

# AME 513a

## Fundamentals and Applications of Combustion

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### References:

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### Topics:

Introduction; Chemical Thermodynamics; Chemical Kinetics; Transport Phenomena; Conservation Equations; Non-Premixed Flames; Premixed Flames; Aerodynamics of Laminar Flames; Environmental Impacts of Combustion and Sustainability

### Emphasis on the fundamental physical and chemical processes relevant to:

Power generation; piston engines; conventional and hypersonic air-breathing propulsion (jet engines, ramjets, scramjets); rocket propulsion; urban- and wild-fires; explosions and detonations; air pollution and climate change; sustainable fuels and role of combustion in sustainable energy

### Dates:

Monday, August 21, 2023: First class meeting  
Wednesday, November 29, 2023: Last class meeting

### Grading:

Midterm Exam	October 16, 2023 (M)	(2:15 pm - 3:45 pm)	30% of the grade
Final Exam	December 8, 2023 (F)	(2:00 pm - 4:00 pm)	40% of the grade
Homework			30% of the grade

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