AME 546 Design for Manufacturing and Assembly
Units: 3
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Course Description

The objective of this course is to present an overview of the methods and tools available for Design for Manufacturing and Assembly (DFMA). DFMA provides a systematic procedure for analyzing a proposed design from the point of view of assembly and manufacture and help in reducing the product cost. Topics covered in the course include the following:

- Design for Assembly
- Design for Additive Manufacturing
- Design for Machining
- Design for Composites
- Design for Injection Molding
- Design for Casting
- Design for Sheet Metal Forming
- Design for PCB Manufacturing
- Design for Casting
- Material Selection
- Cost Estimation

Intended audience for this course includes product designers, manufacturing engineers, or technical managers who intend to work on product development teams and play a role in manufacturing process selection.

Learning Objectives

After completing this course students should be able to:

- Understand differences and similarities between Design for Manufacturing and Design for Assembly
- Understand and describe how product design influences cost
- Select materials and primary and secondary processes for meeting the design requirements
- Simplify assembly through part minimization and reducing the probability of errors
- Design parts to lower manufacturing costs and reduce the probability of defects during manufacturing

Prerequisite(s): N/A
Co-Requisite(s): NONE
Concurrent Enrollment: NONE
Recommended Preparation: NONE

Technological Proficiency and Hardware/Software Required
The course will be taught in a traditional classroom. Students will have access to the required hardware/software in the Center for Advanced Manufacturing

**Required Text**


**References**


**Course Grading:** Regular Letter Based Grading

**Assignments**

- 6 Home Works (24%)
- 2 Quiz (20%)
- 2 Mini Projects (26%)
- 1 Project (25%)
- Attendance and Participation (5%)

**Assignment Submission Policy**

Assignment will be submitted in class.

**Additional Policies**

Penalty will be applied to late assignments. The full allocated points will be reduced by 10 percentage points for the day after the deadline for the submission of coursework. Score will be reduced by a further 40 percentage points each day if coursework is submitted during the following two days.

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