

Syllabus for AME 543

AME 543: Nuclear Thermal Hydraulics
Prerequisites: Undergraduate Degree in Engineering
Semester: Fall 2013
Time: Tu 6:40 – 9:20 PM
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Course Requirements and Grades

- **Required text:** “NUCLEAR SYSTEMS VOLUME 1 THERMAL HYDRAULIC FUNDAMENTALS(2nd Edition),” by NEIL E. TODREAS AND MUJID S. KAZIMI, ISBN: 978-1-4398-0887-0.

Grading Breakdown:

Homework: 25% (projects)
Mid-Term: 35% (October 8, 2013)
Final: 40%

Breakdown of Course Material

TOPIC	PERIODS	DATES	Textbook Chapters
Introduction Introduction; Reactor Thermal-Hydraulic Characteristics; Thermal Design Principles	1	8/27	1-2
Power Reactors Functional description and operational aspects of various Nuclear Reactors	2	9/3	Lecture notes, Power-Point
Thermal Analysis of Fuel Elements Fuel Element Heat Conduction; UO ₂ Properties Temperature Distribution in Fuel Elements; Temperature Distribution in Redistributed Fuel Elements ; Fuel-Coolant Thermal Resistance	3-5	9/3-9/24	8
Mid-Term	6	10/1	
Single-Phase Flow Introduction and Mathematical Relations; Lumped Parameter Integral Approach ; Differential	7-8	10/8-10/15	4

Conservation Equations			
Two-Phase Flow Definitions; 1-D Transport Equations; Flow regime maps; 1-D flow models; Pressure drop	9-10	10/22- 10/29	5
Nuclear Reactor Systems and operations	11	11/5	Lecture notes, Power-Point
Reactor Safety Systems and Accident Analysis	12	11/12	Lecture notes, Power-Point
Boiling Heat Transfer	13-14	11/19- 11/26	12
Closure	15	12/15	
Final		TBA	