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OVERVIEW

UVM’s graduate program in Materials Science is engaged in interdisciplinary education and research on the fundamental physical, chemical, electrical and mechanical properties and applications of materials. Our internationally recognized faculty and our graduate students focus on a variety of theoretical and experimental research topics ranging from electronic materials to bio-polymers. Current interests include nanomechanics, graphene and quantum magnetism, dynamics of quantum systems, spin-dependent phenomena in semiconductors, real-time X-ray scattering and thin film microfabrication, synthesis of novel organometallics and small molecule semiconductors, supramolecular nanomaterials, computational multiscale modeling of complex materials, as well as materials for biomedical applications. Experimental and computational on-campus facilities include state-of-the-art transport, microscopy, spectroscopy (optical and X-ray) characterization and a supercomputing center. Our experimental faculty and graduate students work in close collaboration with scientists from national laboratories such as the Brookhaven National Lab and the National High Magnetic Field Lab.

We offer students the opportunity to follow customized curricula organized in 3 tracks (Electronic Materials, Biomaterials and Mechanics of Materials) that prepares them to be successful in their chosen research area. Research and teaching graduate assistantships are available for full-time students on a competitive basis and the program also welcomes self–supporting part-time students in partnership with industry.

DEGREES

Materials Science AMP

Materials Science M.S.

Materials Science Ph.D.

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Chemistry Courses

CHEM 5300. Topics in Analytical Chemistry. 1-3 Credits.
Selected topics of current interest in analytical chemistry. New techniques and methodologies, especially in chemical instrumentation. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. May be repeated for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisites: Graduate student.

CHEM 5320. Gr Instrumental Analysis. 3 Credits.
Systematic survey of modern methods of chemical analysis. Fundamental principles and applications of spectroscopy, electrochemistry, and separation techniques. Prerequisite: Graduate student.
CHEM 5400. Gr Advanced Inorganic Chem. 3 Credits.
Molecular symmetry and group theory with an emphasis on applications (vibrational and electronic spectra, bonding and reactivity); introduction to transition metal processes; bioinorganic chemistry. Prerequisite: Graduate student.

CHEM 5580. Gr Advanced Organic Chem 1. 3 Credits.
Stereochemistry, conformational analysis, stereoelectronic effects, transition state theory, molecular orbital theory, and reactivity criteria are discussed in regards to reaction mechanisms and functional group manipulations. Prerequisite: Graduate student.

CHEM 5600. Gr Advanced Physical Chemistry. 3 Credits.
Advanced exploration of quantum chemistry, thermodynamics, and kinetics, with a significant level of mathematical rigor. Prerequisites: MATH 2248 or equivalent; Graduate student.

CHEM 5990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Selected topics of current interest that do not fall into one of the traditional areas of Chemistry.

CHEM 6010. Intro to Graduate Research. 1 Credit.
Introduction to graduate research in Chemistry. Overview of faculty research areas and department/university research resources. Prerequisite: Chemistry Graduate student.

CHEM 6015. Chemical Investigations. 1 Credit.
Current problems and literature. Prerequisite: Chemistry Graduate student.

CHEM 6020. Grad Seminar. 1 Credit.
Current problems and literature. Prerequisite: Chemistry Graduate student.

CHEM 6050. Topics in Current Chemistry. 0 or 1 Credits.
Survey of current topics in the Chemistry literature. May be repeated for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisite: Chemistry Graduate student.

CHEM 6300. Topics in Analytical Chemistry. 3 Credits.
Selected topics of current interest in analytical chemistry. New techniques and methodologies, especially in chemical instrumentation. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. May be repeated for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisite: Graduate student.

CHEM 6391. Master’s Lab Thesis Research. 1-18 Credits.
Research for the Master’s Thesis.

CHEM 6392. Master’s Lit Project Research. 1-12 Credits.
Reading and literature research culminating in the preparation of a comprehensive and critical review of a topic of current interest in Chemistry.

CHEM 6395. Advancement to Candidacy Exam. 2 Credits.
Students demonstrate the comprehensive, fundamental knowledge, in the context of their research, needed to pursue a Ph.D. degree. Preparation of a dossier consisting of an extensive introduction to the dissertation, a detailed record of research progress, and future directions. Culminates in the Advancement to Candidacy Examination, which includes a presentation and a comprehensive oral examination. Prerequisite: CHEM 6015.

CHEM 6400. Topics in Inorganic Chemistry. 1-3 Credits.
Areas of current interest involving inorganic systems, particularly catalysis, solid state chemistry, and bioinorganic chemistry. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. May be repeated for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisites: CHEM 3400.

CHEM 6410. Organometallic Chemistry. 3 Credits.
Synthesis, structure, bonding, properties, reactions, and applications of organometallic systems; mechanisms of organometallic reactions including oxidative addition and insertion reactions with applications in catalysis. Prerequisite: Chemistry Graduate student.

CHEM 6460. Physical Inorganic Chemistry. 3 Credits.
Determination of molecular and electronic structure of inorganic complexes using spectroscopic techniques. Introduction to magnetism. Interpretation of spectroscopic data within the frameworks of group theory and electronic structure calculations. Prerequisite: Chemistry Graduate student.

CHEM 6500. Topics in Inorganic Chemistry. 1-3 Credits.
Areas of current interest involving inorganic systems, particularly catalysis, solid state chemistry, and bioinorganic chemistry. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. May be repeated for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisites: CHEM 3400.

CHEM 6580. Advanced Organic Chemistry 2. 3 Credits.
Modern synthetic organic methods and approaches to multi-step synthesis are discussed. Selected total syntheses are reviewed to highlight important concepts including diastereoselective and enantioselective processes. Prerequisite: Chemistry Graduate student.

CHEM 6600. Topics in Physical Chemistry. 1-3 Credits.
Selected topics of current interest in physical chemistry. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. May be repeated for credit with different content. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Prerequisites: CHEM 3600.

CHEM 6610. Solid State Chemistry. 3 Credits.
Explores the rich field of solid-state chemistry. Solid-state materials represent some of the most promising advanced materials in development, with applications ranging from pharmaceuticals to flexible electronics. Introduces the chemical physics surrounding solids. Topics include (but are not limited to) crystals and their properties, nanomaterials, semiconductors, and characterization methods. Prerequisite: Chemistry Graduate student.
CHEM 6620. Computational Chemistry. 3 Credits.
Explores the techniques and applications of computational chemistry to model organic, inorganic, and biological molecules. Introduces basic level of classical and quantum modeling, cheminformatics and big chemical data, as well as computer-aided design of new materials and medicines. Prerequisite: Chemistry Graduate student.

CHEM 6990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

CHEM 6991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHEM 6993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHEM 6994. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory-level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

CHEM 6995. Graduate Independent Research. 1-18 Credits.
Graduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CHEM 7010. Research Problem Conception. 1 Credit.
Identification of a current research problem to be addressed by original, independent research. Prerequisite: Chemistry Graduate student.

CHEM 7015. Research Problem Solution. 1 Credit.
Solution to a current research problem to be addressed by original, independent research. Prerequisite: CHEM 7010.

CHEM 7491. Doctoral Dissertation Research. 1-18 Credits.
Research for the Doctoral Dissertation.

CHEM 7990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

Electrical Engineering Courses

EE 5310. Power System Analysis. 3 Credits.
Transmission system modeling, operations and planning and energy policy are discussed to prepare students for the electricity and energy industry and power/energy systems research. Topics include: transmission line models, generator capability curves, transformer modeling and control, per-unit conversion, power flow calculations and software, smart grid. Prerequisite: Graduate Electrical Engineering student or Instructor permission.

EE 5410. Digital VLSI Circuit Design. 0 or 3 Credits.
Covers the techniques for the design, analysis and layout of digital CMOS circuits and systems. Major topics include MOSFET basics (structure and behavior of a MOSFET, CMOS fabrication, and design rules), detailed analysis of the CMOS circuits and systems (static behavior, ratioed vs. ratioless design), noise margins, computing rise and fall times, delay models, resistance. Prerequisite: Electrical Engineering Graduate student or Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: CMPE 5410.

EE 5430. RF Circuit Design. 3 Credits.
Design and analysis of radio frequency and microwave circuits. Covers radio frequency and microwave behavior of passive components, various transmission line structures, electromagnetic (EM) wave propagation in dielectric media, reflection coefficient and load impedance, network properties and applications, impedance matching network design, scattering parameters and their usage for RF. Prerequisite: Electrical Engineering Graduate student or Instructor permission.

EE 5440. Gr Semiconductor Materials/Dev. 0 or 4 Credits.
Covers energy band theory, effective mass, band structure and electronic properties of semiconductors. Transport of electrons and holes in bulk materials and across interfaces. MOSFET’s, BJTs, pn junctions, and Schottky barriers. Experimental portion of course will have a laboratory component for electronic measurements of semiconductor devices. Prerequisite: Electrical Engineering Graduate student, Materials Science Graduate student, or Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: PHYS 5675.

EE 5540. Real-Time Control Systems. 3 Credits.
Digital control systems analysis and design. Topics include: difference equations, the Z-transforms, discrete-time transfer functions, state-space models, sampled-data systems, discretization, real-time control, microprocessor implementation, and optimal control. Project-based final. Prerequisite: Electrical Engineering Graduate student or Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: CMPE 5540.

EE 5550. Autonomy. 3 Credits.
Students learn how to make engineered systems autonomous/intelligent. Covers logic and algorithms, real-time estimation and control of dynamical systems, optimization and optimal planning, path planning for robots and autonomous vehicles, basics of artificial intelligence and machine learning, and ethics of automation. Applications include hover flight of quadrotor drones, perception and navigation of robots including robotic arms and self-driving vehicles, and autonomous control of the power grid. Prerequisites: Graduate student or Instructor permission; content knowledge of control systems (such as EE 3515) assumed.

EE 5610. Information Theory. 3 Credits.
Introduction to probability concepts of information theory; entropy of probability models; theoretical derivations of channel capacity; coding methods and theorems, sampling theorems. Prerequisite: Graduate student or Instructor permission.
EE 5810. Digital Computer Design. 3 Credits.
To gain a solid understanding of digital computer operating mechanisms and reconfigurable computing, and advance into hands-on experiences to design and debug digital computer system and embedded system. Field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs) will be utilized as the development platform. Prerequisite: Electrical Engineering Graduate student, Computer Science Graduate student, or Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: CMPE 5810, CS 5810.

EE 5990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

EE 5993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

EE 6110. System Theory. 3 Credits.
Linear vector spaces. State equations and solution. Diagonalization and Jordan canonical form. Orthogonal and biorthogonal projections. Quadratic forms. Spectral resolution. Principal component analysis, singular value decomposition and Karhunen-Loeve transform. Compressive sensing. Prerequisites: MATH 3230 or MATH 3201; MATH 2544; EE 3150 or ME 2120.

EE 6120. Stochastic Processes. 3 Credits.
Probability theory, random variables and stochastic processes. Response of linear systems to random inputs. Applications in engineering. Prerequisites: EE 3150 or ME 2120; STAT 2510 or STAT 2430.

EE 6130. Convex Optimization. 3 Credits.
Provides advanced mathematical tools to recognize optimization problems from applications, presents rigorous theory of convex optimization with an emphasis on results that are helpful for implementation/computation/modeling, providing student with the experience and understanding necessary to use the tools in their own research work or applications. Prerequisites: Linear Algebra, multivariable calculus.

EE 6391. Master’s Thesis Research. 1-18 Credits.
EE 6392. Master’s Project Research. 1-3 Credits.
Master’s Project.

EE 6520. Nonlinear System Theory. 3 Credits.
Basic nonlinear methods including computational and geometrical techniques for analysis of nonlinear systems. Describing function methods and bifurcation and catastrophe theory. Sensitivity and stability considerations. Prerequisite: MATH 3230 or MATH 3201. Pre/Co-requisite: EE 6110 recommended.

EE 6530. Estimation Theory. 3 Credits.

EE 6990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Advanced topics of current interest in Electrical Engineering. Prerequisite: Instructor permission.

EE 6991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

EE 6993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

EE 6995. Graduate Independent Research. 1-18 Credits.
Graduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

EE 7491. Doctoral Dissertation Research. 1-18 Credits.
Research for the Doctoral Dissertation.

EE 7990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

EE 7991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

EE 7995. Graduate Independent Research. 1-18 Credits.
Graduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

Mathematics Courses

MATH 5230. Adv Ordinary Diff Equations. 3 Credits.
Linear and nonlinear systems, approximate solutions, existence, uniqueness, dependence on initial conditions, stability, asymptotic behavior, singularities, self-adjoint problems. Prerequisite: Graduate student or Instructor permission; knowledge of differential equations required.

MATH 5678. Combinatorial Graph Theory. 3 Credits.
Paths and trees, connectivity, Eulerian and Hamiltonian cycles, matchings, edge and vertex colorings, planar graphs, Euler’s formula and the Four Color Theorem, networks. Prerequisite: Graduate student or Instructor permission.

MATH 5737. Gr Intro to Numerical Anyl. 3 Credits.
Error analysis, root-finding, interpolation, least squares, quadrature, linear equations, numerical solution of ordinary differential equations. Prerequisite: Graduate student or Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: CS 5737.
MATH 5766. Gr Chaos,Fractals&Dynmcl Systm. 3 Credits.
Discrete and continuous dynamical systems, Julia sets, the
Mandelbrot set, period doubling, renormalization, Henon map, phase
plane analysis and Lorenz equations. Prerequisites: Graduate student
or Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: CSYS 5766.

MATH 5788. Mathematical Biology&Ecol. 3 Credits.
Mathematical modeling in the life sciences. Topics include
population modeling, dynamics of infectious diseases, reaction
kinetics, wave phenomena in biology, and biological pattern
formation. Prerequisites: Graduate student or Instructor permission;
knowledge of linear algebra and differential equations required.

MATH 5990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

MATH 5993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student,
which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting
under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is
awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MATH 6230. Partial Differential Equations. 3 Credits.
Classification of equations, linear equations, first order equations,
second order elliptic, parabolic, and hyperbolic equations, uniqueness
and existence of solutions. Prerequisite: Knowledge of differential
equations required.

MATH 6344. Algebraic Topology. 3 Credits.
Homotopy, Seifert-van Kampen Theorem; simplicial, singular, and
Cech homology. Prerequisite: Knowledge of real analysis or topology
required.

MATH 6391. Master’s Thesis Research. 1-18 Credits.
Research for the Master’s Thesis.

MATH 6441. Theory of Func of Complex Var. 3 Credits.
Complex functions, differentiation and the Cauchy-Riemann
equations, power and Laurent series, integration, calculus of residues,
contour integration, isolated singularities, conformal mapping,
harmonic functions. Prerequisite: Two semesters of real analysis
required.

MATH 6444. Thry Functions Real Variables. 3 Credits.
Lebesgue measure and integration theory, Monotone and Dominated
Convergence Theorems and applications, product measures, basic
theory of LP-spaces. Prerequisite: Two semesters of real analysis
required.

MATH 6551. Abstract Algebra III. 3 Credits.
Advanced group theory and field theory. Prerequisite: Two semesters
of abstract algebra required.

MATH 6555. Abstract Algebra IV. 3 Credits.
Ring theory and module theory at the graduate level, with emphasis
on commutative algebra. Prerequisite: MATH 6551.

MATH 6678. Topics in Combinatorics. 3 Credits.
Topics will vary each semester and may include combinatorial
designs, coding theory, topological graph theory, cryptography.
Course is repeatable for credit. Prerequisite: MATH 3551 or
MATH 5678.

MATH 6701. Principles of Complex Sysm 1. 3 Credits.
Introduction to fundamental concepts of complex systems. Topics
include: emergence, scaling phenomena, and mechanisms, multi-scale
systems, failure, robustness, collective social phenomena, complex
networks. Students from all disciplines welcomed. Pre/co-requisites:
Calculus and statistics required; linear algebra, differential equations,
and computer programming recommended but not required. Cross-
listed with: CSYS 6701.

MATH 6713. Principles of Complex Sysm 2. 3 Credits.
Detailed exploration of distribution, transportation, small-world,
scale-free, social, biological, organizational networks; generative
mechanisms; measurement and statistics of network properties;
network dynamics; contagion processes. Students from all disciplines
welcomed. Pre/co-requisites: MATH 6701, CSYS 6701, calculus, and
statistics required. Cross-listed with: CSYS 6713.

MATH 6737. Numerical Diff Equations. 3 Credits.
Numerical solution and analysis of differential equations: initial-value
and boundary-value problems; finite difference and finite element
methods. Prerequisites: Calculus and linear algebra required in
addition to differential equations or numerical analysis.

MATH 6990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Subject will vary from year to year. May be repeated for credit.

MATH 6991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured
academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff
team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which
academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MATH 6993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student,
which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting
under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is
awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MATH 6995. Graduate Independent Research. 1-18 Credits.
Graduate student work on individual or small team research projects
under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is
awarded. Offered at department discretion.

MATH 7491. Doctoral Dissertation Research. 1-18 Credits.
Research for the Doctoral Dissertation.

MATH 7990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

MATH 7991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
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MATH 7995. Graduate Independent Research. 1-18 Credits.
Graduate student work on individual or small team research projects
under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is
awarded. Offered at department discretion.

Mechanical Engineering Courses

ME 5040. Adv Engineering Analysis I. 3 Credits.
Analytical methods for the solution of partial differential equations
in engineering mechanics and physics, including: eigenfunction
expansions; Fourier series; Sturm-Liouville theory and special
functions. Prerequisite: Graduate student in engineering,
mathematics, or physical sciences or Instructor permission.

ME 5110. Mechanical Behavior Materials. 3 Credits.
Isotropic and anisotropic elasticity; theory of plasticity; deformation
mechanisms in crystalline solids; dislocation theory; creep behavior;
advanced fatigue and fracture mechanisms. Prerequisites: Successful
completion of undergraduate course Mechanics of Materials is
assumed; Graduate standing or instructor permission.

ME 5120. Adv Engineering Materials. 3 Credits.
Advanced material processing: physical and mechanical principles
of high-temperature alloys, light-weight materials, thin films,
nanomaterials, and biomedical materials; elements of computational
materials design. Prerequisite: Senior/Graduate student or Instructor
permission.

ME 5160. Continuum Mechanics. 3 Credits.
Tensors, conservation laws, field equations for solids and fluids.

ME 5220. Adv Engr Thermodynamics I. 3 Credits.
Foundations of statistical mechanics. Gases and crystals. Chemical
equilibrium. Irreversible processes. Prerequisite: Senior/Graduate
student or permission.

ME 5230. Vortex Flows. 3 Credits.
General theorems of vorticity transport in fluids; methods for
solution of vortex flows; application to wake vortices, turbulent wall-
layer vortices, wing-tip vortices, intake vortices, vortex-structure
interaction, vortex reconnection, vortex breakdown, tornadoes and
hurricanes. Prerequisites: Content knowledge in fluid mechanics
(such as ME 2230) is assumed.

ME 5240. Advanced Heat Transfer I. 3 Credits.
Analytical methods for multidimensional steady and transient heat
conduction; phase change and moving boundaries. Thermal radiation
exchange in enclosures; view factors; emitting/absorbing gases.
Prerequisite: Successful completion of undergraduate Heat Transfer
course or similar is assumed; Graduate Standing or Instructor
permission.

ME 5440. Biothermodynamics. 3 Credits.
Inter-disciplinary; guides the student through the thermodynamics
of living organisms, comprised of the study of energy transformation
in the life sciences. Designed for students from the STEM disciplines.
Covers Gibbs free energy, statistical thermodynamics, binding
equilibria, and reaction kinetics. Prerequisites: Successful completion
of Materials and Mechanics Lab such as ME 2111, Thermo-Fluid
Labs such as ME 2321, or Biomedical design such as BME 3600 is
assumed; Graduate student or Instructor permission. Cross-listed
with: BME 5440.

ME 5520. Computational Solid Mechanics. 3 Credits.
Project-based. Computational methods using the finite element
analysis (FEA) applied to linear elastic and non-linear problems
in the mechanics of deformable solids and structures, contact
mechanics, and fracture mechanics. Hands-on computational
experience using a commercial FEA software. Prerequisites:
ME 1140, MATH 2544, and MATH 3201, or equivalent.

ME 5980. Numerical Methods for Engineer. 3 Credits.
Foundational concepts of numerical integration, numerical
differentiation, and numerical approximation and solution of
differential and partial differential equations of the type encountered
in the analysis of engineering problems and data processing.
Prerequisite: Graduate student or Instructor permission; content
knowledge of calculus through differential equations (such
as MATH 3201) and linear algebra (such as MATH 2522 or
MATH 2544) assumed. Cross-listed with: CEE 5980.

ME 5990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

ME 5993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student,
which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting
under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is
awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ME 6120. Advanced Dynamics. 3 Credits.
Application of Lagrange’s equation, Hamilton’s principle to
mechanical systems. Systems with constraints. Matrix formulation
of problems in kinematics, dynamics. Stability of linear, nonlinear
systems.

ME 6230. Advanced Fluid Dynamics. 3 Credits.
Stress in continuum; kinematics, dynamics; potential fields; Wing
theory; Navier-Stokes equation; hydrodynamic stability; turbulence;
laminar, turbulent boundary layer theory; transient flows, free
laminar, turbulent flows; mixing.

ME 6270. Turbulence. 3 Credits.
Description of turbulent flows; statistical and modeling of turbulent
flows; Navier Stokes as a dynamical system; experimental and
numerical approaches. Prerequisite: Graduate student or Instructor
permission; successful completion of undergraduate Mechanical
Engineering Fluid Mechanics or similar required.

ME 6391. Master’s Thesis Research. 1-18 Credits.
Research for the Master’s Thesis.
ME 6550. Multiscale Modeling. 3 Credits.

ME 6990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Advanced topics in recently developed technical areas. Prerequisite: Three hours with Instructor permission.

ME 6991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ME 6993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ME 6995. Graduate Independent Research. 1-18 Credits.
Graduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ME 7491. Doctoral Dissertation Research. 1-18 Credits.
Research for the Doctoral Dissertation.

ME 7990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

ME 7991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

ME 7995. Graduate Independent Research. 1-18 Credits.
Graduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

Physics Courses

PHYS 5125. Mathematical Physics. 3 Credits.
Introduction to basic mathematical methods of theoretical physics; vector and tensor analysis, partial differential equations, orthogonal functions, complex variables and variational techniques. Prerequisites: Graduate student or undergraduate student with Instructor permission; knowledge of PHYS 2200 and PHYS 3400 topics strongly recommended.

PHYS 5185. Nano-analysis of Materials. 1 Credit.
Explores the theory and practical operation of advanced techniques to analyze the structure, composition, and surfaces of micro and nano-scale materials. Students will be trained as users of a Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope (FESEM) including x-ray elemental analysis. Credit will not be given for both PHYS 3175 and PHYS 5185. Prerequisite: Graduate student.

PHYS 5200. Advanced Dynamics. 3 Credits.
Classical mechanics presented as the basis of the concepts and methods of modern physics. Variational, Lagrangian, and Hamiltonian formulations, canonical transformations, continuous systems. Prerequisite: Graduate student or undergraduate student with Instructor permission; knowledge PHYS 2200 topics strongly recommended.

PHYS 5300. Electromagnetic Theory. 3 Credits.
Development of Maxwell’s theory of electromagnetism emphasizing its physical basis and the modes of mathematical description. Prerequisite: Graduate student or undergraduate student with Instructor permission; knowledge of PHYS 4300 topics strongly recommended.

PHYS 5400. Statistical Mechanics. 3 Credits.
Following a review of thermodynamics, covers the fundamentals of classical and quantum statistical mechanics including ensembles, identical particles, Bose and Fermi statistics, phase-transitions and critical phenomena, renormalization group, irreversible processes and fluctuations. Prerequisite: Graduate student or undergraduate student with Instructor permission; knowledge of PHYS 3400 topics strongly recommended.

PHYS 5500. Quantum Mechanics II. 3 Credits.
Mathematical and physical foundations of nonrelativistic quantum mechanics from the unifying point of view of Dirac. Symmetry operations and the algebraic structure of quantum mechanics are emphasized. Prerequisite: Graduate student or undergraduate student with Instructor permission; knowledge of PHYS 3400 topics strongly recommended.

PHYS 5675. Gr Semiconductor Materials/Dev. 0 or 4 Credits.
Covers Energy band theory, effective mass, band structure and electronic properties of semiconductors. Transport of electrons and holes in bulk materials and across interfaces. MOSFET’s, BJTs, pn junctions, and Schottky barriers. Experimental portion of course will have a laboratory component for electronic measurements of Prerequisite: Electrical Engineering Graduate student, Materials Science Graduate student, or Instructor permission. Cross-listed with: EE 5440.

PHYS 5990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. Prerequisites: Department permission, Graduate student.

PHYS 6000. Teaching of College Physics. 1 Credit.
Instructional strategies and techniques with application to the teaching of laboratories and recitations. Prerequisites: Undergraduate degree in Physics; Instructor permission.

PHYS 6391. Master’s Thesis Research. 1-18 Credits.
Research for the Master’s Thesis.
PHYS 6700. Biological Physics II. 3 Credits.
Physical principles of biological systems including advanced
techniques in macromolecular structure (experimental and
computational), molecular solvation and hydration models,
thermostatistics, two-state models and cooperativity, elasticity and
mechanics of soft tissues, chemical equilibria and reaction kinetics
including enzymes. Prerequisites: Graduate student, knowledge of
PHYS 1650 and MATH 2248 topics strongly recommended.

PHYS 6990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

PHYS 6991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured
academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff
team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which
academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

PHYS 6993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student,
which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting
under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is
awarded. Offered at department discretion.

PHYS 6994. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory
level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at
department discretion.

PHYS 6995. Graduate Independent Research. 1-18 Credits.
Graduate student work on individual or small team research projects
under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is
awarded. Offered at department discretion.

PHYS 7491. Doctoral Dissertation Research. 1-18 Credits.
Research for the Doctoral Dissertation.

PHYS 7990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

PHYS 7991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
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