

CE 5326 AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

Spring 2021 (Version 01192021)

Class Reference Number: 27878
Class Meeting: 4:30 PM - 5:50 p.m., TR
Class Room: Online (via Blackboard)
Textbook:
Air Pollution Control Engineering, 3rd edition
by Noel De Nevers
Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics (optional)
by J.H. Seinfeld and S.N. Pandis

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Course Description

The primary objective of this course is to provide the students an overview of the field of air pollution. The course will cover topics that are pertinent to the study of air pollution, such as air pollution meteorology, sources of pollution, pollutant fate and transport, effects of air pollution, ambient air monitoring, and pollution abatement. Regulatory models currently available for estimating pollutant emissions and air concentrations will be presented and discussed in the class.

Instructor's notes and excerpts from several reference books will be distributed in the class to supplement the topics discussed in the textbooks. Students are required to read the assigned chapters, classnotes, and excerpts prior to the class meeting. A list of the reference books is presented in this syllabus and additional references will be given in the class during the semester. Final grade will be determined based on the student's performance in homework, quizzes, and exams.

Grades

Your grade for this course will be assessed based on your performance in the quizzes (25 %), 3 mid-term exams (55 %), and homework (20 %). Several quizzes will be given throughout the semester. The content of a quiz could be the materials covered in previous sessions or to be covered that day. Your lowest quiz will not be counted toward your final grade. There will be no make-up quizzes. Three exams will be given during the semester. Students are required to take all three exams. Make-up exams will be given only for extremely credible reasons.

Your final grade will be calculated based on the points you have accumulated as follows:

A	≥ 85
B	≥ 75 but < 85
C	≥ 65 but < 75

D	≥50 but <65
F	<50

Attendance of the class is mandatory. **Your final grade will be downgraded one notch (i.e., from “A” to “B” or from “B” to “C”) if you miss more than three classes without the instructor’s consent. You will be drop off the course if you missed more than 4 classes.**

The instructor reserves the right to revise this grading plan. However, students will be informed of any changes during the semester.

Homework

Regular homework assignments will be used to reinforce the concepts and problem-solving techniques covered in the textbooks and class. Homework will be assigned in class. All homework will be graded. Homework should be neatly presented on engineering paper or equivalent. **Submit your homework in one pdf file with subject title of “CE 5326 Homework”.** The name of your pdf file will look like “CE 5326_HW01_*last name*”. You may be asked to present your homework solutions in class. **Homework is always due at the end of a specified Sunday.** Late homework will only be accepted in the event of illness or an emergency and must be approved by the instructor.

Technology Requirements

Course content is delivered via the Internet through the Blackboard learning management system (LMS). Ensure your UTEP e-mail account is working and that you have access to the Web and a stable web browser. **Mozilla Firefox** and **Google Chrome** are the most supported browsers for Blackboard; other browsers may cause complications with the LMS. When having technical difficulties, update your browser, clear your cache, or try switching to another browser.

You will need to have or have access to a computer/laptop, scanner, a webcam, and a microphone. You will need to download or update the following software: Microsoft Office, Adobe, Flashplayer, Windows Media Player, QuickTime, and Java. Check that your computer hardware and software are up-to-date and able to access all parts of the course.

If you encounter technical difficulties beyond your scope of troubleshooting, please contact the [Help Desk as they are trained specifically in assisting with technological needs of students.](#)

Accommodations Policy

The University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations and auxiliary services to students, staff, faculty, job applicants, applicants for admissions, and other beneficiaries of University programs, services and activities with documented disabilities in order to provide them with equal opportunities to participate in programs, services, and activities in compliance with sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008. Reasonable accommodations will be made unless it is determined that doing so would cause undue hardship on the University.

If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass.

Scholastic Integrity

Academic dishonesty is prohibited and is considered a violation of the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures. It includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion. Cheating may involve copying from or providing information to another student, possessing unauthorized materials during a test, or falsifying research data on laboratory reports. Plagiarism occurs when someone intentionally or knowingly represents the words or ideas of another as ones' own. Collusion involves collaborating with another person to commit any academically dishonest act. Any act of academic dishonesty attempted by a UTEP student is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Academic dishonesty harms the individual, all students, and the integrity of the university; policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced. All suspected violations of academic integrity at The University of Texas at El Paso will be reported to the [Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution \(OSCCR\)](#) for possible disciplinary action. To learn more [HOOP: Student Conduct and Discipline](#).

Instructor's Office Hour

During the specified office hours, you can drop in my virtual office for any questions regarding the subjects discussed in the class without making an appointment. Of course, you are always welcomed to visit me at any other times, but I may not be available for discussion because of other commitments. Leave me a note, call for an appointment, or send me an email will be the most effective way to catch me for your questions. Remember, do not pile up questions and expect me to answer all your questions the day before an exam.

Class Schedule

CE 5326 Fall 2021 Weekly Calendar (Subject to Change, Version 01122021)

Homework needs to be submitted in **one pdf file**. Handwriting is allowed for calculations and equations.

Week	Date	Topic	Reading Assignments
1	1/19 1/21	<u>Introduction to Air Pollution:</u> The history of air pollution, problems of air pollution, air pollutants and associated health effects, air concentrations.	DN: Chap. 1 Arya: Chap. 1 SP: Chap. 1.7
2	1/26 1/28	<u>Elements of Air Pollution:</u> Impacts of air pollution on social, economic, environment, health, and other issues <u>Atmospheric Pollutants:</u> Vapors and particulate, atmospheric pollutants categorized by chemical compounds, HAPs.	DN: Chap. 2 SP: Chap. 2
3	2/2 2/4	<u>Atmospheric Pollutants: (Continued)</u> <u>Effects of Air Pollution</u> <u>Air Pollution Control Law and Regulations</u>	DN: Chap. 2, 3
4	2/9 2/11	<u>Air Pollution Measurements:</u> Ambient air sampling of PM and VOCs, sampling and siting criteria, data analysis <u>Emission Monitoring:</u> Emission inventory, emission modeling, application of EPA emission models.	DN: Chap. 4
5	2/16* 2/18	<u>The Atmosphere:</u> Layers of the atmosphere, atmospheric circulation, water vapors in the atmosphere, Coriolis force, atmospheric air movements. <u>The Atmospheric Boundary Layer:</u> Structure of the atmospheric boundary layer, geostrophic winds, velocity profile, turbulence, building wakes, equation of motion. EXAM #1	DN: Chap. 5 SP: Chap. 1 Arya: Chap. 2
6	2/23 2/25	<u>Air Pollution Meteorology:</u> Pressure and temperature in the lower atmosphere, atmospheric stability, temperature inversions.	DN: Chap. 5, 6 SP: Chap. 14
7	3/2 3/4	<u>Air Pollution Meteorology</u>	DN: Chap. 5, 6 SP: Chap. 17
8	3/9 3/11	<u>Air Pollution Meteorology</u>	DN: Chap. 5, 6 SP: Chap. 17
9	3/16 3/18	Spring Break (No Class) Spring Break (No Class)	

10	3/23* 3/25	<u>Air Pollution Modeling:</u> Application of EPA regulatory models: SCREEN3	
11	3/30 4/1	<u>Air Pollution Modeling:</u> Application of EPA regulatory models: SCREEN3	DN: Chap. 6
12	4/6 4/8	EXAM #2 <u>Particulate Pollution Control</u>	
13	4/13 4/15	<u>Particulate Pollution Control:</u> Principles of PM pollution control, PM pollution control technologies	DN: Chap. 8 DN: Chap. 9
14	4/20* 4/22	<u>Particulate Pollution Control</u> <u>Control of Gaseous Pollutants</u> controls of VOC, controls of mobile source emissions	DN: Chap. 10, 15
15	4/27 4/29	<u>Control of Gaseous Pollutants</u> <u>Atmospheric Chemistry:</u> Atmospheric photochemistry and chemical kinetics, chemistry in the troposphere..	DN: Chap. 11
16	5/4 5/6	<u>Atmospheric Chemistry (Continued)</u>	DN: Chap. 13
17	5/11	EXAM #3 (4:00-6:45 pm, tentative)	

DN: Air Pollution Control Engineering, 2nd edition

SP: Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics

Arya: Air Pollution Meteorology and Dispersion

*dates marked in yellow are subjected to changes

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