

University of Southern California
Viterbi School of Engineering

Course Number & Title:	AME577/EE626: Survey of Energy and Power for a Sustainable Future
Units:	4
Semester:	Spring
Schedule:	Class: M, W 12:00-1:50 pm
Location:	OHE 100C and DEN
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Catalog Description:

Power production includes conventional fossil fuels, synthetic fuels, hydroelectric, tidal, solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, and nuclear. The environmental consequences of various energy sources are discussed.

Course Description:

Providing Energy for the world to use in a sustainable fashion is a major challenge for humanity. Energy is also an essential scientific topic studied intensively for over a few thousand years. Therefore, this survey class will start with fundamental sciences relating to energy and power issues and then study the technologies relating to energy/power production, transmission, and storage. Moreover, the externalities of those technologies will be discussed, too.

Learning Objectives:

By the end of the course, the student will be able to:

- 1) Build the scientific foundations needed to understand energy- and power-related technologies.

- 2) Know the landscape of state-of-the-art energy/power generation, transmission and storage technologies.
- 3) Apply the fundamental sciences behind the above technologies to sample problems reflecting real-world implementation.
- 4) Apply the fundamental sciences behind the above technologies to investigate the impacts of those technologies on the sustainability of humanity.
- 5) Acquire basic knowledge to start sustainable energy-related research.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Engineering, Physics, or Chemistry

Required Main Textbook:

“Energy of Physics”, by Robert L. Jaffe and Washington Taylor, Publisher: Cambridge University Press; 1st edition (January 25, 2018), 894 pages, ISBN-13: 978-1107016651

Supplementary Texts: Handout slides and reading assignments are provided in class.

Readings: All lecture notes will be available on DEN.

Grading:

Homework	10%
Presentation	20%
Midterm Exam	30%
Final exam	40%

Weekly Schedule

Week	Subject	Readings	HW
1	Introduction and overview	Chapters 1, 5	
2	Thermal dynamics laws, state functions, and thermal engines	Chapter 6,8,9,10	W: HW 1 Assign
3	Energy conversion, internal combustion engine, steam turbine, gas turbine	Chapter 11,12,13	W: HW 1 Due
4	Nuclear power introduction, structure, properties, and decay of nuclei	Chapter 16, 17	M: HW 2 Assign
5	Fission and fusion, nuclear power plant, nuclear power externalities	Chapter 18, 19	M: HW 2 Due W: HW 3 Assign
6	Solar energy fundamentals, solar thermal	Chapters 20, 21, 22, 23, 24	W: HW 3 Due
7	Photovoltaic, biological Energy, biomass, biofuel	Chapter 25	M: HW 4 Assign
8	Ocean energy flow, Wind resources	Chapters 26, 27, 28	M: HW 4 Due
9	Midterm Exam , Basic fluid dynamics	Chapter 29	
10	Wind turbines, hydro, wave, tidal, and marine current	Chapter 30, 31	M: HW 5 Assign
11	Geothermal energy, fossil Fuels	Chapter 32, 33	M: HW 5 Due, HW 6 Assign
12	Energy and climate, earth's climate: past, present, and future	Chapter 34,35	M: HW 6 Due W: HW 7 Assign
13	Energy efficiency and conservation, storage	Chapter 36,37	W: HW 7 Due
14	Electricity generation and transmission, smart grid	Chapter 38	W: HW 8 Assign
15	Student presentations		HW 8 Due

Final exam: Refer to the final exam schedule in the USC Schedule of Classes at <http://www.usc.edu/soc>

Homework

Some homework questions are from the textbook, and some homework questions (mainly something to think about) are from the instructor.

Final presentation:

Every two students form a team to perform literature research on a topic relating to power and energy. The topic is selected by each team based on their interest. At the end of the semester, each team gives a 10-minute presentation to report their literature research to the class. All presentations are graded by other students.

Statement on Academic Conduct and Support Systems

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suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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studenthealth.usc.edu/sexual-assault

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eeotix.usc.edu

Information about how to get help or help someone affected by harassment or discrimination, rights of protected classes, reporting options, and additional resources for students, faculty, staff, visitors, and applicants.

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