

## **SAMPLE SYLLABUS**

### **ME C225/MSE C212: Deformation, Fracture and Fatigue of Structural Materials**

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#### **Deformation, Fracture and Fatigue of Structural Materials (4 units)**

This survey course presents the mechanics and microstructural aspects of deformation, fracture, and fatigue in metals, ceramics, polymers, composites and natural materials. Topics include structure-property relationships, mechanical behavior over different length scales, linear elasticity, non-elasticity, plasticity and time dependent deformation. The historical evolution of fracture mechanics is presented with emphasis on linear and non-linear elastic fracture mechanics and their use in fracture analysis. The physical basis of intrinsic and extrinsic toughening, environmentally-assisted fracture, cyclic fatigue failure, fatigue-crack propagation, stress-strain/life and damage-tolerant design, creep-crack growth, and fracture statistics are reviewed.

#### **I. Deformation behavior**

- Overview of historic engineering failures
- Review of structural materials: metals, ceramics, polymers, composites, and natural materials
- Microstructural aspects of deformation and length scale effects
- Elastic behavior, multiaxial loading, time-dependent behavior
- Yield criteria and permanent deformation
- Failure modes and propensity for fracture in different materials

*(25%) Project I (Deformation and failure modes)*

#### **II: Fracture Mechanics**

- Historical development of fracture mechanics
- Griffith fracture theory and notion of energy release rate
- Linear elastic fracture mechanics, crack-tip asymptotic singular fields, and small scale yielding
- Non-linear fracture mechanics, J- integral methods, R-curves
- Experimental methods for determining fracture toughness
- Microstructural effects, intrinsic and extrinsic toughening mechanisms
- Environmentally assisted and time-dependent crack growth

*(25%) Project II (Fracture Mechanics)*

#### **III. Fatigue**

- Historical perspective
- Fatigue characterization: Total life versus defect tolerant philosophy
- Cyclic stress fields, notches, and short cracks
- Experimental methods for determining fatigue resistance
- Micromechanisms of fatigue fracture

*(25%) Project III (Fatigue)*

#### **IV. Damage tolerance, design considerations and failure analysis**

- Damage tolerance in materials
- Design considerations
- Methodologies for failure analysis

*(25%) Project IV (Damage tolerance, design considerations, and failure analysis)*

*\*\*This course will be taught using an active and cooperative environment. The course grades will be comprised of 4 team projects. Each project will utilize teams and will require both an oral presentation to the class and a technical write-up. Each team member will provide a self-assessment and team assessment. Each project will utilize a different combination of students in the teams.*

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Recommended text: Suresh, *Fatigue of Materials*, Cambridge University Press, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1998.

#### Useful references:

##### 1) **Mechanical Behavior of Materials:**

F. A. McClintock and A. S. Argon: *Mechanical Behavior of Materials* (Addison- Wesley, 1966)

M. A. Meyers and K. K. Chawla: *Mechanical Metallurgy: Principles and Applications* (Prentice-Hall, 1984)

##### 2) **Fracture Mechanics:**

D. Broek: *Elementary Engineering Fracture Mechanics* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Sijthoff Noordhoff, 1982)

J. F. Knott: *Fundamentals of Fracture Mechanics* (Halstead Press, 1973)

S. T. Rolfe and J. M. Barson: *Fracture and Fatigue Control in Structures* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Prentice-Hall, 1987)

H. L. Ewalds and R. J. Wanhill: *Fracture Mechanics* (Arnold, 1984)

T. L. Anderson: *Fracture Mechanics: Fundamentals and Applications* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., CRC Press, 1995)

B. R. Lawn: *Fracture of Brittle Solids* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Cambridge Univ. Press, 1993)

##### 3) **Handbooks on K and J Solutions:**

Akram Zahoor: *Ductile Fracture Handbook* (Electric Power Research Inst., 1989)

H. Tada, P. C. Paris, and G. R. Irwin: *Stress Analysis of Cracks Handbook* (Del/Paris Publ., 1985)

##### 3) **Fatigue:**

S. Suresh: *Fatigue of Materials* (Cambridge, 1998, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.)

F. Ellyin: *Fatigue Damage, Crack Growth and Life Prediction* (Chapman&Hall, 1997)

##### 4) **Environmentally-Influenced Failure:**

J. C. Scully: *Fundamentals of Corrosion* (Pergamon, 1975, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.)

##### 5) **Mechanical Testing:**

*Metals Handbook*, 9<sup>th</sup> ed., vol. 8 (American Society for Metals)

##### 6) **Failure Analysis/Fractography:**

*Metals Handbook*, 9<sup>th</sup> ed., vol. 12 (American Society for Metals)

##### 7) **Continuum Mechanics/Elasticity (simple treatments):**

E. P. Popov: *Introduction to Mechanics of Solids* (Prentice-Hall, 1968)

S. H. Crandall, N. C. Dahl and T. J. Lardner: *An Introduction to the Mechanics of Solids* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., McGraw-Hill, 1978)

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