Description
Hands-on experience in solid and fluid mechanics, heat transfer, and thermodynamics. Emphasis is on the understanding of fundamental principles as well as familiarity with modern experimentation. Lectures at the beginning of the course provide background information and theories of experimentation. Student groups perform five experiments each in solid mechanics and in thermal/fluid science. Report writing is an integral part of the course, with focus on design of experiment, interpretation and presentation of data, error analysis, and conclusions.

Instructors
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Preparation Lectures for Experiments, Monday & Friday 1:00 – 2:20 PM
First Class
Jan. 29: All students (Engineering 143)
Topics: Course overview, basics of measurement & writing lab reports, group formation

Preparation Lectures
Feb. 1 & Feb. 5: Solid Labs – All students (Engineering 143)
Feb. 8: Fluid/Thermal Labs – All students (Engineering 143)

Laboratory Location and Time, Tuesday & Thursday 1:30 – 4:30 PM
Fluid section: Heavy Eng. Bldg. Room 101
Solid section: Heavy Eng. Bldg. Room 206 (upstairs)
Tuesday or Thursday 1:30 – 4:30 PM.

Grading Policy
The final grade will be determined from:
Ten (10) lab reports: total 100 % (minimum of 2 reports per student as first author1)
Lab reports will be graded out of a maximum of 100 points each.

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1 Students will form groups of three or four individuals to perform all labs. The group will collectively submit a single report for each experiment. Each student must write at least two reports as a first author (one in the Solid section and one in the Fluid/Thermal section) to satisfy both MEC317 and MEC 300 writing requirements (details will be provided in class). All lab partners will receive the same grade for the course.
First period: Groups 1 – 20: Solid Labs (Group 1 – 10: Tues., Groups 11 – 20: Thurs.)

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(Spring Break: 3/14 – 3/18)

Second period: Groups 1 – 20: Fluid/Thermal Lab (Group 1 – 10: Tues., Groups 11 – 20: Thurs.)

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Lab Reports
You must submit your previous lab report when you arrive at the lab for the next lab class.

Penalty for Late Submission of Reports
10 points (10%) deducted from final score for each day late. No exceptions will be made.

Report Content
1. Title Page (experiment title, all names, date due)
2. Abstract
3. Introduction
4. List of Equipment
5. Theory (includes drawings and descriptions)
6. Experimental Procedures
7. Results (includes calculation of experimental results; figures, graphs and tables must be labeled with a number and a caption; units, and all numerical quantities must be included)
8. Discussion (trends in the results, comparison with theoretical predictions)
9. Error Analysis
10. Conclusions
11. References (if you have them)
12. Appendices (handwritten calculations, spreadsheet calculations, and other data)
13. Prelab sheets from all members

Reports must be typed with a 12 pt font and double-spaced. Handmade drawings of experimental setup are permitted. Graphs of data may be done by hand but it is strongly recommended to use a computer equipped with software such as Excel.)
Text Book
A commercial textbook is not used for this course. Rather, we will provide you with two lab manuals, one for solids, and one for thermal systems, the cost of which is included in the lab fee. You will be given both books within the first two weeks of class. The beginning of the thermal lab manual has a section on effective report writing, error analysis, and other items to make life a bit easier when writing lab reports. Additional books for reference are listed below.

Reference Books

All reference books above are reserved in the engineering library.

Course Learning Objectives

1. Demonstrate the ability to collect data from thermocouples, pressure sensors, pitot tube manometer, timer, moiré fringes, polariscop, fatigue testing machine, buckling machine, dynamic strain sensing, shear modulus tester, digital image recording.

2. Learn how to compare experimental data with theoretical predictions.

3. Learn how to work in a team and meet deadlines.

4. Develop technical writing skills.

5. Assess quantitatively experimental accuracy and dominant sources of uncertainties.

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[In addition, this statement on emergency evacuation is often included, but not required: Students who require assistance during emergency evacuation are encouraged to discuss their needs with their professors and Disability Support Services. For procedures and information go to the following site: http://www.stonybrook.edu/ehs/fire/disabilities]

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