

MME 5390 Special Topics - Metals Processing

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References:

1. Peter C. Hayes. Process Principles in Minerals and Materials Production, Third Edition. Hayes Publishing Co., Australia, 2003. ISBN-10: 0958919739
2. Mark E. Schlesinger, Matthew J. King, Kathryn C. Sole and William G. Davenport. Extractive Metallurgy of Copper, Fifth Edition. Amsterdam: Elsevier Ltd., 2011. ISBN: 978-0-08-096789-9
3. Terkel Rosenqvist. Principles of Extractive Metallurgy, 2nd Revised edition. Tapir Academic Press, 2004. ISBN-10: 8251919223

Prerequisites: MME 3306, MME3308, each with a grade of "C" or better.

Course description: Analysis of the unit operations involved in metal and mineral production using the principles of material and energy balance, fluid flow, heat transfer, reaction kinetics, and thermodynamics. A chemistry review of the fundamentals specifically involved in pyrometallurgy and hydrometallurgy will be included. Survey of processing operations for specific metals such as copper, iron, aluminum, etc.

Course objective: At the end of this course, students will have a solid grasp of fundamentals in the principles of pyrometallurgy and hydrometallurgy, as well as of the flow sheet of industrial metals production (copper, iron and aluminium), and can apply them to analyze and address the practical problems of most of the metals' production.

Topics: Units and unit analysis; stoichiometry; conservation of mass; mass balances; First law of thermodynamics; energy balances for closed systems; specific heat, sensible heat and enthalpy increments; heats of formation and reaction; adiabatic flame temperature; fuels and combustion; liquid, solid and gaseous fuels; combustion stoichiometry, excess air; heating values; gas reforming and substoichiometric combustion; reactors for pyrometallurgical unit processes; fixed and fluidized beds; shaft furnaces; rotary kilns; reverberatory furnaces; electric furnaces; pneumatic reactors; balance reactions; stoichiometric calculation; solution chemistry; equilibrium constant; introduction to leaching; mineral processing; copper production by pyrometallurgy and hydrometallurgy; iron production by blast furnace; aluminium production by Bayer process and Hall-Heroult process.

Grading	Percent
Assignments	20%
Midterm Exam	25%
Group Project	15%
Final Exam	40%

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LECTURE OUTLINE

Introduction

Extractive metallurgy; Pyrometallurgy; Hydrometallurgy; Electrometallurgy;
Unit operations and Unit processes; Process flow sheets.

1. Chemistry Review

1.1 Pyrometallurgy: Mass Balance, Heat Balance, etc.

1.2 Hydrometallurgy: Balance Reactions, Equilibrium, Kinetics, etc.

2. Introduction to Mineral Processing

2.1 Mineralogy

2.2 Size Reduction

2.3 Particle (mineral) Selection

2.4 Screening.

3. Introduction to Extractive Metallurgy

3.1 Pyrometallurgy

3.2 Hydrometallurgy

3.3 Electrometallurgy

4. Case Studies

4.1 Copper Production by Pyrometallurgy

4.2 Copper Production by Hydrometallurgy

4.3 Iron Production by Blast Furnace and Direct-Reduction

4.4 Aluminium Production by Bayer Process and Hall-Heroult Process

Course Withdrawal Policy: If a student withdraws from a course prior to the official census date of any semester, the course will be deleted from the student's record. Withdrawal from a course initiated by a student after the census date but prior to the course drop deadline, will result in a grade of "W." After the course drop deadline, withdrawal from a course initiated by a student will result in a grade of "F."

Attendance: University policy dictates that all students attend all scheduled classes, meaning that attendance to both the class and laboratory sessions is mandatory. However, I understand if you have conferences or other school-related activities to attend. Please notify me of any commitments you may have prior to you being absent from class. "Emergency" absences will be handled on a case by case basis

Homework: Homework assignments will normally be due two weeks after they are assigned. No late homework will be accepted.

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<http://sa.utep.edu/studentlife/files/2010/10/Appendix-A-Discipline-process-NEW-OSL-2009.pdf>

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