including petroleum based fuels and alternative fuels. Fuel properties, specifications, handling, and logistics. Introduction to chemical kinetics and the chemistry associated with liquid phase thermal-oxidative degradation of fuels. Introduction to the computational modeling of fuel thermal stability and fuel systems. Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.

MEE 527. Automatic Control Theory. 3 Hours

Stability and performance of automatic control systems. Classical methods of analysis including transfer functions, time-domain solutions, root locus, and frequency response methods. Modern control theory techniques including state variable analysis, transformation to companion forms, controllability, pole placement, observability, and observer systems. Prerequisites: ELE 432 or MEE 439 or Equivalent.

MEE 530. Biomechanical Engineering. 3 Hours

Application of engineering principles to clinical, occupational, and sports biomechanics topics. The course focuses on biomechanical analysis, particularly kinematics and kinetics of human movement, with emphasis on both research and product design. Prerequisite(s): EGM 202; EGR 201.

MEE 531. Experimental Methods in Biomechanics. 3 Hours

This course is focused on developing and applying advanced experimentation skills with a specific focus on techniques associated with the study of human movement. Emphasis on equipment and technology, data analysis and interpretation, statistical methods, and technical reporting.

MEE 533. Theory of Elasticity. 3 Hours

Three-dimensional stress and strain at a point; equations of elasticity in Cartesian and curvilinear coordinates; methods of formulation of equations for solution; plane stress and plane strain; energy formulations; numerical solution procedures. Prerequisite(s): EGM 303 or EGM 330. Corequisite(s): MEE 503.

MEE 534. Theory of Plates & Shells. 3 Hours

Theory of plates: small and large displacement theories of thin plates; shear deformation; buckling; sandwich plate theory. Thin shell theory: theory of surfaces; thin shell equations in orthogonal curvilinear coordinates; bending, membrane, and shallow shell theories. Prerequisite(s): MEE 533.

MEE 535. Advanced Mechanical Vibrations. 3 Hours

Review of undamped, damped, natural and forced vibrations of one and two degrees of freedom systems. Lagrange's equation, eigenvalue/eigenvector problem, modal analysis for discrete and continuous systems. Computer application for multi-degree of freedom, nonlinear problems. Prerequisite(s): MEE 319; computer programming.

MEE 537. Autonomous Systems. 3 Hours

At the intersection of mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and computer science, autonomous systems involve the implementation of mechatronic technologies which operate independently (autonomously) from human intervention. This course emphasizes the practical implementation of modern control systems for the purposes of creating fully- or semi-autonomous systems. Topics include programming syntax and structure, integration of peripherals (sensors and actuators) with controllers, and data communications both within and external to the systems. Equal mix of lecture and laboratory with significant time dedicated to advanced design projects. Prerequisites: Undergraduate electronics course. Corequisites: Course in controls.

MEE 538. Introduction to Aeroelasticity. 3 Hours

Study of the effect of aerodynamic forces on a flexible aircraft. Flexibility coefficients and natural modes of vibration. Quasi-steady aerodynamics. Static aeroelastic problems; wing divergence and dynamic aeroelasticity; wing flutter. An introduction to structural stability augmentation with controls. Prerequisite(s): AEE 501.

MEE 539. Theory of Plasticity. 3 Hours

Fundamentals of plasticity theory including elastic, viscoelastic, and elastic-plastic constitutive models; plastic deformation on the macroscopic and microscopic levels; stress-strain relations in the plastic regime; strain hardening; limit analysis; numerical procedures. Prerequisite(s): MEE 503 or MEE 533.

MEE 541. Experimental Mechanics of Composite Materials. 3 Hours

Introduction to the mechanical response of fiber-reinforced composite materials with emphasis on the development of experimental methodology. Analytical topics include stress-strain behavior of anisotropic materials, laminate mechanics, and strength analysis. Theoretical models are applied to the analysis of experimental techniques used for characterizing composite materials. Lectures are supplemented by laboratory sessions in which characterization tests are performed on contemporary composites. Prerequisite(s): EGM 303 or EGM 330.

MEE 542. Advanced Composites. 3 Hours

Materials and processing. Comprehensive introduction to advanced fiber reinforced polymeric matrix composites. Constituent materials and composite processing will be emphasized with special emphasis placed on structure-property relationships, the role of the matrix in composite processing, mechanical behavior and laminate processing. Specific topics will include starting materials, material forms, processing, quality assurance, test methods and mechanical behavior. Prerequisite(s): (MEE 501 or MEE 509) or permission of instructor.

MEE 543. Analytical Mechanics of Composite Materials. 3 Hours

Analytical models are developed to predicting the mechanical and thermal behavior of fiber-reinforced composite materials as a function of constituent material properties. Both continuous and discontinuous fiber-reinforced systems are considered. Specific topics include basic mechanics of anisotropic materials, micromechanics, lamination theory, free-edge effects, and failure criteria. Prerequisite(s): EGM 303 or EGM 330.

MEE 544. Mechanics of Composite Structures. 3 Hours

Comprehensive treatment of laminated beams, plates, and sandwich structures. Effect of heterogeneity and anisotropy on bending under lateral loads, buckling, and free vibration are emphasized. Shear deformation and other higher-order theories and their range of parametric application are also considered. Prerequisite(s): MEE 543 or permission of instructor.

MEE 545. Computational Methods for Design. 3 Hours

Modeling of mechanical systems and structures, analysis by analytical and numerical methods, development of mechanical design criteria and principles of optimum design, selected topics in mechanical design and analysis, use of the digital computer as an aid in the design of mechanical elements. Prerequisite(s): Computer programming.

MEE 546. Finite Element Analysis I. 3 Hours

Fundamental development of the Finite Element Method (FEM), and solution of field problems and comprehensive structural problems, variational principles and weak-forms; finite element discretization; shape functions; finite elements for field problems; bar, beam, plate, and shell elements; isoparametric finite elements; stiffness, nodal force, and mass matrices; matrix assembly procedures; computer dosing techniques; modeling decisions; program output interpretation. Course emphasis on a thorough understanding of FEM theory and modeling techniques. Prerequisite(s): MEE 503 or MEE 533.

MEE 547. Finite Element Analysis II. 3 Hours

Advanced topics: heat transfer; transient dynamics; nonlinear analysis; substructuring and static condensation; effects of inexact numerical integration and element incompatibility; patch test; frontal solution techniques; selected topics from the recent literature. Prerequisite(s): MEE 546.

MEE 548. Energy Methods in Solid Mechanics. 3 Hours

Development of fundamental energy principles; virtual displacements, strain energy, Castigliano's theorems, minimum potential energy principles. Applications to engineering problems; redundant structures, buckling, static and dynamic analysis. Prerequisite(s): MEE 503 or MEE 533.

MEE 549. Theory of Elastic Stability. 3 Hours

Introduction to stability theory: buckling of plates and shells; influence of initial imperfections; nonlinear analysis: numerical solutions methods. Prerequisite(s): MEE 533.

MEE 551. Noise & Vibration Control. 3 Hours

The concepts of noise and vibration control applied to mechanical systems. Methodologies covered will include: passive treatments using resistive elements (sound absorbers, vibration damping) and reactive elements (tailoring of material stiffness and mass); active control of sound and vibration; and numerical analysis. Prerequisite(s): MEE 319 or MEE 439.

MEE 552. Boundary Layer Theory. 3 Hours

Development of the Prandtl boundary layer approximation in two and three dimensions for both compressible and incompressible flow. Exact and approximate solutions for laminar flows. Unsteady boundary layers. Linear stability theory and transition to turbulence. Empirical and semi-empirical methods for turbulent boundary layers. Higher-order boundary layer theory. Prerequisite(s): MEE 504 or equivalent.

MEE 553. Compressible Flow. 3 Hours

Fundamental equations of compressible flow. Introduction to flow in two and three dimensions. Two-dimensional supersonic flow, small perturbation theory, method of characteristics, oblique shock theory. Introduction to unsteady one-dimensional motion and shock tube theory. Method of surface singularities. Prerequisite(s): MEE 504 or equivalent.

MEE 554. Biomechanical Modeling. 3 Hours

The course will focus on biomechanical modeling, specifically, computational modeling of the human body's bones, joints, and muscles and the motion of the human body. Emphasis on representing aspects of the body computationally (through equations and as mechanical systems) and applying modeling and simulation to analyze the motion of a human.

MEE 555. Turbulence. 3 Hours

Origin, evolution, and dynamics of fully turbulent flows. Description of statistical theory, spectral dynamics, and the energy cascade. Characteristics of wall-bounded and free turbulent shear flows. Reynolds stress models. Prerequisite(s): MEE 504 or equivalent.

MEE 558. Computational Fluid Dynamics. 3 Hours

Numerical solution to Navier-Stokes equations and approximations such as the boundary layer equations for air-flow about a slender body. Numerical techniques for the solution of the transonic small disturbance equations. Numerical determination of fluid instabilities. Prerequisite(s): MEE 504 or permission of instructor.

MEE 560. Propulsion Systems. 3 Hours

Introduction and history, types of propulsion systems, thermodynamics review and simple cycle analysis, thermodynamics of high speed gas flow, aircraft gas turbine engine, parametric cycle analysis of various types of gas turbine engines, component and engine performance analyses (inter-turbine burners), advanced cycles with regeneration, reheating, and inter-cooling, variable and inverse cycle engines, hybrid propulsion systems (turbo-ramjets, rocket-ram-scrumjets, etc.) advanced propulsion systems, pulse detonation engine theory and concepts, thermal management of high-speed flight, energy management and vehicle synthesis. Prerequisite(s): (MEE 413 or MEE 513) or permission of instructor.

MEE 565. Fundamentals of Fuels & Combustion. 3 Hours

Heat of combustion and flame temperature calculations; rate of chemical reaction and Arrhenius relationship; theory of thermal explosions and the concept of ignition delay and critical mass; phenomena associated with hydrocarbon-air combustion; specific applications of combustion.

MEE 568. Internal Combustion Engines. 3 Hours

Study of combustion and energy release processes. Applications to spark and compression ignition, jet, rocket, and gas turbine engines. Special emphasis given to understanding of air pollution problems caused by internal combustion engines. Idealized and actual cycles are studied in preparation for laboratory testing of internal combustion engines.

MEE 569. Energy Efficient Buildings. 3 Hours

Provides knowledge and skills necessary to design and operate healthier, more comfortable, more productive, and less environmentally destructive buildings; A specific design target of E/3 (typical energy use divided by three) is established as a goal. Economic, thermodynamic, and heat transfer analyses are utilized. Extensive software development. Prerequisite(s): MEE 410.

MEE 570. Fracture Mechanics. 3 Hours

Application of the principles of fracture mechanics to problems associated with fatigue and fracture in engineering structures. The course will cover the development of models that apply to a range of materials, geometries, and loading conditions. Prerequisite(s): MEE 506 or permission of instructor.

MEE 571. Design of Thermal Systems. 3 Hours

Integration of thermodynamics, heat transfer, engineering economics, and simulation and optimization techniques in a design framework. Topics include design methodology, energy analysis, heat exchanger networks, thermal-system simulation, and optimization techniques.

MEE 572. Design for Environment. 3 Hours

Emphasis on design for environment over the life cycle of a product or process, including consideration of mining, processing, manufacturing, use, and post-life stages. Course provides knowledge and experience in invention for the purpose of clean design, life cycle assessment strategies to estimate the environmental impact of products and processes, and cleaner manufacturing practices. Course includes a major design project.

MEE 573. Renewable Energy Systems. 3 Hours

Introduction to the impact of energy on the economy and environment. Engineering models of solar thermal and photovoltaic systems. Introduction to wind power. Fuel cells and renewable sources of hydrogen.

MEE 575. Fracture & Fatigue of Metals & Alloys I. 3 Hours

This course will cover the effects of microstructure on the fracture and fatigue behavior of engineering metals and alloys, with a special emphasis on static and dynamic brittle and ductile failures and static fatigue crack initiation. Alloy fracture resistance, fracture toughness, fatigue behavior, and methods to improve fracture and fatigue behavior will be discussed in detail. The role of materials reliability in life management of advanced alloys in turbine engines and aircraft will be reviewed, and key practical aspects will be discussed. Various analytical techniques for failure analysis of structural components will be presented. Prerequisite(s): (MEE 501 or MEE 506) or permission of instructor.

MEE 576. Fracture & Fatigue of Metals & Alloys II. 3 Hours

This course will cover the areas of the effects of microstructure on fatigue crack propagation and on final fracture by fatigue. This will include fatigue life prediction, using damage-tolerance approach to component-design and microstructural and structural synthesis for optimum behavior. Specific material-related aspects of fatigue crack propagation mechanisms for optimum damage tolerant behavior, and the related reliability and failure analysis, will be covered. A comprehensive project in failure-analysis of aerospace metallic components will also be conducted. Prerequisite(s): MEE 575 or equivalent.

MEE 578. Energy Efficient Manufacturing. 3 Hours

This course presents a systematic approach for improving energy efficiency in the manufacturing sector. Current patterns of manufacturing energy use, the need for increased energy efficiency, and models for sustainable manufacturing are reviewed. The lean-energy paradigm is applied to identify energy efficiency opportunities in industrial electrical, lighting, space conditioning, motor drive, compressed air, process heating, process cooling, and combined heat and power systems. Prerequisite(s): Thermodynamics MEE 310 and Heat Transfer MEE 410.

MEE 579. Computer Aided Mechanical Design. 3 Hours

Introduction to computer methods used to facilitate mechanical design. Design using the finite element method, mechanism design, and statistical techniques. Design of components (shafts, springs, etc.) using computer techniques will be combined with the design process to design mechanical systems. Integration of manufacturer's literature into the design. Team design project will be included. Prerequisite(s): (MEE 427, MEE 432) or equivalent.

MEE 590. Special Problems in Mechanical Engineering. 1-6 Hours

Special assignments in mechanical engineering subject matter to be approved by the student's faculty advisor and the department chair.

MEE 595. Mechanical Engineering Project. 0-3 Hours

Student participation in a departmental research, design, or development project under the direction of a project advisor. The student must show satisfactory progress as determined by the project advisor and present a written report at the conclusion of the project.

MEE 599. Mechanical Engineering Thesis. 1-6 Hours

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MEE 604. Nanostructured Materials. 3 Hours

Graduate-level course covering the fundamental physics, properties, and applications of nanostructured materials. Includes carbon nanotubes, nanostructured ceramics, metals, and semiconductor materials. Prerequisite(s): College physics; fundamental physical and chemical properties of materials.

MEE 605. Introduction to Carbon Nanotechnology. 3 Hours

Graduate-level course covering the fundamental and applied aspects of Carbon Nanoscale Science and Technology. The course has three goals: (1) an overview of the current development in carbon science and technology (2) an introduction to the surface science as a means to understand the surface interaction at molecular scale, and (3) to provide some explicit links between macro, micro, and nano scale technologies. Some of the medical field, structural and friction applications will be addressed. This course is aimed at both science and engineering students.

MEE 690. Selected Readings in Mechanical Engineering. 1-6 Hours

Directed readings in a designated area arranged and approved by the student's doctoral advisory committee and the department chair. May be repeated. (A) Materials, (B) Thermal Sciences, (C) Fluid Mechanics, (D) Solid Mechanics (E) Mechanical Design, or (F) Integrated Manufacturing.

MEE 698. DE Dissertation. 1-15 Hours

An original investigation as applied to mechanical engineering practice. Results must be of sufficient importance to merit publication.

MEE 699. PHD Dissertation. 1-15 Hours

An original research effort which makes a definite contribution to technical knowledge. Results must be of sufficient importance to merit publication.