

**MECH 3314: Fluid Mechanics**  
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Class time and location: TR 1030 - 1150, LART 319

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Textbook: “Cengel, Y. A. and Cimbala, J. M., *Fluid Mechanics Fundamental and Applications, 2006, Second Edition, McGraw-Hill Inc. NY, ISBN 0-07-247236-7*”. Instructors may provide additional reading materials.

Class delivery: The class will be delivered in in-person mode or as informed by the instructor.

Participation requirements: You must attend at least 75% of all the classes in person.

Goals and Objectives: Fluid Mechanics is a fundamental course in mechanical engineering. The purpose of this course is to give you an understanding of the physical mechanisms involved in fluid flows including predictions of flows and resulting forces. This course covers fundamental concepts of fluid mechanics with a broad range of engineering and technological applications. An understanding of fluid mechanics is necessary since fluid dynamical processes are an essential part of the design processes of vehicles, power plants, chemical processing units, buildings, bridges, and among others.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities gained: Knowledge of physical quantities important to fluid flow, Ability to apply fundamental laws in control volume form to engineering situations, Knowledge of fluid flows in pipes and around objects, and Ability to apply basic laws of fluid mechanics to compute various quantities.

Impact on subsequent courses in curriculum: Knowledge needed to understand heat transfer, thermal design, and other thermal fluid system courses.

Prerequisites: All students taking the course must have a basic knowledge of engineering (Thermodynamics laws, Newtonian Mechanics/Laws) and differential and integral calculus.

**MATERIALS COVERED:**

- Review of BASIC Concepts: Properties, Kinematics, Statics [Ch 1-5]
- MASS, BERNOULLI, AND ENERGY EQUATIONS [Ch 5]
- MOMENTUM ANALYSIS OF FLOW SYSTEMS [Ch 6]
- DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS AND MODELING [Ch 7]
- INTERNAL FLOW [Ch 8]
- EXTERNAL FLOW: DRAG AND LIFT [Ch 11]
- TURBOMACHINERY [Ch 14]

**GRADING:** There will be several assignments at regular intervals during the semester. You are required to submit the assigned work on or before the deadline. Late submission of the assigned work will not be allowed unless medical and emergency reasons exist. The following percentages of the assignments, exams, and projects will constitute the basis for the assigning of the final grade in the course:

Class performance & Quizzes: 15%, Homework: 15%, attendance: 10%

Exam 1: 20%, Exam 2: 20%, Exam 3: 20%

Grading criterion: A ( $\geq 90\%$ ); B ( $<90\% \ \& \ \geq 80\%$ ); C ( $<80\% \ \& \ \geq 70\%$ ); D ( $<70\% \ \& \ \geq 60\%$ ); F ( $<60\%$ )

Note: Any outstanding issues related to grading of assigned work (quizzes, exams, homework or projects) must be resolved within two weeks from the day the graded work is returned. There will be no makeup exams or quizzes.

**Academic Misconduct:** Students are encouraged to work together to discuss the subject, however, all graded materials must represent the student's individual work. Scholastic dishonesty is the attempt of any student to present as his or her own work of another, or any work which he/she has not honestly performed, or attempting to pass any examination by improper means. Scholastic dishonesty is a serious offense and will not be accepted. Academic misconduct will be handled according to the current university policy.

Reasonable Accommodation Policy: Any student in this course who has a disability that may prevent him or her from demonstrating his or her abilities should contact me personally as soon as possible so we can discuss the accommodation necessary to ensure full participation and facilitate your educational opportunities.

## COURSE PLAN

### REVIEW OF BASIC CONCEPTS (Ch 1-5) [1 Week]

Week 1:

Properties,

Statics,

Kinematics: Lagrangian and Eulerian Descriptions, The Reynolds Transport Theorem

Homework

### 5 MASS, BERNAULLI, AND ENERGY EQUATIONS [4 Weeks]

Week 2:

5-1 Introduction 172

Conservation of Mass 172

Conservation of Momentum 172

Conservation of Energy 172

Homework

Week 3:

5-2 Conservation of Mass 173

Mass and Volume Flow Rates 173

Conservation of Mass Principle 175

Moving or Deforming Control Volumes 177

Mass Balance for Steady-Flow Processes 177

Special Case: Incompressible Flow 178

Homework

Week 4:

5-3 Mechanical Energy and Efficiency 180 5-4

The Bernoulli Equation 185

Acceleration of a Fluid Particle 186

Derivation of the Bernoulli Equation 186

Force Balance across Streamlines 188

Unsteady, Compressible Flow 189

Static, Dynamic, and Stagnation Pressures 189

Limitations on the Use of the Bernoulli Equation 190

Hydraulic Grade Line (HGL) and Energy Grade Line (EGL) 192

Homework

Week 5:

5-5 Applications of the Bernoulli Equation 194

5-6 General Energy Equation 201

Energy Transfer by Heat,  $Q$  202

Energy Transfer by Work,  $W$  202

5-7 Energy Analysis of Steady Flows 206

Special Case: Incompressible Flow with No Mechanical Work Devices and Negligible Friction 208

Kinetic Energy Correction Factor,  $\alpha$  208

Homework

## **MOMENTUM ANALYSIS OF FLOW SYSTEMS [Ch 6] [2 Weeks]**

### Week 6

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6-2 Choosing a Control Volume 229

6-3 Forces Acting on a Control Volume 230

6-4 The Linear Momentum Equation 233

    Special Cases 235

    Momentum-Flux Correction Factor,  $\beta$  235

    Steady Flow 238

    Steady Flow with One Inlet and One Outlet 238

    Flow with No External Forces 238

### Homework

### Week 7

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6-6 The Angular Momentum Equation 250

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    Radial-Flow Devices 254

### Homework

## **DIMENSIONAL ANALYSIS AND MODELING [Ch 7] [2 Weeks]**

### Week 8

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7-2 Dimensional Homogeneity 271

Nondimensionalization of Equations 272

7-3 Dimensional Analysis and Similarity 277

### Homework

### Week 9

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    Historical Spotlight: Persons Honored by Nondimensional Parameters 289

7-5 Experimental Testing and Incomplete Similarity 297

    Setup of an Experiment and Correlation of Experimental Data 297

    Incomplete Similarity 298

    Wind Tunnel Testing 298

    Flows with Free Surfaces 301

### Homework

## **INTERNAL FLOW [Ch 8] [2 Weeks]**

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8-2 Laminar and Turbulent Flows 323

    Reynolds Number 324

8-3 The Entrance Region 325

    Entry Lengths 326

- 8–4 Laminar Flow in Pipes 327
  - Pressure Drop and Head Loss 329
  - Inclined Pipes 331
  - Laminar Flow in Noncircular Pipes 332

- 8–5 Turbulent Flow in Pipes 335
  - Turbulent Shear Stress 336
  - Turbulent Velocity Profile 338
  - The Moody Chart 340
  - Types of Fluid Flow Problems 343

Homework

Week 11

- 8–6 Minor Losses 347
- 8–7 Piping Networks and Pump Selection 354
  - Piping Systems with Pumps and Turbines 356
- 8–8 Flow Rate and Velocity Measurement 364
  - Pitot and Pitot-Static Probes 365
  - Obstruction Flowmeters: Orifice, Venturi, and Nozzle Meters 366
  - Positive Displacement Flowmeters 369
  - Turbine Flowmeters 370
  - Variable-Area Flowmeters (Rotameters) 372
  - Ultrasonic Flowmeters 373
  - Electromagnetic Flowmeters 375
  - Vortex Flowmeters 376
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  - Laser Doppler Velocimetry 378
  - Particle Image Velocimetry 380

Homework

## **EXTERNAL FLOW: DRAG AND LIFT [Ch 11] [1 Week]**

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  - Flow Separation 569
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  - Biological Systems and Drag 572
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- 11–7 Lift 587

Homework

**TURBOMACHINERY** [Ch 14] [1 Week]

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14–2 Pumps 738

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    Pump Cavitation and Net Positive Suction Head 745

    Pumps in Series and Parallel 748

    Positive-Displacement Pumps 751

    Dynamic Pumps 754

    Centrifugal Pumps 754

    Axial Pumps 764

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    Positive-Displacement Turbines 782

    Dynamic Turbines 782

    Impulse Turbines 783

    Reaction Turbines 785

Homework