USC Viterbi
School of Engineering

Course ID and Title
AME 486 –Mechanics of Composite Materials for Modern Structures
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Course Description

Composites materials are extensively used in the aircraft, launch vehicles, spacecraft vehicles, automotive industry, sporting goods, construction, and marine industries due to their high-performance, high strength-to-weight ratio, and aesthetics. This course will cover current and potential applications of composite materials including: (1) Manufacturing methods for composites; (2) Elasticity of anisotropic solids; (3) Methods for determining composite mechanical properties; (4) Analysis of composite materials using laminated plate theories and approximate solutions for bending, vibration, and buckling; (5) Failure analysis of composite materials; and (6) Design considerations: design, inspection, and repair processes.

Learning Objectives
The fundamental concepts in the analysis and design of laminated composite Structures will be developed. Students are expected to learn:

(1) Manufacturing and analysis of composite materials
(2) Experimental methods for the characterization of composite materials
(3) Failure criteria to predict failure of composite structures
(4) Design considerations and applications
(5) Optimization of Composite Materials

Prerequisite(s): AME 204
Co-Requisite (s): None
Concurrent Enrollment: None
Recommended Preparation: None

Course Notes
Copies of lecture slides and other class information will be posted online.

Technological Proficiency and Hardware/Software Required
Mathematica, Matlab Not Required, but will be taught as part of the course

Required Readings and Supplementary Materials
Primary Textbook: Mechanics of Laminated Composite Plates and Shells: Theory and Analysis, Second Edition, by J. N. Reddy, CRC Press

Additional Textbooks:

1. Mechanics of Composite Materials, Second Edition, by R. M. Jones, Taylor & Francis, Inc
2. Engineering Mechanics of Composite Materials, by I. M. Daniels, Oxford University Press, USA
3. Principles of Composite Materials Mechanics, Third Edition R. F. Gibson, CRC Press
4. Composite Filament Winding, by S. T. Peters, ASM International
5. Mechanics of Composite Materials with MATLAB, G. Z. Voyiadjis, Springer.

Description and Assessment of Assignments & Grading Breakdown
Weekly Projects

Assignment and Exams Submission Policy
Homework will be submitted to professor. Late assignments will not be accepted. Exams will be take-home.

Course Schedule: Weekly Breakdown

Topics/Daily Activities
Introduction to Composite materials, fibers, matrices
MLK Birthday
Micromechanics, Manufacturing Processes and Nomenclature (45 minutes additional time)
Stress, Strain, Constitutive Law, and Equilibrium Equations Part I
Stress, Strain, Constitutive Law, and Equilibrium Equations Part II
Characterization of Fundamental Macromechanical Properties of Composites
President's Day (Take home Midterm Exam)
Effective 3D Orthotropic Material Properties of Laminates (45 minutes additional time)
Classical Lamination Plate Theory
Tailoring and Optimization of Composites (45 minutes additional time)
Tailoring for Dynamic and Buckling Problems
Energy Methods and Approximation Theory
First Order Shear Deformation Theory
Failure Theories (45 minutes additional time)
Review

Statement for Students with Disabilities

Any student requesting academic accommodations based on a disability is required to register with Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester. A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP. Please be sure the letter is delivered to me (or to TA) as early in the semester as possible. DSP is located in STU 301 and is open 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Website and contact information for DSP: http://sait.usc.edu/academicsupport/centerprograms/dsp/home_index.html, (213) 740-0776 (Phone), (213) 740-6948 (TDD only), (213) 740-8216 (FAX) ability@usc.edu.

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