MAE 160
Mechanical Behavior of Materials (4 units)

Class Schedule: four hours of lectures (including one hour of mandatory problem solving session), eight hours of outside preparation. 12 hours/week total

Course Coordinator(s): Ekaterina Evdokimenko

Textbooks/Materials:

1. J.F. Shackelford, Introduction to Materials Science for Engineers (8th Edition), Prentice Hall, New York, 2014
2. R.W. Hertzberg, R.P. Vinci, and J.L. Hertzberg, Deformation and Fracture Mechanics of Engineering Materials (5th Edition), John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 2012nd
3. T.H. Courtney, Mechanical Behavior of Materials (2 Edition), Waveland Press, Inc., New York, 2005
4. W.D. Callister and D.G. Rethwisch, Materials Science and Engineering An Introduction (8th Edition), John Wiley and Sons, New York, 2009

Catalog Description: Elasticity and inelasticity, dislocations and plasticity of crystals, creep, and strengthening mechanisms. Mechanical behavior of ceramics, composites, and polymers. Fracture: mechanical and microstructural. Fatigue. Laboratory demonstrations of selected topics.

Prerequisites: MAE 20, MAE 30A or MAE 130A or SE 101A and MAE 131A, or consent of instructor

Course Type: Required Technical Elective Course / Can be used as a substitution for MAE 131B

Course Objectives:

Objective 1
1.1 Students will demonstrate an understanding of the structure-deformation behavior correlation in engineering materials.

Objective 2
2.1 Students will demonstrate the ability to identify the deformation mechanisms operative in various engineering materials.

2.2 Students will demonstrate the ability to qualitatively predict the mechanical properties of materials using a variety of strengthening theories.

Objective 3

3.1 Students will demonstrate an understanding of the dependency of materials' mechanical performance on both test temperature and strain rate.
3.2 Students will demonstrate an understanding of several material models, their limitations, and applications.

Objective 4

4.1 Students will demonstrate the ability to determine stress intensity factors for a variety of specimens/flaws configurations.
4.2 Students will demonstrate the ability to design using a fracture mechanics approach.

Objective 5

5.1 Students will demonstrate knowledge of temperature transition effects in engineering materials and how various microstructures influence the fracture behavior.

Objective 6

6.1 Students will demonstrate knowledge of fatigue crack growth using fracture mechanics theory.
6.2 Students will demonstrate an understanding of designing for fatigue applications, and for predicting fatigue lifetimes of engineering components using fracture mechanics approach.

Course Topics:

1. Crystal Structure
2. Elasticity
3. Plasticity
4. Imperfections in solids
5. Fracture
6. Strengthening mechanisms
7. Creep
8. Fatigue
9. Structure/property relationships

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