

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 |

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| 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 | |