MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (ME)

College of Engineering and Mines
Department of Mechanical Engineering (https://www.uaf.edu/cem/programs/mechanical-engineering/)
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ME F254  Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Investigation
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
An introductory analysis of unmanned air systems (UAS), including typical missions and performance expectations for various classes of UAS. Students investigate subsystem choices for a UAS and how these affect mission performance. Includes discussion of external factors impacting UAS design choices, including support infrastructure, flight operations and data requirements.
Cross-listed with AERO F254.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F256  Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Design
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
A multidisciplinary team of students will design, build, test and deliver an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) in support of university research mission requirements. Students will learn basic concepts related to the systems engineering design process. Graded events include team briefings, written reports, multimedia products and a finished UAS product.
Prerequisites: AERO F254; ME F254.
Crosslisted with CS F254, AERO F256.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F258  Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Operations
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Covers the use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), sensors, and support infrastructure required to conduct a selected mission set. Emphasis is on mission analysis, planning, and conduct, including definition of requirements/constraints, identification of appropriate assets, flight planning considerations, and data analysis requirements. Teams coordinate resources for mission and report results.
Cross-listed with CS F258; GEOS F258; and AERO F258.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F302  Dynamics of Machinery
4 Credits
Offered Fall
Kinematics and dynamics of mechanisms. Analysis of displacements, velocities, accelerations, and forces in linkages, cams and gear systems by analytical, experimental and computer methods. Design applications.
Prerequisites: ES F301 (may be taken concurrently); ES F210.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 3 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F308  Instrumentation and Measurement
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Principles of measurement, instrumentation, Laplace transform, Fourier series, transfer function, steady-state response, calibration, and errors. Signal filtering and amplification, data acquisition, recording, and processing. Methods and devices for measuring strain, force, torque, displacement, velocity, acceleration, pressure, fluid flow properties, and temperature. Mechatronics, sensors, actuators, and controls.
Prerequisites: ES F331.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 3 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F313  Mechanical Engineering Thermodynamics
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Investigation and design of power and refrigeration cycles (Rankine, Brayton, Otto, and Diesel), compressible flow (isentropic, shock waves, and flow in ducts with friction), and combustion and gas vapor mixtures.
Prerequisites: ES F346.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F321  Industrial Processes
3 Credits
Offered Fall
Manufacturing processes used in modern industry. Primary and secondary manufacturing processes, casting, hot and cold forming, machining, welding and mass production tools and techniques as related to economic and efficient product design.
Prerequisites: Mechanical Engineering major.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F334  Elements of Material Science/Engineering
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Properties of engineering materials. Crystal structure, defect structure, structure and properties, aspects of metal processing, heat treatment, joining, testing and failure analysis for engineering applications and design.
Prerequisites: CHEM F105X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 3 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F402  Advanced Mechanical System Design
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Advanced analysis of two- and three-dimensional multi-body mechanical systems. Rigid body system formulation and deformable body system formulation. Application of CAE software for rigid body and large deformable body systems.
Prerequisites: ME F302; ME F408.
Stacked with ME F602.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus
ME F403  Machine Design
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Design and analysis of machines by analytical, experimental and computer methods. Identification of requirements and conceptual design of mechanical systems, detailed design of components, strength, life, reliability, and cost analysis.
Prerequisites: ES F331.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F405  Computer Aided Design
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Introduction to principles of computer aided design and engineering. Applications of software and hardware in solid modeling, design analysis, motion analysis, rapid prototyping, and interface between computer aided design and computer aided manufacturing.
Prerequisites: Senior standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1.5 + 4.5 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F406  Computer Aided Manufacturing
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Introduction to computer aided manufacturing (CAM). This includes the principles of computer aided process planning (CAPP) and an introduction to computer numerical control (CNC) tools used in manufacturing. Emphasis will be on methodology with hands-on applications of computer software and specific machine tools.
Prerequisites: ME F321; senior standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F408  Mechanical Vibrations
3 Credits
Offered Fall
Modeling of vibratory mechanical systems with single and multiple degrees of freedom. Study of free and forced vibrations with or without damping by lumped-parameter models and finite element analysis. Vibrations of rotor systems and vibration stability.
Prerequisites: ES F210, ES F301.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F409  Controls
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Analysis and design of control systems. Block diagrams, transfer functions and frequency analysis. Closed loop systems and system stability. Industrial controllers and system compensation.
Prerequisites: ME F408.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F414  HVAC Systems Optimization
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Design of thermal and heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems with emphasis on economic considerations and optimization. Concepts of thermodynamics, fluid mechanics and heat transfer will be integrated under a design framework, and include economic and technical considerations.
Prerequisites: ES F341; ES F346.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F415  Thermal Systems Laboratory
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Testing and evaluation of components and energy systems such as pumps, fans, engines, heat exchangers, refrigerators and heating/power plants.
Prerequisites: ME F308 (may be taken concurrently); WRTG F111X; ES F341; ME F313; ME F441.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1.5 + 4.5 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F416  Design of Mechanical Equipment for the Petroleum Industry
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Design, selection and operation of equipment used in production and processing of crude oil and gas. Instrumentation and control systems used with mechanical equipment.
Prerequisites: ES F341; ES F346.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F418  Shape and Structure of Mechanical Systems
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Optimization of flow configuration by minimizing the flow resistance in mechanical and energy systems. Introduction to the concepts of entropy minimization and constructal law. Applications to engineering problems in solid mechanics, fluid mechanics, and heat transfer.
Prerequisites: ES F331; ES F341; ES F346.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F431  Intermediate Mechanics of Materials
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Applications of Hooke's law and energy method to thin-walled beams and shafts, and analysis of stress and strain under combined loading. Introduction to fatigue and fracture of elastic materials. Applications to engineering problems.
Prerequisites: ES F331.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus
ME F436  Introduction to Nanomaterials  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
This course aims to providing a comprehensive study of the synthesis, characterization, properties, and applications of nanomaterials. It will cover the fundamental scientific principles for the different synthesis techniques, assembly of nanostructured materials, and new physical and chemical properties at the nanoscale. Existing and emerging applications will also be discussed.  
Prerequisites: ME F334 (may be taken concurrently).  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F440  Introduction to Microfluidics  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Overview of basic concepts and principles of fluids at the micron scale; introduction to the design and fabrication of microfluidic devices.  
Prerequisites: ES F341 (may be taken concurrently); PHYS F123X (for Math and non-Physics science major); PHYS F211X (for Engineering, Math and Physics major); junior standing.  
Stacked with ME F640.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F441  Heat and Mass Transfer  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall  
Application of heat and mass transfer concepts to engineering problems including steady state and transient conduction, numerical analysis of heat transfer problems, laminar and turbulent free and forced convection, and black body and real surface radiation.  
Prerequisites: ES F301; ES F341; ES F346.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F443  Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer Characteristics of Nanofluids  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Prerequisites: ES F341; ME F441; senior standing.  
Stacked with ME F643.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F450  Theory of Flight  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall  
Airfoil theory in subsonic flow. Performance, stability and control of aircraft. Aircraft design.  
Prerequisites: ES F341 (may be taken concurrently); ES F346.  
Cross-listed with AERO F450.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F451  Aerodynamics  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring  
Aerodynamics of non-lifting and lifting airfoils in incompressible irrotational flow, wings of finite span, the Navier-Stokes equations, boundary layers, numerical methods, supersonic and transonic flow past airfoils, rocket aerodynamics, rocket drag.  
Prerequisites: ES F341 (may be taken concurrently); ES F301; ES F346.  
Cross-listed with AERO F451.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F452  Introduction to Astrodynamics  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall  
Geometry of the solar system, detailed analysis of two-body dynamics and introduction to artificial satellite orbits; Hohmann transfer and patched conics for lunar and interplanetary trajectories. Elements of orbit determination.  
Prerequisites: ES F208 or ES F210; ES F301 (may be taken concurrently).  
Cross-listed with AERO F452.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F453  Propulsion Systems  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring  
Prerequisites: ME F313 (may be taken concurrently); ES F341.  
Cross-listed with AERO F453.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F454  Corrosion Engineering  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Principles and forms of corrosion and factors that affect it. Methods of testing and measurement, control and prevention are examined.  
Prerequisites: ME F334.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F458  Energy and the Environment  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Overview of basic concepts of energy supply, demand, production of heat and power impacts of energy use on the environment. Extensive discussion of mitigation technologies and strategies for meeting energy needs while preserving environmental quality.  
Prerequisites: CHEM F106X; ES F346 or equivalent; MATH F252X; PHYS F211X.  
Stacked with ME F658.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0  
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus
ME F486  Senior Design
1 Credit
Offered Fall
Focused on pursuing the design of a project selected jointly by students, project advisors, and/or the instructor. Emphasis will be on the design of practical engineering systems and components which integrate engineering knowledge and skills. Principles of the design process will be introduced.
Prerequisites: COM F131X or COM F141X; ME F441 (may be taken concurrently); WRTG F211X, WRTG F212X, WRTG F213X or WRTG F214X; senior standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F487  Design Project
3 Credits
Offered Spring
A real or simulated engineering design project selected jointly by student and instructor. Emphasis on design of practical mechanical engineering systems and/or components which integrate students' engineering knowledge and skills.
Prerequisites: ME F486.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F501  Finite Element Analysis in Engineering
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Formulation of the finite element method. Applications to problems of engineering in solid mechanics, fluid mechanics and heat transfer. Use and development of codes for computer solution of problems.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing in engineering; ES F201; MATH F302.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F601  Advanced Mechanical System Design
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Advanced analysis of two- and three-dimensional multi-body mechanical systems. Rigid body system formulation and deformable body system formulation. Application of CAE software for rigid body and large deformable body systems.
Prerequisites: ME F302; ME F408.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F608  Advanced Dynamics
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Kinematics and kinetics of rigid bodies, introduction to analytical mechanics, Lagrange's equations and Hamiltonian mechanics. Applications to engineering problems.
Prerequisites: ES F210; MATH F302; graduate standing in engineering.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F609  Advanced Vibrations
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Analysis of discrete and continuous vibrations via energy methods, free and forced response of linear systems, stability criteria, and introduction to random and nonlinear vibration. Applications to engineering problems.
Prerequisites: MATH F302; ME F408; graduate standing in engineering.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F617  Power Analysis
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Fundamentals of power generation including piping, pumps, fuels and combustion, steam generators, condensers, deaerators, evaporators, feedwater treatment and heating, regeneration, fuel handling, heat balance, equipment, economics, and plant layout.
Prerequisites: ME F313.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F631  Advanced Mechanics of Materials
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Theories of elasticity and plasticity for small and large deformations. Applications to engineering problems.
Prerequisites: ES F331; graduate standing in engineering.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F634  Advanced Materials Engineering
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Atomic bonding, crystal structure, crystal imperfections, phases and interfaces, microstructures, phase diagrams, phase transformation, transport and diffusion, metal deformation, fracture of materials, deterioration of materials, electronic and physical properties of materials.
Prerequisites: ME F334; MATH F302; graduate standing in engineering.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F640  Introduction to Microfluidics
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Overview of basic concepts and principles of fluids at the micron scale; introduction to the design and fabrication of microfluidic devices.
Prerequisites: ES F341 (may be taken concurrently); PHYS F123X (for Math and non-Physics science major); PHYS F211X (for Engineering, Math and Physics major); junior standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F641  Advanced Fluid Mechanics
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Introduction to viscous flows, laminar boundary layers, turbulent boundary layers, turbulent jets and wakes, applications to heat transfer and drag.
Prerequisites: ES F341; graduate standing in engineering.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus
ME F642  Advanced Heat Transfer
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Heat conduction in two and three dimensions under steady and transient conditions. Free and forced convection in internal and external flows. Radiation from black and gray surfaces and gas-filled enclosures. Both analytical and numerical methods are covered.
Prerequisites: ME F441; graduate standing in engineering.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F643  Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer Characteristics of Nanofluids
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Prerequisites: ES F341; ME F441; graduate standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F656  Aerospace Systems Engineering
3 Credits
Offered Fall Odd-numbered Years
A multidisciplinary team of students will perform a preliminary design study of a major aerospace system. Design considerations will include requirements for project management, aerospace vehicle design, power, attitude control, thermal control, communications, computer control and data handling.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Cross-listed with AERO F656; EE F656.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F685  Arctic Heat and Mass Transfer
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
An introduction to the principles of heat and mass transfer with special emphasis on application to problems encountered in the Arctic such as ice and frost formation, permafrost, condensation and heat loss in structures.
Prerequisites: graduate standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F687  Arctic Materials Engineering
3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
A study of engineering material performance at low temperatures.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Letter Grades with option of Plus/Minus

ME F698  Non-thesis Research/Project
1-9 Credits
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Pass/Fail Grades
Repeatable for Credit: May be taken unlimited times for up to 99 credits

ME F699  Thesis
1-9 Credits
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0
Grading System: Pass/Fail Grades
Repeatable for Credit: May be taken unlimited times for up to 99 credits