

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Syllabus

CHE I5700: Advanced Materials

Designation: Graduate Course (Elective)

Catalogue Description: Microscopic level interactions in solid materials. The geometric structure of materials: metals, semiconductors, ceramics, and polymers. Structure determination. The thermodynamic foundation of phase diagrams. Material properties: thermal, electrical, and optical. Surface properties. Synthesis and characterization of “high tech” materials with emphasis on nanoscale technology.

Prerequisites: ChE 31000 or permission of instructor

Text: Any Introductory Material Science Textbook. Articles will be provided for special topics section

Course Objectives:

After completing this course, students should:

- 1) be familiar with the structure of engineering materials (metals, polymers, ceramics, and composites) at the atomic and microstructural levels.
- 2) be able to describe diffusion processes in solids
- 2) be familiar with the relationships between structure and properties for engineering materials.
- 3) be familiar with instrumentation typically used in materials science research
- 4) be able to apply their knowledge of materials science to special topics of relevance in current material science

Topics Covered:

- 1) Crystal and Amorphous Structure
- 2) Crystal Imperfections
- 3) Thermally Activated Processes and Diffusion
- 4) Phase Diagrams
- 5) Mechanical Properties of Metals
- 6) Optical and Electrical Properties
- 7) Magnetic Properties
- 8) Modern Material Science Research Topics

Course Schedule: This class meets once a week for a total of three academic hours over a fourteen-week semester. Students will pick a materials-related special topic of their choice at the beginning of class, to which they will apply their new won knowledge from the class. One in-class presentation will give students the opportunity to present their special topic to their classmates and advertise it for a special topics section. One out-of-class term paper will allow the students to deepen their knowledge on the special topic of their choice. Grading: 20% Class Activity/Contribution, 30% presentation, 50% final term paper.

Contribution of course to meeting the professional component:

This is an elective subject for Chemical Engineering. The primary purpose of the course is to provide the student with a mastery of the fundamental concepts of material science and special applications of state-of-the-art materials.

Relationship of course to program outcomes:

The outcomes for this course contribute to the following departmental educational outcomes:

- a. an ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering
- e. an ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems
- g. an ability to communicate effectively.
- k. an ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice

Instructor (person who prepared this description) and date of preparation.

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