MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (MATSE)

MATSE 81: Materials in Today's World
3 Credits
A survey of the properties, manufacture, and uses of polymers, ceramics and metals in today's world with emphasis on modern developments and new materials. MATSE 081 Materials in Today's World (3) (GN;IL)(BA) This course meets the Bachelor of Arts degree requirements. MATSE 081 presents the basic science and technology of materials to non-science students. The course concentrates on "Materials in Today's World"; but frames the discussion in a relevant historical framework. The lectures are built around "The Central Paradigm of Materials Science and Engineering"; which links processing to structures to properties to performance. The fundamental basis of the science of materials, structure, is addressed first. Beginning at the sub-atomic level, the students are introduced to the intrinsically simple concept of metals and non-metals, and to a fundamental understanding of The Periodic Table. From these conceptual ideas, ceramics and electronic materials are rationalized or the basis of their electronic structures. The properties of materials, e.g., mechanical, thermal, electronic and photonic are developed directly from a knowledge of the structures discussed in earlier lectures. The concept of materials' design is introduced with respect to the properties of density, melting point and hardness. Young's modulus design is also described. There are as many processing routes as there are materials. Hence, the state of lectures on processing, investigates prototypical examples of: metals - steel; ceramics - vitreous ceramics; and polymers-polyethylene. Current practices for e.g., the processing of steel and vitreous ceramics are compared with those, which were employed in antiquity. The performance of materials is a constant theme that permeates all the lectures. For example, during the firing of clay ceramics, the question "how does the temperature of firing affect both performance and utility?" is addressed. The great thinkers of the physical sciences are introduced via vignettes that are presented, often at the beginning of class. Giants such as Aristotle and Newton are described, warts and all, in an effort to make science a broader part of the human experience. The professor also uses many examples from his own scientific experiences, and his interaction with some of the more (in) famous of the modern scientists.

Bachelor of Arts: Natural Sciences
International Cultures (IL)
General Education: Natural Sciences (GN)

MATSE 91: Polymers, Life and Society
3 Credits
An exploration of the science and use of polymer materials and their impact on society using a case study approach. MATSE 091 Polymers, Life and Society (3) (GN) Over the course of the last 100 years, polymeric materials have transformed the way we live. Modern transportation systems, much of contemporary medicine and the entire electronics and computer industry would not be possible without polymers. In order to understand the nature of these materials and why they are ubiquitous in modern society, this course will provide students with a basic knowledge of the structure, synthesis and properties of these materials, starting with atoms and molecules and proceeding through basic elements of the chemistry and physics of these materials. Students will discover the commonalities and differences between synthetic polymers, such as polyesters and nylons, and natural or biological polymers, such as cotton and silk. In order to provide a narrative thread, the course will be structured in terms of "case studies"; in the history of the development of specific materials (e.g., nylon) and ideas about their structure, starting from a consideration of the fundamental nature of matter. This approach will not only give students an overview of the nature and properties of polymer materials, but also show them how the discipline fits into the larger context of the nature of scientific discovery and the interplay of innovation, vision, luck, perseverance, and personalities involved in this development. Last but not least, the course will make students aware of a number of contemporary global concerns about the use of polymers in general and some polymers (and additives) in particular, again through the medium of specific case studies. The intended audiences include undergraduates at Penn State, as well as adult learners who need to have a broader knowledge of polymer materials. Learning and discovery will be facilitated by a broad range of interactive programs and animations developed over the last five years by faculty in the Department of Material Science and Engineering. A self-contained CD incorporating this material and structured as a complete self-learning tool will be used in instruction. The course material is being constructed using the Macromedia program Director, which allows versions of the CD that run on Windows and the Mac platform to be made available. Students will also need access to the internet, as they will also use online resources to discover and analyze material. Interactive online quizzes will provide instantaneous feedback and allow students to assess their progress. Overall student assessment will be based on a combination of quizzes of this type, term projects and an "open book" final exam. MATSE 091 will be offered three times each year, in the Fall, Spring, and the first-six week summer session, commencing Fall 2005.

General Education: Natural Sciences (GN)

MATSE 101: Energy and the Environment
3 Credits
Energy utilization and technological development, energy resources, conversion and consequences on the local and global environment, and future energy alternatives.

Cross-Listed Bachelor of Arts: Natural Sciences
General Education: Natural Sciences (GN)

MATSE 101A: Energy and the Environment
3 Credits
Energy utilization and technological development, energy resources, conversion and consequences on the local and global environment, and future energy alternatives. EGEE (MATSC) 101A Energy and the Environment (3) (GN;IL)(BA) This course meets the Bachelor of Arts degree requirements. Energy is the life-blood of any society. The information and principles learnt in this course will allow the students to make sound judgments in the area of personal energy choices. There is increasing concern about the influence of human activities, particularly energy use, on global climate change. This has an impact on global business aspects. Students in all walks of life need to be exposed to the basic concepts to appreciate the positions of
policymakers, scientists, and industry over the interrelationship between greenhouse gas emissions and global climate change. The students will acquire knowledge, which will enable them to critically evaluate any energy-related concerns of the society. This is important for any college graduate for responsible citizenship and stewardship. The main objectives of this course are to: provide basic understanding and appreciation of energy and environmental concepts and interconnectedness; analyze energy consumption patterns; discuss various energy resources that power the modern society; examine the energy conversion processes; explore interrelationships between energy use and industrial progress and environmental consequences; discuss future energy alternatives. Student performance will be evaluated continuously through homework assignments, exams, group activities, class participation and a final examination. Position papers or term papers may be used in lieu of homework assignments in some sections. This course is a stand-alone General Education course. The course is currently offered in four sections every semester (Spring and Fall) with a total target enrollment of approximately 200-250 students per semester.

Cross-listed with: E GEE 101 A
Bachelor of Arts: Natural Sciences
International Cultures (IL)
General Education: Natural Sciences (GN)

MATSE 112: Applied Materials Chemistry for Engineers
3 Credits

Chemistry of materials with emphasis on intermolecular forces between atoms, molecules, ions, and dense materials and inorganic and organic physical chemistry. In most majors, this course is not a substitute for CHEM 013 or CHEM 112.

Prerequisite: CHEM 110
General Education: Natural Sciences (GN)

MATSE 201: Introduction to Materials Science
3 Credits

Concepts of relationships between structure and thermal, optical, magnetic, electrical, and mechanical properties of metals, ceramics, glasses, and polymers.

Prerequisites: CHEM 112 or MATSE 112

MATSE 201H: Introduction to Materials Science
3 Credits

Concepts of relationships between structure and thermal, optical, magnetic, electrical, and mechanical properties of metals, ceramics, glasses, and polymers.

Honors

MATSE 202: Introduction to Polymer Materials
3 Credits

The materials science of organic or soft materials with an emphasis on synthetic and natural polymer. MATSE 202 Introduction to Polymer Materials (3) Materials made from many types of natural organic materials, (cotton, wool, hemp, leather, etc.) have been with us throughout recorded history and have played crucial roles in the rise of civilizations and the economies of tribes and nations. Over the course of the last 100 years or so the development of synthetic organic materials, particularly polymers, has transformed the way we live. Modern transportation systems, much of contemporary medicine and the entire electronics and computer industry would not be possible without these materials. In order to understand their nature and provide a basis for a more in-depth understanding of these materials provided by courses with a more specific focus, why they are ubiquitous in modern society, this course will provide students with a basic knowledge of the structure, synthesis and properties and processing of these materials, starting with a review of atomic and molecular structure and proceeding through basic elements of the chemical synthesis, structure, mechanical properties and processing of these materials. Students will discover the commonalities and differences between synthetic polymers, such as polyesters and nyons, and natural or biological polymers, such as cotton and silk. A comparison will also be made between the mechanical properties of “hard,” inorganic materials such as metals and ceramics, and “soft,” organic materials such as polymers. The primary intended audience is undergraduates in Materials Science and Engineering. This course will provide a necessary overview of organic materials for those students who will focus on inorganic materials in the major and also provide an introduction to organic materials for those students who will specialize in polymers and other organic materials. It is also anticipated that students in other disciplines who want to obtain an overview of the science and engineering of organic materials would want to take this course.

Prerequisite: CHEM 202, MATH 231

MATSE 259: Properties and Processing of Engineering Materials
3 Credits

Relationship of structure and processing variables to the properties and service behavior of metals, polymers, and ceramics.

Prerequisite: E MCH 213 or E MCH 210

MATSE 259H: Properties and Processing of Engineering Materials
3 Credits

Relationship of structure and processing variables to the properties and service behavior of metals, polymers, and ceramics.

Honors

MATSE 297: Special Topics
1-9 Credits/Maximum of 9

Formal courses given infrequently to explore, in depth, a comparatively narrow subject which may be topical or of special interest.

MATSE 400: Crystal Chemistry
3 Credits

Principles of crystal chemistry applied to structures, structural defects and properties of organic, inorganic, intermetallic, and metallic crystals.

Prerequisite: MATSE 201, MATSE 202, MATH 220, MATH 231, MATH 251
and dental applications for ceramics will be discussed. Specific ceramic
of ceramics for hard tissue prosthesis will be discussed. Orthopaedic
on these topics will be that of materials science. The selection
the immune responses to implanted materials, the resorption of bone
the relationships between microstructure, composition and function,
and blood surface interactions, the formation of teeth and bone and
(polypeptides and polysaccharides) and the general relationships
presented. This will provide the background necessary to appreciate
areas. A general introduction to selected aspects of physiology will be
considered. The topical content of this course will be grouped into four
materials; external appliances, such as casts, braces, etc are not
this course. The subject matter shall be confined to implanted
emulating the functions of hard and soft tissues, are the subjects of
polymers, and ceramics, and their composites, which are capable of
applications to the calculations of heat involved in various materials
processes such as chemical reactions and phase transformations. The
Second law of thermodynamics and the concept of entropy are then
introduced. The application of maximum work theorem to engine
efficiency is briefly discussed. Various thermodynamic potentials are
defined to determine the equilibrium of a system under various
thermodynamic conditions, with an emphasis on the Gibbs free energy
functions at constant temperature and pressure conditions. The
relationships among thermodynamic properties are derived using the
Maxwell relations. Phase diagrams of single-component systems are
constructed from the Gibbs free energy function, and the Clapeyron
equation is applied to describe the phase boundaries. Applications of
thermodynamics to the determination of chemical equilibrium and to
the calculation of the voltages of electrochemical reactions are also
discussed. The last part of the course is focused on the solution
thermodynamics and its application to binary phase-diagrams.

Prerequisites: MATSE 201 and MATSE 202 and MATH 251

MATSE 401H: Thermodynamics of Materials

3 Credits

Review of equilibrium thermodynamics and applications to metallurgical
and material systems.

Honors

MATSE 402: Materials Process Kinetics

3 Credits

A treatment of process kinetics including chemical reaction kinetics and
momentum, energy and mass transport.

Prerequisites: MATSE 201 and MATSE 202 and MATH 251

MATSE 403: Biomedical Materials

3 Credits

Describe properties of materials and composites and their in vivo
interactions. BME 443 (MATSE 403) Biomedical Materials (3) Metals,
polymers, and ceramics, and their composites, which are capable of
emulating the functions of hard and soft tissues, are the subjects of
this course. The subject matter shall be confined to implanted
materials; external appliances, such as casts, braces, etc are not
considered. The topical content of this course will be grouped into four
areas. A general introduction to selected aspects of physiology will be
presented. This will provide the background necessary to appreciate
the factors which govern the selection of biomedical materials.
Specific emphases will be placed on polymerization of biopolymers
(polypeptides and polysaccharides) and the general relationships
between conformation and biological function, the biochemistry of blood
and blood surface interactions, the formation of teeth and bone and
the relationships between microstructure, composition and function,
the immune responses to implanted materials, the resorption of bone
(osteoporosis) and the development of caries. The perspective placed
on these topics will be that of materials science. The selection
of ceramics for hard tissue prosthesis will be discussed. Orthopaedic
and dental applications for ceramics will be discussed. Specific ceramic
materials to be treated include dental porcelain, alumina- and zirconia-
based ceramics, and bioglasses and pyrolytic carbons. Various classes
of inorganic cements, gypsum, zinc phosphates, zinc carboxylates,
silicates, and glassionomer cements will also be considered as ceramics.
Hydroxyapatite, Hap-based composites and Hap-metal interactions will
be discussed in particular Relationships among physical properties,
mechanical properties, and chemical interactions with biological fluids
will be described. Dental and orthopedic applications of metals will be
described. The fracture toughness of metals, their electrochemical
responses in vivo, and the nature of the interfacial interactions with
hard tissues will be treated Dental amalgams and the noble metals for
dental applications will be considered. Metals and alloys, such as Ti, Co-
Cr, and vitalliium, used in prosthetic applications, will be described and
their properties and limitations discussed. The phenomenon of stress
shielding and the immune responses associated with the accumulation
of metallic and polymeric particular debris in the vicinity of an implant
will be discussed in particular Polymeric materials are important in a
broad range of biomedical applications. Among these are soft tissue
prostheses, hemostatic agents, dental restoratives, bone replacement
materials, and surgical adhesives. In some applications it is desirable
that a polymeric material biodegrade while in others property retention is
desirable.

Prerequisite: MATSE201 or CHEM 112 and MATH 230 or MATH 231
Cross-listed with: BME 443

MATSE 404: Surfaces and the Biological Response to Materials

3 Credits

Focus is on special properties of surface as an important causative and
mediating agent in the biological response to materials.

Prerequisite: CHEM 112 or MATSE112
Cross-listed with: BME 444
International Cultures (IL)

MATSE 409: Nuclear Materials

3 Credits

Nuclear reactor materials: relationship between changes in material
properties and microstructural evolution of nuclear cladding and fuel
under irradiation. NUC E (MATSE) 409 Nuclear Materials (3) NUC E/
MATSE 409 provides a background on the types of materials used in
nuclear reactors and their response to neutron irradiation. Most of
the materials problems encountered in the operation of nuclear power
reactors for energy production are discussed here. The objective of the
course is to give nuclear engineering students a background in materials,
so they understand the limitations put on reactor operations and reactor
design by materials performance. In the first part of the course, we
review basic concepts of physical metallurgy, to develop a mechanistic
and microstructurally based view of material properties. In the second
part of the course, we present the methods to calculate displacement
damage to the material produced by exposure to neutron irradiation.
The microstructural evolution that results from the reactor exposure
(including radiation damage and defect cluster evolution, and changes)
is described. The aim is to create a linkage between these changes at
the atomistic level and the changes in macroscopic behavior of the
material. Special attention is given to property changes that affect fuel
performance and operational safety. Both mathematical methods and
experimental techniques are emphasized so that theoretical modeling is
instructed by experimental data. Students use the TRIM and SPECTER
codes to quantitatively evaluate neutron damage, as well as learn simple
analytical models that describe microstructural evolution and property changes under irradiation.

**Prerequisite:** PHYS 214
Cross-listed with: NUCE 409

MATSE 410: Phase Relations in Materials Systems
3 Credits

Phase rule; construction and interpretations of equilibrium diagrams; importance of nonequilibrium in materials. MATSE 410 Phase Relations in Materials Systems (3) This course integrates three core components of materials science and engineering: thermodynamics, kinetics, and interface crystallography in understanding processing and development of inorganic materials. It is the key course bridging the fundamentals to practical materials processing. Phase equilibria, phase diagrams, phase transformations and heat treatments are addressed in great details through nucleation, transformation kinetics, crystal interface and diffusion. The complexity of materials is discussed in hierarchy from pure elements, binaries, ternaries to multicomponents.

**Prerequisite:** MATSE201, MATSE401

MATSE 411: Processing of Ceramics
3 Credits

Principles of ceramic processing, including powder preparation and characterization, forming operations, and the basic phenomena underlying these operations. MATSE 411 Processing of Ceramics (3) This course covers the scientific and engineering principles of manufacturing of ceramic products. The course covers powder synthesis and characterization; surface and colloid chemistry; fabrication; and densification by sintering. There is an emphasis on the physical chemistry of particulate systems as relates to the various stages processing. The course is offered every fall semester and is required for BS graduates of the Ceramic Science and Engineering option in Materials Science and Engineering. The course objectives are for the student to (1) become knowledgeable of all steps involved in ceramic manufacture from powder synthesis through final densification by sintering, (2) understand the rationale and compromises for selecting a given processing route, (3) understand and be able to apply the parametric relations for manufacture of a ceramic with a specified microstructure, and (4) understand the physical chemistry fundamentals responsible for the unique properties of fine powders.

**Prerequisite:** MATSE400, MATSE402

MATSE 412: Thermal Properties of Materials
3 Credits

Generation of high temperatures, measurement of temperature, heat transfer and furnace design, thermal stability of ceramic materials, applied thermodynamics. MATSE 412 Thermal Properties of Materials (3) The fundamentals of achieving, measuring, and controlling high temperature for materials processing are addressed. The crystal physics underlying heat capacity, internal energy, phonon and photon conduction, and thermal expansion is used to rationalize the behavior of a wide variety of ceramic and metallic materials in severe thermal environments. Micro- and macroscopic thermal transport, thermal shock and fatigue behavior, and thermochemical durability are addressed insofar as their impact on the design of, and with, high performance materials in thermostructural applications. Case studies on materials selection and design using the fundamentals of inorganic crystal chemistry, physics, thermodynamics, kinetics, elastic, and mechanical properties are widely employed. Students interested in disciplines such as metallurgy, ceramic science, electronic and photonic materials, mechanical engineering, aerospace engineering, industrial engineering, engineering science, and chemical engineering will benefit significantly from this course.

**Prerequisite:** MATSE201 or MATSE259, MATSE401; Concurrent: MATSE401

MATSE 413: Solid-State Materials
3 Credits

The main course objective is to provide sufficient background for the understanding of fundamental phenomena in solid state materials.

Mathematical description of periodic arrays and the concept of reciprocal space are introduced, lattice vibrations are discussed. An introduction to quantum mechanics is given and the solution of the stationary Schrödinger Equation for various problems relevant in nanostructured materials is presented. A semi-quantitative approach is taken how the electronic structure of isolated atoms is changed as they bond and form molecules and solids. Emphasis is placed how such bonding influences whether the resulting material will be a metal, an insulator or a semiconductor. The goal is to master the modern framework in solid state materials that describes materials phenomena at an atomic level, such as electronic band structure and electronic transport, the vibrational properties of solid state materials and to prepare the audience for higher level quantum mechanical problems.

**Prerequisites:** MAT 201 and MATH 220 and ( MATH 231 or MATH 230 )

MATSE 415: Introduction to Glass Science
3 Credits

Composition, melting, fabrication, properties, and uses of glass; combinations of glass with metals and other materials. MATSE 415MATSE 415 Introduction to Glass Science (3) This course aims to explain the unique characteristics of the glassy state, and to describe their role in the processing, application, and engineering performance of amorphous materials and glass products. The course teaches fundamental concepts of amorphous structure, and then utilizes them to establish structure-property relations in various glass systems. The viscosity, thermal expansion, chemical durability, strength behavior, and optical properties of silicate-based glasses are emphasized, although the important properties of phosphate, halide, and chalcogenide glasses are not overlooked. Also included are phenomenological descriptions of glass formation, liquid-liquid immiscibility, viscous flow, structural relaxation, stress relaxation, and crystallization in glass. Various methods for the synthesis of glass are reviewed (melting, CVD, and sol/gel), along with important manufacturing processes for commercial glass products. Throughout the course, the applications of glass and glass components in electronics, photonics, biomedicine, transportation, and energy are described to rationalize the use of glass (i.e., the materials selection), the specific glass composition, and the associated processing method.

**Prerequisite:** MATSE400, MATSE401, MATSE402, MATSE462

MATSE 417: Electrical and Magnetic Properties
3 Credits

Electrical conductivity, dielectric properties, piezoelectric and ferromagnetic phenomena; magnetic properties of ceramics. ESC 417 / MATSE 417
Electrical and Magnetic Properties (3) is designed to provide students with a fundamental understanding of the different responses a material can have to applied electrical or magnetic fields. Important properties are introduced and correlated with knowledge of material chemistry, crystal structure, and microstructure to provide an understanding of the mechanisms responsible for the observed properties, as well as the ways in which properties can be engineered. Electronic and magnetic properties encompass dielectric, ferroelectric, conductor, superconductor, and ferromagnetic materials. Material properties and structures are related to sensors, energy storage and conversion devices, biomedical devices and electronic components in telecommunications.

Prerequisite: MATSE400, MATSE413; Concurrent: MATSE402
Cross-listed with: ESC 417

MATSE 419: Computational Materials Science and Engineering

3 Credits

Introduction to computational material science and engineering. Overview of the computational methods for materials, from atomistic to the continuum scale. MATSE 419 Computational Materials Science and Engineering (3) Modeling is a critically important tool in the field of materials. This course is designed to inform students about all areas of materials modeling, and to explore the use of modeling in different research areas. This is a hands-on undergraduate level course, mandatory for all MATSE students, covering current methods for modeling soft and hard matter, at the atomistic, meso and continuum scale levels. It consists of an overview of individual techniques of modeling from atomistic molecular dynamics and Monte Carlo, coarse-grained molecular dynamics, and multiscale modeling, to the continuum (e.g., SAFT, CALPHAD). It also includes a computer laboratory component with hands-on exercises. At the conclusion of the course, students will understand the physical basis and basic procedures of each technique. Students will be able to understand the general literature in modeling and its connection with experimental work, as well as to communicate with experts in the field. From the laboratory practices, they will learn how the individual modeling techniques contribute to knowledge in each area, and to interconnect them with experimental information.

Prerequisites: CMPSC 200 and MATSE 201 and MATSE 202 and MATH 220 and (MATH 231 or MATH 230) and MATH 251

MATSE 421: Corrosion Engineering

3 Credits/Maximum of 3

Industrial forms of corrosion and preventive methods, and their description in terms of basic thermodynamic and kinetic considerations. MATSE 421 Corrosion Engineering (3) This 3-credit course is an introduction to the corrosion field and more broadly to the principles of electrochemistry and to the electrode reactions that occur during the undesirable corrosive degradation of metal, and also in various important commercial processes such as electroplating, electroless plating, battery and fuel cell operation, aqueous extraction metallurgy and corrosion prevention techniques. The objectives of this course are to introduce the student to the (1) principles of electrode reactions, (2) nature of commercial corrosion resistant alloys and their compositions, (3) various forms of corrosion and preventative measures, and (4) design of electrochemical laboratory and field procedures for detecting corrosion processes and determining their rates. Thermodynamic and rate data are used to make engineering decisions relative to the occurrence of corrosion, to the effectiveness of the various preventative measures, and to electrochemical design. Corrosion processes and electrode reactions more generally are primarily concerned with the surface properties of materials, but the bulk properties, such as microstructure, grain size, hardness, and composition, are discussed in terms of their impact on materials degradation. In-class closed-book exams and problem sets, and homework that allow student collaboration, are used for evaluation. Computer access to the course is available and includes all lecture material, old exams with answers, home works, and syllabus on the Web. This course is offered every year with typical class size of less than 20 students.

Prerequisites: PHYS 212, MATSE 401, MATSE 402

MATSE 422: Thermochemical Processing

3 Credits

Physico-chemical aspects of high temperature extraction and processing of metals and alloys. Design and evaluation of processes and process options. MATSE 422 MATSE 422 Thermochemical Processing (3) An important goal of materials engineering is to efficiently produce metals and alloys of specific composition. Familiar examples include the tonnage production of metals and alloys, the production of ultra high purity electronic materials such as silicon and germanium, and the deposition of thin films for various applications. In this course the students get an understanding of the physical and chemical principles underlying these operations and how these principles are applied in industrial practice. The students get ample opportunities to apply thermodynamics, kinetics, and transport phenomena to understand why the processes currently in use work. Furthermore, they learn how to marshal information for the design of projected new processes and process options. Broadly stated, the topics include solid-state reactions, production of liquid metals, and processing, all carried out at high temperatures. The topics are covered in a set of lecture notes available from the instructor. The lectures are accompanied by about fifteen problems sets in the form of home work and class work so that the students experience first-hand how the principles of thermodynamics and rate processes are applied in solving important problems in thermochemical processing.

Prerequisite: MATSE401, MATSE402

MATSE 425: Processing of Metals

3 Credits

Modern methods of shaping metals in liquid and solid states: casting, joining, powder and deformation processing. Design of new technology. MATSE 425 Processing of Metals (3) This course focuses on how metals and alloys may be processed into different shapes and how those processing procedures affect the metallurgical microstructure and properties. Consideration of shape, the alloy composition, and property goals are all factors in selecting an optimum processing &quot;window&quot;. Such carefully selected processing conditions not only produce the desired component shape in a cost-efficient manner but also ensure acceptable properties and safe in-service performance. This course surveys the following metal processing procedures: (a) solidification processing, (b) heat treatment processing, (c) welding, (d) deformation processing, and (e) powder metallurgy.

Prerequisite: MATSE402, MATSE410
MATSE 426: Aqueous Processing

3 Credits

A study of the chemical and engineering principles pertinent to metal processing in aqueous systems: hydrometallurgical extraction, plating, materials preparation. MATSE (MN PR) 426 Aqueous Processing (3) This 3-credit course deals with the chemical and engineering principles underlying the aqueous processing of metals: metal extraction from primary and secondary sources, electroplating, and metal finishing, powder synthesis, energy storage and conversion, and treatment of recycling of metal-containing toxic wastes.1. Physico-Chemical Principles - Thermodynamic, chemical kinetic and transport factors which control hydrochemical processes (leaching; precipitation; adsorption; solvent extraction; ion exchange; electrowinning, electrorefining and electroplating; membrane processes; energy storage and conversion); graphical representation of homogeneous and solid/solution equilibria; chemical reagents.2. Engineering Principles - Reactor design and staged operations; ideal batch, continuous stirred-tank and plug-flow reactors; fluidized bed reactors; electrochemical reactors; multistage separation processes (solid-liquid, liquid-liquid, and gas-liquid systems).3. Process Synthesis - Design of metal separation (extraction, refining, waste treatment) materials synthesis, metal finishing, and energy storage/conversion processes and system-integration of unit operations, industrial practice. Emphasis on closing circuits to minimize or eliminate waste effluents.

Enforced Prerequisite at Enrollment: EME 301 or MATSE 401

Cross-listed with: MNPR 426

MATSE 427: Microstructure Design of Structural Materials

3 Credits

Phase transformations in ferrous and nonferrous metal alloys and structural ceramics; processing, structure, and property relationships; heat treatment of structural metals; microstructure development.

Prerequisite: MATSE201, MATSE259 or equivalent

MATSE 430: Materials Characterization

3 Credits

Elements of crystallography and the characterization of crystalline and non-crystalline materials using x-ray diffraction, electron microscopic, and other instrumental techniques. MATSE 430 Materials Characterization (3) This course will introduce students to characterization techniques for quantifying microstructure, chemistry and atomic structure of solid state materials. Elastic and inelastic interactions of radiation (e.g. electromagnetic and electrons) with solid state materials are the basis for most characterization techniques. Utilizing these interactions it is possible to obtain structural and chemical information from materials, often at small length scales. In this course, students will be introduced to the most common imaging, diffraction and spectroscopy techniques used for materials characterization. They will develop an understanding of the underlying physics behind the techniques to enable interpretation of the data. The course will be beneficial for any student interested in solid-state materials, as it provides a key component of the processing-structure-properties process.

Prerequisites: MATSE 201 and MATSE 202 and MATH 220 and (MATSE 231 or MATH 230) and MATH 251

MATSE 430H: Materials Characterization

3 Credits

Elements of crystallography and the characterization of crystalline and non-crystalline materials using x-ray diffraction, electron microscopic, and other instrumental techniques.

Honors

MATSE 435: Optical Properties of Materials

3 Credits

Electromagnetic spectrum, interaction of light with materials, color, thin film optical coatings, electro-, integrated and nonlinear optics.

Prerequisite: MATSE400

MATSE 436: Mechanical Properties of Materials

3 Credits

Fundamental relationships between structure and mechanical behavior of materials. MATSE 436 Mechanical Properties of Materials (3) The topics covered in this course are essential to students in the Materials Science and Engineering options, and these are also required for materials engineering courses nationally accredited by the professional societies. The course is taught at the 400 level because it requires the fundamental courses in mathematics and physics to be completed. The course also requires completion of an introductory course in materials science. This new course typically fits into the junior or senior year, when students in the major are understanding how the properties of materials can be changed by controlling the structure of materials. The course has also been designed such that students in other engineering majors can take this course as a technical elective. Some of the information in this course is used in laboratory courses for the major. The course is not required as a prerequisite for other courses.

Prerequisite: (MATSE 201 or MATSE 259) and MATSE 202 and MATH 220 and (MATH 231 or MATH 230) and MATH 251 and PHYS 211

MATSE 440: Nondestructive Evaluation of Flaws

3 Credits

Methods and limitations of nondestructive evaluation of mechanical flaws; optical, acoustical, electromagnetic, x-ray, radiography, thermography, and dye techniques.

Prerequisite: E MCH213, E MCH210H, or E MCH210

Cross-listed with: EMCH 440

MATSE 441: Polymeric Materials I

3 Credits

This 3-credit course focuses on about 50 commercially most important polymers together with the discussion of synthesis routes, industrial production processes, processing methods, physical and chemical properties, and applications. They are classified into 10 families of polymeric materials, which are taught along with introduction of polymeric materials and synthesis of polymers in the beginning of the class.

Prerequisites: MATSE 201 and MATSE 202 and MATH 220 and (MATSE 231 or MATH 230) and MATH 251
Prerequisite: (CHEM 202 or CHEM 210) and MATSE 202 and (MATH 231 or MATH 230)

MATSE 443: Introduction to the Materials Science of Polymers

3 Credits

Introduction to the nature and structure of high polymers. Characteristics of polymers and polymer systems. MATSE 443 Introduction to the Materials Science of Polymers (3) This course is an introduction to the field of polymer science and engineering, providing an overview of the synthesis and structure of these materials; the crystalline and glassy states; solution properties and phase behavior; and mechanical and rheological properties.

Prerequisite: CHEM 210, MATH 231

MATSE 444: Solid State Properties of Polymeric Materials

3 Credits

Structure/property relationships in the bulk solid state of polymers. Characterization of bulk properties and structure. MATSE 444 MATSE 444 Solid State Properties of Polymeric Materials (3) Prerequisite is PLMSE 406. Understanding relationships between structure and properties in the bulk solid state of polymers is important in designing and utilizing polymers in many applications. In trying to understand ‘structure’ we also need to define what is meant by and important in ‘structure’ and review tools used to measure desired structural features. Two-thirds of the course addresses accepted general features of the polymeric solid state, with particular emphasis on characterization of semicrystalline polymers since semicrystalline polymers represent approximately 75% of industrially important polymers. In this portion of the course, we will be particularly concerned with defining and measuring percentage crystallinity and with defining and measuring orientation in polymers. Both of these parameters play important roles in establishing physical characteristics of polymers, in particular in mechanical properties. Mechanical properties continue to be an important feature for polymers since polymers possess the widest available range of mechanical properties of any material. The remainder of the course covers new and/or continuing topics selected from composition-branching distribution; barrier properties of thin films and recycle-degradation of polymers.

Prerequisite: MATSE443

MATSE 445: Thermodynamics, Microstructure, and Characterization of Polymers

3 Credits

The properties of individual polymer chains. Theoretical and experimental techniques pertaining to the characterization of polymeric microstructure. MATSE 445 Thermodynamics, Microstructure, and Characterization of Polymers (3) This course develops fundamental understanding of microstructures and chain conformations of polymers, and addresses theoretical and experimental techniques pertaining to the characterization of polymeric microstructure.

Prerequisite: MATSE202 or MATSE443

MATSE 446: Mechanical and Electrical Properties of Polymers and Composites

3 Credits

The mechanical (viscoelastic) and electric properties of polymers and poly-based composites. MATSE 446 Mechanical and Electrical Properties of Polymers and Composites (3) This course is an introduction to the mechanical and electrical properties of polymers and polymer-based composites: focusing on the importance of molecular structure, rubber elasticity, mechanisms of yielding, viscoelasticity and manifestation thereof, static and ac dielectric properties, and conduction.

Prerequisite: MATSE202 or MATSE443

MATSE 447: Rheology and Processing of Polymers

3 Credits

This course deals with the fluid mechanics, rheology, and processing of polymeric materials.

Prerequisite: MATSE202 or MATSE443

MATSE 448: Polymer Processing Technology

3 Credits

Basic principles of polymer melt processing are reviewed and subsequently applied to the most important industrial processing operations. MATSE 448 (CH E 442) Polymer Processing Technology (3) MATSE 448 involves both lectures and laboratory experiments illustrating the interrelations between structure, processing conditions, and physical properties of industrial polymer products. Students apply engineering fundamentals and principles of polymer melt rheology to analyze industrial processing operations. Unlike typical polymer processing courses offered at most U.S. universities, MATSE 448 covers detailed analyses of individual processing operations, rather than dwelling on underlying polymer science fundamentals that are covered elsewhere in our curriculum. Students learn to optimize processing variables, given a particular set of materials and conditions, establishing how processing conditions impact the physical properties of finished polymer products. We explore the physics governing processing operations including extrusion, mixing, calendering, blow molding, thermoforming fiber spinning compression molding, injection molding, and nanolithography.

Prerequisite: MATSE447 or CH E 302A

Cross-listed with: CHE 442

MATSE 450: Synthesis and Processing of Electronic and Photonic Materials

3 Credits

The materials science of applying thin film coatings, etching, and bulk crystal growth; includes materials transport, accumulation, epitaxy, and defects.

Prerequisite: MATSE201 or E SC 414H, sixth semester standing

Cross-listed with: ESC 450
MATSE 455: Properties and Characterization of Electronic and Photonic Materials
3 Credits
Materials characterization in general; electrical properties of crystals, contacts, films; optical properties of single phase materials, waveguide, and multilayer stacks. 
Prerequisite: MATSE201 or E SC 414M, E SC 314

MATSE 460: Introductory Laboratory in Materials
1 Credits
An introduction to comparative physical properties and characteristics of various materials including mechanical, electrical thermal, and structure/morphology. MATSE 460 Introductory Laboratory in Materials (1) This is a lab course whose goal is to provide an integrated approach to materials science and engineering. Any individual lab will consist of a number of elements, initially students will be provided with a presentation summary of the proposed lab. This could be film, video, web delivery, hard copy or live presentation. Presentation time will be limited but should be reviewed before students attempt the hands-on lab. All labs will examine a variety of different materials including metal, ceramics and polymers. Labs will be integrative in the sense that they will include use of spreadsheets, data plotting, and presentation of results as written reports and/or as a PowerPoint presentation. The labs selected have been chosen specifically because they cut across all current basic materials disciplines. These labs are intended to provide students with a broad appreciation of the range and contrast of material structures and properties, in order that students more fully appreciate the breadth of material science and engineering. 
Prerequisite: MATSE 201

MATSE 462: General Properties Laboratory in Materials
1 Credits
An introduction to comparative physical properties of various materials including mechanical, thermal electrical, and structure/properties. MATSE 462 General Properties Laboratory in Materials (1) This is a lab course whose goal is to provide an integrated approach to materials science and engineering. Any individual lab will consist of a number of elements, initially students will be provided with a presentation summary of the proposed lab. This could be film, video, web delivery, hard copy or live presentation. Presentation time will be limited but should be reviewed before students attempt the hands-on lab. All labs will examine a variety of different materials including metal, ceramics, polymers and composites. Labs will be integrative in the sense that they will include use of spreadsheets, data plotting, and presentation of results as written reports and/or as a PowerPoint presentation. The labs selected have been chosen specifically because they cut across all current basic materials disciplines. These labs are intended to provide students with a broad appreciation of the range and contrast of material properties and the measurement of such properties, in order that students more fully appreciate the breadth of material science and engineering. 
Prerequisite: MATSE 460

MATSE 463: Characterization and Processing of Electronic and Photonic Materials Laboratory
1 Credits/Maximum of 1
Provides experience with key processing methods for EPM materials and advanced characterization methods for EPM materials and simple device structures. 
Prerequisite: MATSE 400, MATSE 430, MATSE 450, MATSE 455, MATSE 460; Concurrent: MATSE 450, MATSE 455

MATSE 468: Ceramics Laboratory III
1 Credits
Ceramic processing and powder characteristics. MATSE 468 Ceramics Laboratory III (1) This course will demonstrate to students the experimental techniques by which the key powder characteristics and powder processes are determined, how to analyze the data from the measurements, and to reveal the interaction between properties, processing and structure. The course concentrates on the importance of powder characterization, forming techniques, sintering and microstructure characterization in the processing of ceramics. 
Prerequisite: MATSE 462 Concurrent Courses: MATSE 411

MATSE 471: Metallurgy Laboratory I
1 Credits
A laboratory integrating experimental aspects of material contained in MATSE 402, 413, and 410, e.g. phase diagram determination, solidification micro-structures, etc. MATSE 471 Metallurgy Laboratory I (1) This course is largely an introduction to basic laboratory characterization techniques (optical microscopy, scanning electron microscopy, image analysis, hardness testing, thermal analysis). However, it also applies those characterization techniques in the context of Design of Experiments. This laboratory class also contains significant drills in technical writing.
Prerequisites: MATSE 462 and MATSE 430 COREQUISITE: MATSE 425

MATSE 472: Metallurgy Laboratory II
1 Credits
Application of principles of mechanical metallurgy, pyroprocessing, corrosion and metal processing. MATSE 472 Metallurgy Laboratory II (1) This course provides a range on laboratory experiences ranging from metals processing to alloy properties. A primary course objective is to demonstrate important relationships between the processing, microstructure, and properties of metals. The individual laboratory practices include the following: powder metallurgy, metal casting, mechanical property testing and analysis, welding and weldment characterization, non-destructive testing, failure analysis and fractography, computational processing design, corrosion, and aqueous processing. The course requires hands-on involvement by the students in the design and planning of experiments as well as data acquisition and analysis of results. Students work in groups, and written reports are the primary basis for grading. 
Prerequisite: MATSE 410, MATSE 471
**MATSE 473: Polymeric Materials Laboratory—Synthesis**

1 Credits

Principles and practices of polymerization, including condensation, free radical (bulk, solution, suspension, emulsion), ionic, and Zeigler-Natta procedures. MATSE 473 Polymeric Materials Laboratory—Synthesis (1) This laboratory course provides students exposure to a variety of synthetic techniques basic to Polymer Science. From the polymerization of styrene to the preparation of urethane foams, students will see the role varied synthetic methods and chemistries play in determining the final form and properties of a given polymer. Students also learn the polymer structure characterization by examining the produced polymers with proper tools and instruments.

**Prerequisite:** MATSE443

**MATSE 474: Polymeric Materials Laboratory—Characterization**

1 Credits

Principles and practices involved in determination of properties, structure and morphology, employing thermal, mechanical, spectroscopic, viscometric and computer techniques. MATSE 474 MATSE 474 Polymeric Materials Laboratory—Characterization (1) Prerequisite for the course is MATSE 443. This course introduces the student to a series of simple physical and physical-chemistry tests on polymers that are the basis for a wide range of more complex tests routinely carried out in industry. In addition to the tests listed below students are also instructed in preparation of lab reports and in some of the typical problems associated with presenting data. A final report utilizes data collected by a number of different student teams throughout the course of the lab. Finally, students are demonstrated a number of state-of-the-art characterization tools used specifically to determine properties of interest in the polymer area. Grading is based on written lab reports (10% for each of 8 separate reports and 20%) for a final comprehensive report using data from other groups as well as the student’s own group. Course content Injection Molding - students work with a simple injection molder to find optimum molding conditions to prepare sample bars for mechanical testing. Static Mechanical Testing - an Instron is used to determine modulus, yield, and elongation to break for samples prepared above and for other materials. Izod Impact Test - injection molded samples are used to measure notched impact tests on what are typically tough materials. Dilute Solution Viscometer - standard solution viscosity tests are used to measure intrinsic viscosity of polymer solutions and (viscosity average) molecular weight. Melt Viscometer - melt index and ‘die swell’ are easily measured with a simple ram and die ‘melt indexer’ as a measure of processibility. Optical Microscopy - some semi-crystallizable polymers produce large enough spherulities that rate of crystallization can be followed optically. Elasticity - a simple experiment measuring the retractive force of an elastic band as a function of temperature shows the entropic origin of elasticity. Copolymerization Computer - A computer program (VI) allows students to try a wide variety of what if experiments to measure the effects of a range of copolymerization parameters.

**Prerequisite:** MATSE443

**MATSE 475: Particulate Materials Processing**

3 Credits

Fundamentals of processing particulate materials including production, characterization, handling, compaction, and sintering of metal, carbide, intermetallic, and composite powders.

**Prerequisite:** E MCH315, E SC 414, or MATSE259

Cross-listed with: ESC 475

**MATSE 483: Simulation and Design of Nanostructures**

3 Credits

Introduction to computer simulation techniques and their applications at the physical/life sciences interface. E SC (MATSE) 483 Simulation and Design of Nanostructures (3) Students will learn the simulation techniques and the design rules of nanostructures. Basic concepts of computer modeling will be introduced using quantum and classical approaches. Fundamental physical phenomena encountered in the molecular fields of computational physics, chemistry, and biology will be studied. Applications are drawn from a broad range of fields including soft and condensed matter to build an understanding of nanostructures. The course will assume knowledge and skill developed in the prerequisite courses of PHYS 214 and MATH 230. Students are expected to combine knowledge from other courses with information presented here to develop sophisticated interpretations and understanding of physical and chemical principles of nanostructures and their design rules. Evaluation methods to be used in this course will be two in-class examinations and one final period examination. The course contains a computer code generation and implementation component. Students will use commercial or educational computer codes (e.g. Matlab, Mathematica, AMBER, CHARMM, VASP, etc.) which are available at our high performance computing clusters (http://gears.asnet.psu.edu/hpc/) Students will use the computing clusters to perform simulations which are accessible from any classroom or laboratory at Penn State. The principal objectives of the course is to learn the fundamental physics of nanostructures and to design them with computer simulations. This approach starts from classical molecular dynamics that apply on the large scale biological and synthetic assemblies and encompasses quantum mechanics for the molecular and atomic sizes. This course will give a broad scientific picture of simulation techniques in the area of nano-science and technology.

**Prerequisite:** PHYS 214 or E SC 312, MATH 230

Cross-listed with: ESC 483

**MATSE 484: International Internship in Materials: Research Definition and Methodology**

3 Credits

A course focused on international research, specific design and methodology, facilitated through the International Internship in Materials and Program. MATSE 484W International Internship in Materials: Research Definition and Methodology (3) (IL) The objective of this course is to enrich our students’ preparation for careers in materials science and engineering in a global environment. The course will emphasize the development of international communication skills as well as an appreciation of cultural and technical issues associated with conducting research in overseas laboratories. Students will select a research topic in collaboration with a Materials Science and Engineering faculty mentor and a mentor from an overseas laboratory or University. Students will perform and document a literature review encompassing the technical, economic, manufacturability, sustainability, environmental, safety/ health, social and political issues of relevance to the topic, with emphasis on the cultural, social, and scientific differences and similarities in performing the research in an international venue. Students will articulate and document a research hypothesis, experimental approach and methodology necessary to comprehensively evaluate the topic, and
commence laboratory research under the supervision of the mentor at the host institution.

Prerequisite: Sixth-semester standing in Materials Science and Engineering; MATSE201, MATSE460, MATSE492W; satisfactory completion of cultural class from Office of Education Abroad International Cultures (IL)
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MATSE 485: International Internship in Materials: Experimentation and Documentation

3 Credits

A course focused on international research, specifically experimentation and documentation, facilitated through the International Internship in Materials Program. MATSE 485W International Internship in Materials: Experimentation and Documentation (3) (IL) The objective of this course is to enrich students' preparation for careers in materials science and engineering in a global environment. The course is intended as a follow-up to MATSE 484W: International Internship in Materials: Research Definition and Methodology, in which the student will complete the research and documentation on the topic developed in that course. It may be used as a direct substitution for MATSE 494W: Research and Design Senior Project in the degree requirements for Materials Science and Engineering. The course will continue the student's development of international communication skills and appreciation of cultural and technical issues associated with conducting research in overseas laboratories. Students will complete their research experimentation, data analysis and interpretation under the supervision of a Materials Science and Engineering faculty mentor and a mentor from their host overseas laboratory or University. Students will compile a written thesis encompassing their technical findings, with specific emphasis on the economic, manufacturability, sustainability, environmental, safety/health, social and political issues of relevance to the topic. It is expected that the students will carefully and comprehensively articulate and consider the cultural, social, and scientific differences and similarities they experienced in performing the research in an international venue.

Prerequisite: Seventh-semester standing in Materials Science and Engineering; MATSE484W; satisfactory completion of cultural class from Office of Education Abroad International Cultures (IL)
Writing Across the Curriculum

MATSE 492: Materials Engineering Methodology and Design

3 Credits

Designed to familiarize students with the literature and technology developments in the use of, and design with, materials in industrial applications. MATSE 492 Materials Engineering Methodology and Design (3) The objective of this course is to teach students the skills to solve realistic problems related to the use of materials in industrial practice. This will be accomplished by considering alternatives for materials design or selection and proposing the most effective scientific or engineering solutions. The methodology will take into account other forces acting on the design process, such as economic, environmental, sustainability, manufacturability, ethical, health and safety, social and political concerns. Students will develop these design skills by working in teams on projects defined by industry, and will learn to communicate their solutions in verbal and written form. Students will also learn the key features needed in developing a team approach to solving problems. Typically, evaluation is based on written reports, performance in presentations, and instructors' assessment of the student's participation in design team activities. At the conclusion of the course, each student will select a design or independent research topic for their capstone senior-year design project.

Prerequisite: MATSE201, MATSE202, MATSE436, sixth semester standing in Materials Science and Engineering
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MATSE 493: Materials Science and Engineering Multidisciplinary Capstone Design Project

3 Credits

This course focuses on multidisciplinary industry-sponsored and community service-based design projects offered in conjunction with the College of Engineering's Learning Factory. MATSE 493W Materials Science and Engineering Multidisciplinary Capstone Design Project (3) This course will provide students with the opportunity to learn the design process in the context of an industry-sponsored or community service-based design project that demands they produce a working solution. The design projects in this course will be structured for students from two or more different engineering majors, as defined by the project sponsors in collaboration with the instructor and departmental project coordinators. The project sponsor will provide the technical expertise for the project, a clear definition of all project deliverables that are expected, and the financial support to cover needed materials and supplies and travel costs. Project sponsors will be invited to attend the Project Kickoff at the start of the semester to present their ideas and answer questions from the students as well as the Design Showcase at the end of the semester where teams display their results to the project sponsors and the public. The Center for Engineering Design and Entrepreneurship (CEDE) in Hammond Building and the Bernard M. Gordon Learning Factory will provide the facilities where the design teams can work together to develop the design concept and prototype solutions. Faculty members in the School of Engineering/Design, Technology, and Professional Programs (SEDTAPP) will administer the course, including reading, evaluating, and grading the final project report, provide lectures on topics including on project management, design, product manufacturing, intellectual property, engineering ethics, societal/global/contemporary/professional issues, and related technical topics, and organize invited technical lectures related to industry projects. In accordance with standard Learning Factory procedures, specific multidisciplinary projects will be selected for this course to provide challenging senior-year design experiences for all students, and the Director of the Learning Factory will coordinate the selection of these projects with the course instructor prior to the start of each semester of the course offering. Multidisciplinary teams will be formed based on specific project needs (i.e., expertise from two or more disciplines based on the project scope).

Prerequisite: MATSE492W
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MATSE 494M: Research and Design Senior Project

1-3 Credits/Maximum of 3

Continuation of a research problem in materials culminating in a bound thesis describing the work.

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MATSE 494W: Research and Design Senior Project

1-3 Credits/Maximum of 3

MATSE 494W Research and Design Senior Project (2) This course continues the senior thesis research topic addressed by the student in MATSE 493W. This is a capstone research/design project which integrates: a) background literature search with articulation of a research hypothesis, b) design and implementation of an experimental plan to test the hypothesis, and c) conclusions regarding the validity of the hypothesis based on the experimental data obtained in the course of the research. The main characteristic of this course is the performance of the research plan articulated in MATSE 493W, followed by interpretation of the data in the context of the original hypothesis(es). Laboratory research is generally performed in collaboration with faculty and graduate research assistants, using equipment and facilities in a wide range of laboratories throughout campus. Occasionally, the nature of the research may require the student to collaborate with researchers outside of Penn State, perhaps even spending some time in residence at other facilities. The course culminates in the preparation of a bound thesis detailing the relevance and findings of the research. Assessment of the student's progress is via grading of all components of the thesis (literature review/background, statement of the problem, design of the experimental plan, results and discussion, conclusions, recommendations for future work, and references/appendices), as well as the diligence of the student in performing the experimental research in a professional and timely fashion. The course is offered each semester to allow for differing schedules for students following the conventional MATSE curriculum versus those who have elected to participate in the Cooperative Education program.

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MATSE 496: Independent Studies

1-18 Credits/Maximum of 18

Creative projects, including research and design, which are supervised on an individual basis and which fall outside the scope of formal courses.

MATSE 496H: Independent Studies

3 Credits

Creative projects, including research and design, which are supervised on an individual basis and which fall outside the scope of formal courses.

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MATSE 497: Special Topics

1-9 Credits/Maximum of 9

Formal courses given infrequently to explore, in depth, a comparatively narrow subject which may be topical or of special interest.