MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (MECH_ENG)

MECH_ENG 314-0 Machine Dynamics (1 Unit)
This class covers the foundations of rigid multi-body mechanics. Topics include geometry of rigid bodies, rotating bodies, Lagrangian mechanics and variational principles, conservation of energy and momentum, symmetries, impact dynamics, and numerical methods that may be used to simulate mechanical systems. Students numerically simulate rigid body systems and use rigid body geometry to visualize simulations. Prerequisite: GEN_ENG 205-4.

MECH_ENG 316-0 Mechanical Systems Design (1 Unit)
Design of mechanical systems such as cams, multi-bar linkages, and precision machines. Design principles and best practices. Case studies and team-based projects. Prerequisite: MECH_ENG 315-0.

MECH_ENG 320-0 Micro- and Nanomechanical Properties of Surfaces (1 Unit)
Micro and nanomechanical interactions between surfaces, fractal nature of surfaces, interfacial forces, principles of micromechanics, characterization of surfaces using atomic force microscopy, optical interferometry, and nanoindentation.

MECH_ENG 322-0 Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics II (1 Unit)
Classical and statistical thermodynamics. Prerequisite: MECH_ENG 222-0.

MECH_ENG 327-0 Finite Elements for Stress Analysis (1 Unit)
Development of finite elements from variational principles and application to static stress analysis. Introduction to techniques for transient and generalized field problems. Computer implementation of finite element techniques. Taught with CIV_ENV 327-0; may not receive credit for both courses.

MECH_ENG 328-0 Computational Failure Analysis (1 Unit)
The course will cover the use of the scientific method for accident investigation, hypothesis development, and the use of the finite element method to analyze the root cause of a failure. Practical application problems for both civil and mechanical structures will be analyzed using commercial finite element codes (Abaqus, Hypermesh, LS-Dyna). Taught with CIV_ENV 327-0; may not receive credit for both courses.

MECH_ENG 333-0 Introduction to Mechatronics (1 Unit)
Introduction to microprocessor-controlled electromechanical systems. Interfacing sensors and actuators to computers, electrical and mechanical prototyping, dissection of a commercial product. Final team project. Prerequisite: MECH_ENG 233-0, ELEC_ENG 221-0, or consent of instructor.

MECH_ENG 340-1 Computer Integrated Manufacturing: Manufacturing Processes (1 Unit)
Use of computers to improve productivity and reduce costs in the manufacture of discrete parts and assemblies. Manufacturing processes: Analysis and evaluation of process usage in the contemporary manufacturing environment. Prerequisite: MECH_ENG 240-0 or consent of instructor.

MECH_ENG 340-2 Computer Integrated Manufacturing: CAD/CAM (1 Unit)
Use of computers to improve productivity and reduce costs in the manufacture of discrete parts and assemblies. CAD/ CAM: Geometric modeling, dimensioning systems, tolerances, design for manufacture, programming of machine tools. Prerequisite: MECH_ENG 340-1 or consent of instructor.

MECH_ENG 340-3 Computer Integrated Manufacturing: Automation (1 Unit)
Use of computers to improve productivity and reduce costs in the manufacture of discrete parts and assemblies. Manufacturing automation: sensors, actuators, and computers for automation; principles of computer control; programmable logic controllers; robotic devices; assembly automation. Prerequisite: MECH_ENG 340-2 or consent of instructor.

MECH_ENG 341-0 Computational Methods for Engineering Design (1 Unit)
Introduction to a wide range of computational techniques for engineering design. Modeling, simulation, optimization, design software, examples, and projects with emphasis on computational techniques for design and manufacturing related applications. Prerequisite: senior standing or consent of instructor.

MECH_ENG 346-0 Introduction to Tribology (1 Unit)

MECH_ENG 359-0 Reliability Engineering (1 Unit)

MECH_ENG 362-0 Stress Analysis (1 Unit)

MECH_ENG 363-0 Mechanical Vibrations (1 Unit)
Analysis of vibrations in single and multi-degree of freedom systems. Free and forced vibrations with various types of damping. Response to steady-state and transient excitations. Prerequisite: MECH_ENG 314-0.

MECH_ENG 366-0 Finite Elements for Design & Optimization (1 Unit)
Numerical methods for interaction and optimal CAD. Fully stressed design; design sensitivity analysis and descent methods; optimality criteria to automated design. Prerequisites: senior standing; MECH_ENG 327-0 or consent of instructor.

MECH_ENG 367-0 Quantitative Methods in Life Cycle Analysis (1 Unit)
Lifecycle analysis (LCA) framework for environmental assessment of technology systems, focusing on modeling methods for systems mass and energy flows, process and input-output-based systems inventories, environmental impact analysis, and methods for robust engineering decisions. MECH_ENG 367-0 is taught with CHEM_ENG 367-0; may not receive credit for both courses.

MECH_ENG 371-0 Combustion Engines (1 Unit)
Theoretical and actual cycles, combustion, detonation, carburetion, fuels, performance characteristics, and fuel-cell power.

MECH_ENG 373-0 Engineering Fluid Mechanics (1 Unit)
Laminar and turbulent duct flows. Boundary layers and potential flows. Lift and drag forces. Thermodynamics and mechanics of compressible
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Prerequisite: MECH_ENG 241-0.

MECH_ENG 377-0 Heat Transfer (1 Unit)  
Prerequisite: MECH_ENG 241-0.

MECH_ENG 380-0 Thermal Energy Systems Design (1 Unit)  
Applications of the principles of energy engineering analysis to the design of thermal systems. Consideration of such systems as air conditioning, oil piping, refrigeration, fluid distribution, and pneumatic control. Projects will be tailored to the class. Solution of open-ended design problems including introduction to EES (Engineering Equation Solver) software that has built-in thermophysical properties.  
Prerequisite: Basic Thermodynamics or equivalent.

MECH_ENG 381-0 Introduction to Micro-electro-mechanical Systems (1 Unit)  
Introduction to MEMS devices, with an emphasis on their manufacturing and mechanical behavior. Materials properties, microfabrication technology, mechanical behavior of microstructures, design, and packaging. Case studies on sensors, wireless communications, fluidic systems, microengines, and biological devices.  
Prerequisite: CIV_ENV 216-0 or consent of instructor.

MECH_ENG 382-0 Experiments in Micro- and Nano Science and Engineering (1 Unit)  
Interdisciplinary topics spanning the physical and biological sciences and engineering. Seven integrated labs in which students acquire hands-on experience in various aspects of micro-and nanoscience and engineering: cleanroom microfabrication, flow visualization in micro-channels, nanomechanics, AFM and dippen nanolithography, multiphysics computational tools, and experimental techniques to evaluate micro-and nanoscale devices.  
Prerequisite: MECH_ENG 381-0 or consent of instructor.

MECH_ENG 385-0 Nanotechnology (1 Unit)  
Manipulation of matter at the nanometer-length scale to produce useful devices and materials. Scientific and engineering properties of nanoscale systems. Emphasis on development of new techniques.

MECH_ENG 390-0 Intro to Dynamic Systems (1 Unit)  
Modeling the dynamic behavior of physical systems. Concepts of causality, dependent and independent storages, and state. Introduction to bond graphs. Generation of state equations; analytical and computer simulation of system behavior. Application to problems of engineering interest.  
Prerequisites: MECH_ENG 241-0; CIV_ENV 216-0; GEN_ENG 205-4.

MECH_ENG 395-0 Special Topics in Mechanical Engineering (1 Unit)  
Topics suggested by students or faculty members and approved by the department.

MECH_ENG 409-0 Swarms and Multi-Robot Systems (1 Unit)  
This class surveys the state of the art research in robotic swarms, looking at both algorithms for controlling them and current hardware implementations. It also addresses the deficiencies keeping them from everyday use. Coursework includes reading research papers, student presentations and discussion of select papers, and projects implementing studied topics in a real or simulated robot swarm.  
Prerequisite: Permission of Instructor. Cross-listed with COMP_SCI 409-0.

MECH_ENG 410-0 Autonomous Quadrotor Design and Control (1 Unit)  
Centered around a project where teams create and program an autonomous quadrotor robot, this class focuses on advanced embedded control of an electromechanical system. Topics include: programming interfaces between an embedded computer and external sensors/actuators, programming a timing-critical control loop for stable flight, and creating a software stack that interacts with low-level code to create a desired high-level behavior.  
Prerequisite: Permission of Instructor. Cross-listed with COMP_SCI 410-0.

MECH_ENG 413-0 Experimental Solid Mechanics (1 Unit)  
Experimental techniques in measuring stress and strain. Strain gauge, photoelastic, brittle coating, and Moire techniques studies and applied with selected laboratory experiments. CIV_ENV 413-0 and MECH_ENG 413-0 are co-listed.

MECH_ENG 414-1 Mechanics of Composite Materials I (1 Unit)  
Introduction to basic concepts: fabrication of composite materials, micromechanics, macro-mechanics of unidirectional lamina, failure theories, mechanics of multidirectional laminate, lamination theory, hydrothermal effects, inter-laminar stresses, stress concentrations, structural design and optimization, and nondestructive evaluation.  
CIV_ENV 414-1 and MECH_ENG 414-1 are co-listed.

MECH_ENG 414-2 Mechanics of Composite Materials II (1 Unit)  
Introduction to basic concepts: fabrication of composite materials, micromechanics, macro-mechanics of unidirectional lamina, failure theories, mechanics of multidirectional laminate, lamination theory, hydrothermal effects, inter-laminar stresses, stress concentrations, structural design and optimization, and nondestructive evaluation.  
CIV_ENV 414-2 and MECH_ENG 414-2 are co-listed.

MECH_ENG 415-0 Mechanics of Manufacturing Processes (1 Unit)  
Understanding the fundamental mechanics of manufacturing processes is essential for process design, control, monitoring, innovation and planning. This course starts with the mechanics in sheet metal forming as a demonstration, and gradually explores the dominant mechanisms in a variety of manufacturing processes, including subtractive processes, volume-constant processes, and additive manufacturing. The course invites students to work with the instructor together to explore the possibility of unifying the description of manufacturing processes based on fundamental physics involved in the processes.  
Prerequisite: Preferably CIV_ENV 417-1, CIV_ENV 417-2, or equivalent.

MECH_ENG 416-0 Computational Nanodynamics (1 Unit)  
The objective of this course is to learn how to use theoretical and computational modeling tools to simulate dynamic solid mechanics phenomena at small scales.

MECH_ENG 417-0 Multi-scale Modeling and Simulation in Solid Mechanics (1 Unit)  
Introduction to modern computational methods such as molecular dynamics and continuum mechanics. Applications will be nanostructure and polymer composites.

MECH_ENG 418-0 Multi-Scale Modeling and Simulation in Fluid Mechanics (1 Unit)  
Introduction to modern computational methods such as molecular dynamics and continuum mechanics. Applications will be Biological and bioinspired materials: Biopolymer, Protein, DNA, Lipids.

MECH_ENG 419-0 Wave Propagation In Elastic Solids (1 Unit)  
Introduction of elastodynamic wave equations in anisotropic solids, plane longitudinal,transverse, and surface waves, harmonic waves and pulses, energy considerations, reflection, transmission, and mode conversion, scattering and diffraction problems, reciprocity relations, piezoelectric materials, and band engineering using periodic solids and metamaterials.
Digital control theory, design methodology, and techniques for controller implementation of digital computers. Discrete system modeling, system identification, and adaptive control methods. Single and multiaxis motion-generation algorithms. Multiple objective control systems for machinery guidance, manufacturing process, and precision control. 
Prerequisites: MECH_ENG 340-1, MECH_ENG 340-2, or permission of instructor.

MECH_ENG 440-1 Tech In Mfg Env (1 Unit)
An introduction to quantitative principles in modern manufacturing technology. Techniques for understanding limitations on precision, repeatability, and rate imposed by physics; enhancement of quality and productivity by automatic control; process monitoring; information management; and the effects of these factors on success in the marketplace.
Prerequisite: Enrollment in MMM program or by petition to the department.

MECH_ENG 441-0 Engineering Optimization for Product Design and Manufacturing (1 Unit)
Introduction to optimization theory and numerical techniques. Formulations, algorithms, computer implementation, examples/projects with emphasis in numerical and emerging techniques for design and manufacturing related applications.
Prerequisite: Graduate standing, senior undergraduate, or permission of instructor.

MECH_ENG 442-0 Metal Forming (1 Unit)
Metal forming processes: drawing, extrusion, rolling, forging, and sheet metal forming. Process analysis and design: force estimation, friction and redundant work effects, temperatures generated, defects, and process and equipment limitations.

MECH_ENG 443-0 Metal Cutting (1 Unit)
Prerequisites: MECH_ENG 340-1, MECH_ENG 340-2, or permission of instructor.

MECH_ENG 444-0 Micromanufacturing (1 Unit)
The course focuses on the emerging global trend toward product miniaturization and the accompanying trend toward the miniaturization of manufacturing equipment and systems. Fundamental scientific and technological topics associated with miniaturization will be discussed.

MECH_ENG 445-0 Advanced Tribology (1 Unit)
Generalized Reynolds equation; thermal, turbulent, inertia, fluid compressibility, and surface roughness effects in sliding bearings; fatigue, scuffing, and wear in elastohydro-dynamic contact; plastohydrodynamic lubrication in metal rolling, extrusion, and forging.

MECH_ENG 446-0 Advanced Robotics (1 Unit)
Introduction to state-of-the-art research in robotics. Robot geometries and kinematics; robot programming languages; dynamics and control; motion planning; machine vision; parts-feeders and jigs; assembly planning; sensors and actuators; scheduling; mobile robots.

MECH_ENG 449-0 Robotic Manipulation (1 Unit)
Representations of the configuration and spatial motion of rigid bodies and robots based on modern screw theory. Forward, inverse, and differential kinematics. Robot dynamics, trajectory planning, and motion control. Wheeled mobile robots and mobile manipulation.
MECH_ENG 451-0 Micromachining (1 Unit)
Fundamental fabrication issues for microscale components used in MEMS/Nanotechnology. Understand and designing microfabrication processes based on photolithography and deposition/etching steps.

MECH_ENG 454-0 Numerical Methods in Optimal Control of Nonlinear Systems (1 Unit)
This course will cover methods in numerical optimization and optimal control with an emphasis on engineering applications and computation. Topics include differentiation, gradient descent, Newton's method, optimal control, and optimal switching control. Examples will be drawn largely from aerospace, robotics, and biomedical applications.

MECH_ENG 456-0 Mechanics of Advanced Materials (1 Unit)
Microscale mechanisms and their relation to macroscopic behavior and mathematical constitutive modeling for advanced material systems. Emphasis on polymer viscoelasticity, shape memory materials, other material systems.

MECH_ENG 465-0 Wave Propagation in Elastic Solids (1 Unit)
Plane waves, longitudinal and transverse waves, harmonic waves and pulses, energy considerations, reflection, and transmission mode conversion. Fourier superposition, surface waves, basic singular solutions, integral representations, scattering and diffraction problems, and waves in layers and rods. Prerequisites: MECH_ENG 363-0, or MECH_ENG 390-0 and ES_APPM 311-1, ES_APPM 311-2, or equivalents.

MECH_ENG 466-0 Inelastic Constitutive Relations for Solids (1 Unit)
Introduction to the formulation and implementation of inelastic constitutive relations for solids. Viscoelasticity, rate-independent plasticity, viscoplasticity. State variable descriptions and thermodynamic restrictions. Prerequisites: CIV_ENV 417-1, CIV_ENV 415-0 or equivalent.

MECH_ENG 467-0 Industrial Energy Management and Utilization (1 Unit)
As time permits, in this course the students will learn about historical energy usage; energy conservation vs. energy management; elements of an energy audit; data normalization of energy consumption using product-mix data or degree days etc.; utility rate structures & deregulation; energy economics; energy conservation opportunities in thermal-fluid systems; combustion systems; steam & condensate systems; energy recovery systems; industrial insulation; and electrical energy conservation. Prerequisite: Thermodynamics (MECH_ENG 222-0 or equivalent) or Consent of Instructor or Graduate Standing.

MECH_ENG 468-0 Computational Neuromechanics and Neuroethology (1 Unit)
Understanding the nervous system through an integrative (body+brain +environment) approach placing emphasis on computational and evolutionary methods of understanding. Prerequisite: Ability to program in Matlab.

MECH_ENG 469-0 Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence for Robotics (1 Unit)
A coverage of artificial intelligence, machine learning and statistical estimation topics that are especially relevant for robot operation and robotics research. The focus is on robotics-relevant aspects of ML and AI that are not covered in depth in COMP_SCI 348-0 or COMP_SCI 349-0. Course evaluation will be largely project-based. Prerequisites: Graduate-level standing or permission of instructor. Some programming experience (Matlab is okay).

MECH_ENG 470-0 High Performance Computing for Multiphysics Applications (1 Unit)
Theory, numerical methods, code development, and practical considerations for large-scale simulation of complex engineering systems, particularly those that bring together multiple physical phenomena. Topics include parallel programming and performance, iterative solvers and preconditioning, solution algorithms, and applications.

MECH_ENG 472-1 Robot Design Studio (1 Unit)
Teams of students will design and build robots. For instance, in 2020, teams build robots inspired by the Summer Olympics such as a robot that can perform on the uneven bars. The ultimate goal is to build a robust, elegant machine capable of performing exciting dynamic feats. Students will refine skills in mechatronics, electromechanical design, real-time programming, sensor selection and integration, motor/transmission design, and feedback control. Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor.

MECH_ENG 472-2 Robot Design Studio (1 Unit)
Teams of students will design and build robots. For instance, in 2020, teams build robots inspired by the Summer Olympics such as a robot that can perform on the uneven bars. The ultimate goal is to build a robust, elegant machine capable of performing exciting dynamic feats. Students will refine skills in mechatronics, electromechanical design, real-time programming, sensor selection and integration, motor/transmission design, and feedback control. Prerequisite: MECH_ENG 472-1.

MECH_ENG 478-1 Combustion (1 Unit)
Equations of motion for reacting flows, theory of laminar flames, flame structure and stability, combustion of liquid and solid fuels, ignition, extinction, and flammability limits.

MECH_ENG 495-0 Selected Topics in Mechanical Engg (1 Unit)
Topics selected from work of current interest in mechanical engineering.

MECH_ENG 497-0 Special Topics in Mechanical Engineering (0.5 Unit)
In-depth review of how a number of new computer-aided engineering technologies are used to give the modern manufacturing enterprise strategic advantage.

MECH_ENG 499-0 Projects (1-3 Units)
Special projects carried out under staff direction. Permission of instructor and department required. May be repeated for credit.

MECH_ENG 512-0 Seminar (0 Unit)

MECH_ENG 513-0 Professional Essentials (0 Unit)
Seminar course covering techniques for teaching and technical presentation skills, organizational issues associated with teaching and presentations. Active teaching duties will be assigned during the course and performance feedback provided.

MECH_ENG 519-0 Responsible Conduct of Research Training (0 Unit)

MECH_ENG 590-0 Research (1-4 Units)
Independent investigation of selected problems pertaining to thesis or dissertation. May be repeated for credit. - SEE DEPT FOR SECTION AND PERMISSION NUMBERS.