MASTER OF SCIENCE, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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Elective courses (formal graded coursework) – chosen in consultation with advisor (subject to Other Requirements and Conditions below) | 24-28 |

Total Hours | 32

Other Requirements and Conditions

Other Requirements and Conditions may overlap

A minimum of 8 ME or TAM credit hours with 4 at the 500 level.

A minimum of 12 500-level credit hours applied toward the degree.

For the thesis option, a maximum of 4 hours of ME 597 or TAM 597 (or other approved independent study) may be applied toward the elective course work requirement.

No ME 599 credit may be applied toward the elective course work requirement (599 is not formal graded coursework).

Minimum GPA: 3.0

Courses

ME 501 Combustion Fundamentals credit: 4 Hours.
Fundamentals of kinetic theory, transport phenomena, chemical equilibria, and reaction kinetics; flames, their gross properties, structure, and gas dynamics including oscillatory and turbulent burning; solid and liquid propellant combustion; one-dimensional detonation theory including structure and initiation; three-dimensional and other complex detonation waves; supersonic burning. Same as AE 538. Prerequisite: AE 311 or ME 410.

ME 502 Thermal Systems credit: 4 Hours.
Steady-state simulation and optimization of thermal systems, dynamic performance, and probabilities in system design. Prerequisite: ME 402.

ME 503 Design of IC Engines credit: 4 Hours.
Design of internal combustion engines, including gas forces, inertia loads, bearing analysis, torsional vibration, balance, lubrication, valve and cam design, and stress analysis of major engine components. Prerequisite: ME 403.

ME 504 Multiphase Systems & Processes credit: 4 Hours.
Dynamics and thermodynamics of multiphase and multicomponent systems with special relevance to air-pollution control and energy conversion; relaxation phenomena; general motion of systems of disparate elemental masses; diffusion in gravitational and electric fields, and boundary-layer motion with mass transport; dispersion and collection of particulate matter; transport with surface reactions. Prerequisite: ME 404.

ME 510 Advanced Gas Dynamics credit: 4 Hours.
Theoretical gas dynamics; fundamental laws and basic equations for subsonic, transonic, and supersonic steady and unsteady flow processes. Same as AE 510. Prerequisite: ME 410.

ME 520 Heat Conduction credit: 4 Hours.
Fundamentals of heat conduction in isotropic and anisotropic materials; methods of solution to steady and transient heat conduction problems in one, two, and three dimensions; internal heat sources; periodic flow of heat; problems involving phase change, approximate analytical techniques; numerical methods; study of current articles on the subject. Prerequisite: ME 420.
ME 521 Convective Heat Transfer credit: 4 Hours.
Fundamentals of convective heat transfer; calculation of heat transfer within ducts and over submerged objects for laminar and turbulent flow; natural convection; film condensation and boiling; liquid metals. Prerequisite: ME 411.

ME 522 Thermal Radiation credit: 4 Hours.
Fundamentals of radiant-energy transport in absorbing and nonabsorbing media; pyrometry; applications to selected problems involving combined energy-transport mechanisms. Prerequisite: ME 420.

ME 523 Nanoscale Energy Transport credit: 4 Hours.
An advanced treatment of diverse transport phenomena at the nanometer scale involving solids, liquids and gases emphasizing common features in transport by molecules, electrons, phonons, photons, and other quasiparticles of interest; oriented toward applied research in the areas of nanoscale heat transfer and nanoscale energy conversion. Topics include intermolecular forces at surfaces and in the bulk, momentum and species transport in microfluidics, linear response theory, free molecular flow in gases, electron and phonon transport in crystals, Boltzmann equation and its moments, ballistic and diffusive transport, thermoelectric energy conversion, interfacial transport, energy transport in nanostructures and radiative transport in the near-field. Approved for letter and S/U grading.

ME 530 Fatigue Analysis credit: 4 Hours.
Fatigue analysis methods for the design of structures and components: stress-life, strain-life, and crack-propagation approaches; multiaxial and high-temperature fatigue; interrelationship among material properties, geometry, and design methodology appropriate for a wide range of mechanical engineering components. Prerequisite: ME 430.

ME 531 Inelastic Design Methods credit: 4 Hours.
Material deformation under combined mechanical and thermal loading; constitutive equations and their application in engineering design and in inelastic finite element methods; material and structural degradation under fatigue and creep conditions. Prerequisite: ME 471 and ME 430.

ME 532 Fracture Resistant Design credit: 4 Hours.
Application of fracture mechanics and microstructural behavior to materials selection for design; practical approximation of linear and inelastic fracture parameters for evaluation of complex components; destructive and nondestructive tests for control of toughness in manufacture; residual life assessment involving time-dependent fracture (creep, fatigue, stress, corrosion); case studies; design projects. Prerequisite: ME 430.

ME 533 Physical Basis for Plasticity credit: 4 Hours.
Physical and mathematical foundation for plasticity in crystalline materials, with application to deformation processes. Metal forming; deformation processes in other materials, such as slip in geological materials and polymers; rate dependence of plastic flow, with underlying physical mechanisms; kinetics of dislocation motion, mechanisms of work hardening, and crystallographic texture; theoretical framework for modeling the constitutive response of rate-dependent materials undergoing crystallographic slip, and allied computational procedures. Prerequisite: TAM 445.

ME 540 Control System Theory & Design credit: 4 Hours.
Same as ECE 515. See ECE 515.

ME 541 Control of Machine Systems credit: 4 Hours.
Modeling machining processes and machine tools. Mechanistic modeling of machining processes, machine-tool errors, characterization of machined surfaces, machine-tool system dynamics and stability, and topics in motion control. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: ME 340 and ME 270.

ME 544 Dynamic System Reliability credit: 4 Hours.
Same as ECE 554. See ECE 554.

ME 546 Analysis of Nonlinear Systems credit: 4 Hours.
Same as ECE 528 and SE 520. See ECE 528.

ME 550 Solidification Processing credit: 4 Hours.
Principles of control of structure, properties, and shape in processes involving liquid-solid transformations; stresses, heat flow, mass transport, solute redistribution, and nucleation and growth kinetics; relationship between process variables and structures and properties in the resultant material; examples are drawn from existing commercial and new developing processes. Prerequisite: ME 450.

ME 554 Computational Process Modeling credit: 4 Hours.
Development and application of computer models to solve practical problems involving fluid flow, heat transfer, and deformation phenomena. Advanced topics in computational methods for materials process modeling; case studies. Same as CSE 561. Prerequisite: ME 412 or ME 471; ME 450.

ME 561 Convex Methods in Control credit: 4 Hours.
Use of convex optimization in analysis and control of dynamical systems; robust control methods and the use of semidefinite programming; linear matrix inequalities, operator theory, model reduction, H2 and H-infinity optimal control, S-procedure and integral quadratic constraints, structured singular value and mu-synthesis, and Markovian jump systems; applications in control design. Prerequisite: ECE 515.

ME 562 Robust Adaptive Control credit: 4 Hours.
Mathematical foundation for synthesis and analysis of adaptive control systems: Lyapunov stability theory; methods of direct and indirect model reference adaptive control; recent methods, such as L1 adaptive control, that enable adaptive control with desired transient and steady-state performance specifications. Prerequisite: Any of ECE 486, ECE 515, ECE 528, GE 424, ME 460.

ME 570 Nonlinear Solid Mech Design credit: 4 Hours.
Optimality conditions; finite element methods; design sensitivity analysis; nonlinear analysis; transient analysis; thermo-mechanical solid mechanics. Prerequisite: One of AE 420, CEE 470, ME 471, TAM 470; TAM 445, TAM 551.

ME 586 Mechanics of MEMS credit: 4 Hours.
Mechanics and dynamics of microelectromechanical systems (MEMS); scaling laws in electrostatics, magnetics, and fluids; analytical models for thin-film growth and etching; effect of surface tension in small dimensions in relations to stability of MEMS during web fabrication; size effects on mechanical properties of MEMS materials; equations of motion for MEMS, involving coupled elastic and electric fields that give rise to nonlinear dynamical behavior; Mathieu behavior and chaotic systems. Prerequisite: ME 485.

ME 590 Seminar credit: 1 Hour.
Presentation and discussion of significant developments in mechanical engineering. Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated.

ME 591 Interest Group Seminar credit: 1 Hour.
Seminars on current topics in mechanical science and engineering. May be repeated in the same term if topics vary. May be repeated in separate terms.

ME 597 Independent Study credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Independent study of advanced problems related to mechanical engineering. May be repeated in the same term or in separate terms if topics vary to a maximum of 12 hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.
ME 598  Special Topics  credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in mechanical engineering intended to augment the existing curriculum. See Class Schedule or departmental course information for topics and prerequisites. May be repeated in the same or separate terms if topics vary.

ME 599  Thesis Research  credit: 0 to 16 Hours.
Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated.