MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (MSE)

MSE 120 Introduction to Engineering (2 crs)
Prerequisite: MATH 109 or concurrent enrollment.
A comprehensive study of the engineering design process. Discussion of engineering disciplines with comparisons. The laboratory portion of the course includes design projects from various engineering disciplines.

Attributes: LE-S3 Creativity
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 1
Lab/Studio Hours: 3

MSE 221 Living in a Materials World (3 crs)
Prerequisite: MATH 114 or concurrent enrollment. No credit if taken after MSCI 100.
Processing and structure’s impact on materials properties and performance. Societal benefits of sustainable, biomimetic, or responsible materials selection.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

MSE 256 Introduction to Computer Aided Design (1 cr)
Prerequisite: MATH 109 or concurrent enrollment.
The course provides an introduction to 3-dimensional computer aided design and modeling.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 0
Lab/Studio Hours: 3

MSE 315 Materials Characterization (4 crs)
Prerequisite: CHEM 103 or CHEM 115 and PHYS 211 or PHYS 231.
A survey of commonly used materials characterization methods (XPS, SEM, AFM, XRD, XRF), including their theory of operation and hands-on experience. Includes a discussion of the measurement process and instrumental analysis of samples.

Attributes: LE-S3 Creativity
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2
Lab/Studio Hours: 4

MSE 334 Soft Materials (4 crs)
Prerequisite: CHEM 325
Includes in-depth soft materials topics such as synthesis and processing, structure-property relationships, and applications of soft materials.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

MSE 350 Thermodynamics of Materials (4 crs)
Prerequisite: MSCI 100 or MSE 221 or GEOL 312; CHEM 104 or CHEM 109 or CHEM 115; MATH 215; PHYS 232 or concurrent enrollment.
Survey of the laws of thermodynamics and their application in Materials Science including phase equilibria. Aspects of quantum mechanics as they relate to Materials Science will be discussed.

Grading Basis: No S/U Grade Option
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

MSE 357 Phase Transformation & Kinetics (3 crs)
Prerequisite: MSE 221; MATH 215; CHEM 104 or CHEM 109 or CHEM 115
Phase transformations are explored with emphasis on microstructure development, the impact of diffusion, and nucleation/growth mechanisms.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

MSE 362 Microelectronic Materials Processing (2 crs)
Prerequisite: MSE 350; MSE 357 or concurrent enrollment. No credit if taken after MSCI 362
• Formerly MSCI 362.
The fabrication of microelectronic devices is discussed, and the thermodynamics and kinetics that impact process design. Methods and practices are reviewed.

Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

MSE 363 Microelectronic Materials Processing Lab (2 crs)
Prerequisite: MSE 350 or CHEM 433 or PHYS 332. No credit if taken after MSCI 363
• Formerly MSCI 363.
The fabrication of microelectronic devices is explored. Methods and practices for photolithography, etching, and deposition are studied in a lab setting.

Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 0
Lab/Studio Hours: 4

MSE 367 Macroprocessing of Materials (3 crs)
Prerequisite: MSE 357
Processing approaches for major categories of bulk materials. Topics range from raw materials to forming and finishing of final products.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

MSE 368 Macroprocessing Materials Lab (2 crs)
Prerequisite: MSE 367 or concurrent enrollment.
Practical and analytical aspects of processing techniques and investigation of structure-property-processing relationships using hands-on experiences.

Lecture/Discussion Hours: 0
Lab/Studio Hours: 6
MSE 372 Transport Phenomena (3 crs)
Prerequisite: MATH 312
Principles of momentum, heat, and mass transport. Applications of appropriate
differential equations and boundary conditions to solve problems in materials
processing.
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

MSE 374 Electrical, Optical and Magnetic Properties of Materials (4 crs)
Prerequisite: PHYS 332 or MSE 350
• Credit may not be earned in both MSE 374 and PHYS 374.
A description of the behaviors of crystalline solids. Topics include
crystallography, diffraction, and the electrical, optical and magnetic properties
of materials. Semiconducting materials and devices will also be discussed.
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 4
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

MSE 386 MS&E Junior Seminar I (0.5 crs)
Prerequisite: Limited to Pre-Materials Science and Engineering or Materials
Science and Engineering majors
• Must be admitted to MSE by first day of class.
Career preparation for Materials Science & Engineering majors. Will include
seminars with external speakers and class discussions of relevant issues.
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
Seminar Hours: .5

MSE 387 MS&E Junior Seminar II (0.5 crs)
Prerequisite: MSE 386; Limited to Materials Science and Engineering majors
The second course in the junior seminar course sequence. Will include seminars
with external speakers and class discussions of relevant issues.
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
Seminar Hours: .5

MSE 451 Computational Materials Science (4 crs)
Prerequisite: MSE 350 or PHYS 333 or CHEM 434.
Theory and application of computational methods to model, understand and
predict the behavior of materials. Labs provide hands-on experience in solving
real materials problems using computational approaches.
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 2
Lab/Studio Hours: 4

MSE 475 Nanomaterials (3 crs)
Prerequisite: CHEM 104 or 109 or 115, and one of the following: MSE 350, or
PHYS 333, or CHEM 434.
Quantum behavior and statistical mechanics of nanomaterials, plus modern
synthesis methods, electronic and optical applications, biomaterials.
Lecture/Discussion Hours: 3
Lab/Studio Hours: 0

MSE 486 MS&E Capstone I (2 crs)
Prerequisite: MSE 256; MSE 350; MSE 387 or departmental consent
First of a two-course capstone sequence. Hands-on, project-based experiences
including engineering design, problem solving and Computer Aided Design
(CAD).
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
Seminar Hours: 4

MSE 487 MS&E Capstone II (2 crs)
Prerequisite: MSE 486
Second of a two-course capstone sequence. Conclusion of student-designed
projects accompanied by preparation of multiple technical documents.
Attributes: LE-I1 Integration
Lab/Studio Hours: 0
Seminar Hours: 4

MSE 493 Collaborative Internship (1-3 crs)
Prerequisite: 2.50 total GPA; minimum junior standing
Consent: Instructor Consent Required
This course provides students an opportunity to participate in collaborative
projects that are performed on campus under the supervision of a faculty
member.
Attributes: Internship
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only

MSE 494 Off-campus Materials Science Internship (1-3 crs)
Prerequisite: 2.50 total GPA; minimum junior standing
Consent: Instructor Consent Required
Off-campus internship with a regional company or other partner, including
professional development training and reflection.
Attributes: Internship
Grading Basis: A-F Grades Only