

6000. Quantum Mechanics for Materials Scientists. 3 hours. The Schrödinger equation, quantum theory, solid state theory, band structure, tunneling and scattering with an emphasis on materials properties. Prerequisite(s): MTSC 5500 or consent of department.

6100. Mechanical Properties of Materials. 3 hours. Stress, strain and the basics of concepts in deformation and fracture for metals, polymers and ceramics. Analysis of important mechanical properties such as plastic flow, creep, fatigue, fracture toughness and rupture. Application of these principles to the design of improved materials and engineering structures. Prerequisite(s): MTSC 5600 or consent of department.

6110. Applied Fracture Mechanics. 3 hours. Linear elastic fracture mechanics, elastic-plastic fracture mechanics, time dependent failure, creep and fatigue, experimental analysis of fracture and failure of metals, ceramics, polymers and composites. Failure analysis related to material, product design, manufacturing and product. Prerequisite(s): MTSC 6100 or consent of department.

6120. Composite Material. 3 hours. Fibers; matrix materials; interfaces; polymer matrix composites; metal matrix composites; ceramic matrix composites; carbon fiber composites; micromechanics, macromechanics, laminate theory and application, design, failure analysis. Prerequisite(s): MTSC 6100 or consent of department.

6200. Imperfections in Solids. 3 hours. Point defects in semiconductors, metals, ceramics and non-ideal defect structures; non-equilibrium conditions produced by irradiation or quenching; effects or defects on electrical and physical properties, effects of defects at interfaces between differing materials. Prerequisite(s): MTSC 5500 or consent of department.

6210. Deformation Mechanisms in Solid Materials. 3 hours. Discussions on microelasticity and microplasticity of materials. Application of dislocation theory to understand deformation mechanisms related to strengthening. Interactions of dislocation with solute precipitates, dispersoid, grain boundary and barriers are presented. Deformation mechanisms in amorphous and polymeric materials. Micromechanisms of deformation in fatigue, creep, creep-fatigue and strain-rate loading are described.

6300. Phase Transformations. 3 hours. Thermodynamics, kinetic and structural aspects of metallic and ceramic phase transformations; mechanisms and rate-determining factors in solid-phase reactions; diffusion processes, nucleation theory, precipitations from solid solution, order-disorder phenomena and applications of binary and ternary phase diagrams. Prerequisite(s): MTSC 5300 or consent of department.

6400. Advanced Electron Microscopy. 3 hours. Theory and applications of scanning and transmission electron microscopy; sample preparation and analytical techniques. Prerequisite(s): MTSC 5600 or consent of department.

6610. Diffraction Science. 3 hours. Diffraction theory; scattering and diffraction experiments; kinematic theory; dynamical theory; x-ray topography; crystal structure analysis; disordered crystals; quasi-crystals. Prerequisite(s): MTSC 5600, 5610 or consent of department.

6800. Selected Topics in Materials Science. 3 hours. Topics from specialized areas of materials science, physics and chemistry. May be repeated for credit as topics vary.

6900-6910. Special Problems. 1-3 hours each. Special problems in experimental or theoretical for advanced materials science graduate students. Problem chosen by the student with the approval of the supervising professor.

6940. Individual Research. 1-3 hours. To be scheduled by the doctoral candidate engaged in research. May be repeated for credit.

6950. Doctoral Dissertation. 3, 6 or 9 hours. To be scheduled only with consent of department. 12 hours credit required. No credit assigned until dissertation has been completed and filed with the graduate dean. Doctoral students must maintain continuous enrollment in this course subsequent to passing qualifying examination for admission to candidacy. May be repeated for credit.

6970. Seminar for Doctoral Candidates. 3 hours. Demonstration of competence in a specific area of materials science as evidenced by criteria established by the faculty of each discipline. May be repeated for credit.

6990. Postdoctoral Research. 3 hours. For postdoctoral fellows to further training and research experience in developing and solving problems independently. Prerequisite(s): consent of department. May be repeated for credit.

Mathematics

The content of courses will vary from time to time, reflecting current trends and recent developments.

Mathematics, MATH

5000. Instructional Issues for the Professional Mathematician. 3 hours. Focus on various instructional issues from the perspective of the professional mathematician. Some major topics include course planning, the content of a course syllabus, lecture styles, the preparation and mechanics of lectures, the conduct of problem solving sessions, classroom management, the student-instructor relationship, examination formats, the preparation, administration and grading of examinations and the management of teaching assistants and graders. Prerequisite(s): consent of department.

5010. Foundations of Mathematics. 3 hours. Mathematical logic and set theory; axiomatic methods; cardinal arithmetic; ordered sets and ordinal numbers; the axiom of choice and its equivalent forms; the continuum hypothesis. Prerequisite(s): consent of department.

5050. Linear Programming. 3 hours. Convex polyhedra, simplex method, duality theory, network flows, integer programming, ellipsoidal method, applications to modeling and game theory. Prerequisite(s): consent of department.

5110-5120. Introduction to Analysis. 3 hours each. A rigorous development for the real case of the theories of continuous functions, differentiation, Riemann integration, infinite sequences and series, uniform convergence and related topics; an introduction to the complex case.

5200. Topics in Dynamical Systems. 3 hours. Dynamical systems in one and higher dimensions. Linearization of hyperbolic fixed points. Hamiltonian systems and twist maps. The concept of topological conjugacy and structural stability. Anosov diffeomorphisms, geodesic flow and attractors. Chaotic long-term behavior of these hyperbolic systems. Measures of complexity. Prerequisite(s): consent of department.

5210-5220. Numerical Analysis. 3 hours each. A rigorous mathematical analysis of numerical methods: norms, error analysis, linear systems, eigenvalues and eigenvectors, iterative methods of solving non-linear systems, polynomial and spline approximation, numerical differentiation and integration, numerical solution or ordinary and partial differential equations. Prerequisite(s): FORTRAN programming or consent of department.

5290. Numerical Methods. 3 hours. A non-theoretical development of various numerical methods for use with a computer to solve equations, solve linear and non-linear systems of equations, find eigenvalues and eigenvectors, approximate functions, approximate derivatives and definite integrals, solve differential equations and solve other such problems of a mathematical nature. Errors due to instability of method and those due to the finite-precision computer will be studied. Prerequisite(s): a programming language and consent of department.

5310-5320. Functions of a Real Variable. 3 hours each.

5310. Sets and operations; descriptive set properties; cardinal numbers; order types and ordinals; metric spaces; the theory of Lebesgue measure; metric properties of sets.

5320. Set functions and abstract measure; measurable functions; types of continuity; classification of functions; the Lebesgue integral; Dini derivatives and the fundamental theorem of the calculus.

5350. Markov Processes. 3 hours. The ergodic theorem; regular and ergodic Markov chains; absorbing chains and random walks; mean first passage time; applications to electric circuits, entropy, genetics, games, decision theory and probability.

5400. Introduction to Functions of a Complex Variable. 3 hours. Algebra of complex numbers and geometric representation; analytical functions; elementary functions and mapping; real-line integrals; complex integration; power series; residues, poles, conformal mapping and applications. Only one course, MATH 5400, 5500 or 5600, may be used towards satisfying the course work requirements for a graduate degree in mathematics.

5410-5420. Functions of a Complex Variable. 3 hours each. The theory of analytic functions from the Cauchy-Riemann and Weierstrass points of view.

5450. Calculus on Manifolds. 3 hours. Introduction to differential geometry and topology. Topics include implicit and inverse function theorems, differentiable manifolds, tangent bundles, Riemannian manifolds, tensors, curvature, differential forms, integration on manifolds and Stokes' theorem. Prerequisite(s): consent of department.

5460-5470. Differential Equations. 3 hours each. Calculation of solutions to systems of ordinary differential equations, study of algebraic and qualitative properties of solutions, study of partial differential equations of mathematical physics, iterative methods for numerical solutions of ordinary and partial differential equations and introduction to the finite element method. Prerequisite(s): MATH 5110-5120 and linear algebra.

5500. Introduction to the Theory of Matrices. 3 hours. Congruence (Hermitian); similarity; orthogonality, matrices with polynomial elements and minimal polynomials; Cayley-Hamilton theorem; bilinear and quadratic forms; eigenvalues. Only one course, MATH 5400, 5500 or 5600, may be used towards satisfying the course work requirements for a graduate degree in mathematics.

5520. Modern Algebra. 3 hours. Groups and their generalizations; homomorphism and isomorphism theories; direct sums and products; orderings; abelian groups and their invariants. Prerequisite(s): MATH 3510 or equivalent.

5530. Selected Topics in Modern Algebra. 3 hours. Ring and field extensions, Galois groups, ideals and valuation theory.

5600. Introduction to Topology. 3 hours. Point set topology; connectedness, compactness, continuous functions and metric spaces. Only one course, MATH 5400, 5500 or 5600, may be used towards satisfying the course work requirement for a graduate degree in mathematics.

5610-5620. Topology. 3 hours each. A rigorous development of abstract topological spaces, mappings, metric spaces, continua, product and quotient spaces; introduction to algebraic methods.

5810-5820. Probability and Statistics. 3 hours each.

5810. Important densities and stochastic processes; measure and integration; laws of large numbers; limit theorems.

5820. Markov processes and random walks; renewal theory and Laplace transforms; characteristic functions; infinitely divisible distribution; harmonic analysis.

5900-5910. Special Problems. 1–3 hours each.

5940. Seminar in Mathematical Literature. 1–3 hours.

5950. Master's Thesis. 3 or 6 hours. To be scheduled only with consent of department. 6 hours credit required. No credit assigned until thesis has been completed and filed with the graduate dean. Continuous enrollment required once work on thesis has begun. May be repeated for credit.

6010. Topics in Logic and Foundations. 3 hours. Mathematical logic, metamathematics and foundations of mathematics. May be repeated for credit.

6110. Topics in Analysis. 3 hours. Measure and integration theory, summability, complex variables and functional analysis. May be repeated for credit.

6130. Infinite Processes. 3 hours. Topics selected from infinite series, infinite matrices, continued fractions, summation processes and integration theory.

6150. Functional Analysis. 3 hours. Normed linear spaces; completeness, convexity and duality. Topics selected from linear operators, spectral analysis, vector lattices and Banach algebras. May be repeated for credit.

6170. Differential Equations. 3 hours. Existence, uniqueness and approximation of solutions to linear and non-linear ordinary, partial and functional differential equations. Relationships with functional analysis. Emphasis is on computer-related methods. May be repeated for credit.

6200. Topics in Ergodic Theory. 3 hours. Basic ergodic theorems. Mixing properties and entropy. Oseledec's multiplicative ergodic theorem and Lyapunov exponents. Applications to dynamical systems. Rational functions and Julia sets. Wandering across Mandelbrot set. Sullivan's conformal measure. Thermodynamical formalism and conformal measures applied to compute Hausdorff measures and packing measures of attractors, repellers and Julia sets. Dimension invariants (Hausdorff, box and packing dimension) of these sets. Prerequisite(s): consent of department. May be repeated for credit.

6310. Topics in Combinatorics. 3 hours. Selected topics of current interest in combinatorics such as enumeration, combinatorial optimization, Ramsey theory, topological graph theory, random methods in combinatorics (random graphs, random matrices, randomized algorithms, etc.), combinatorial designs, matroids, formal languages and combinatorics on words, combinatorial number theory, combinatorial and symbolic methods in dynamical systems. May be repeated for credit.

6510. Topics in Algebra. 3 hours. Groups, rings, modules, fields and other algebraic structures; homological and categorical algebra. Multiplicative and additive number theory, diophantine equations and algebraic number theory. May be repeated for credit.

6610. Topics in Topology and Geometry. 3 hours. Point set and general topology, differential geometry and global geometry. May be repeated for credit.

6620. Algebraic Topology. 3 hours. Topics from algebraic topology such as fundamental group, singular homology, fixed point theorems, cohomology, cup products, Steenrod powers, vector bundles, classifying spaces, characteristic classes and spectral sequences. Prerequisite(s): MATH 5530 and 5620. May be repeated for credit.

6710. Topics in Applied Mathematics. 3 hours. Optimization and control theory, perturbation methods, eigenvalue problems, generalized functions, transform methods and spectral theory. May be repeated for credit.

6810. Probability. 3 hours. Probability measures and integration, random variables and distributions, convergence theorems, conditional probability and expectation, martingales, stochastic processes. May be repeated for credit.

6900-6910. Special Problems. 1–3 hours each.

6940. Individual Research. Variable credit. To be scheduled by the doctoral candidate engaged in research. May be repeated for credit.

6950. Doctoral Dissertation. 3, 6 or 9 hours. To be scheduled only with consent of department. 12 hours credit required. No credit assigned until dissertation has been completed and filed with the graduate dean. Doctoral students must maintain continuous enrollment in this course subsequent to passing qualifying examination for admission to candidacy. May be repeated for credit.

Mechanical Engineering Technology

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Merchandising and Hospitality Management

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5000. Merchandising Study Tour. 1–3 hours. Experience fashion, home furnishings and hospitality industries through visits to manufacturing facilities, retail establishments, museums, historical structures, hotels, restaurants and industry support organizations. Includes field study in industry centers for fashion (New York), home furnishings (High Point, N.C.), hospitality (Las Vegas) or other selected destinations. Pre-trip and post-trip classes required. Prerequisite(s): SMHM 1500, SMHM 2400 or 2490, or consent of school. Credit varies depending upon length of field study and destination. No more than 3 hours of field study may be used to fulfill degree requirements.

5080. Merchandising Ventures. 3 hours. Exploration of the merchandiser's role in establishing new ventures with fashion and home furnishings products. Includes non-traditional merchandising formats. Prerequisite(s): SMHM 2400 or 2490, and SMHM 3510, and ACCT 2020.

5090. Virtual Merchandising. 3 hours. (2;2) Study and application of visual merchandising in a virtual format. Emphasis on merchandising processes that convey product characteristics to the consumer from production through distribution. Prerequisite(s): SMHM 2360, and SMHM 2490 or 2400.

5200. Survey of Beverages in the Hospitality Industry. 3 hours. Study of social beverages commonly used in the hospitality industry. Primary emphasis is on history, language, product identification and production and merchandising techniques for wines, beers, distilled spirits and non-alcoholic beverages. Prerequisite(s): students must be 21 years of age or older.

5240. Merchandising Practices. 3 hours. Case analysis of merchandising principles practiced by representative consumer-driven international and domestic textile, apparel and home furnishings companies. Interpretation of global trends and issues influencing the vertical and horizontal integration of merchandising practices in the distribution pipeline.

5250. Restaurant Development. 3 hours. The identification, examination and application of restaurant development principles. Topics include menu planning, service styles, dining room and kitchen design, materials purchasing and receiving, food production techniques, accounting and financial management, and merchandising.

5260. Hospitality Business Strategies. 3 hours. In depth, comprehensive study, strategic planning and analysis of the hospitality manager's role in operating a successful hospitality operation including applications of specialized software and human relations skills. Prerequisite(s): SMHM 3260 or consent of school.

5280. Hotel and Restaurant Operations: Theory and Analysis. 3 hours. A study of hotel and restaurant management operations problems, including the areas of budgeting, human resource scheduling and payroll control, sales forecasting, costing and financial statement analysis. Students will be actively involved in writing and discussing cases on current operations issues.

5300. Research Methods in Merchandising and Hospitality Management. 3 hours. Critical evaluation of research methods in merchandising and hospitality management fields. Develop research framework and formulate research design questions. Enhance research skills through writing a thesis proposal or research proposal.

5350. Issues and Trends in Merchandising and Hospitality Management. 3 hours. An analysis of current issues, trends and future projections influencing the field of either hotel and restaurant management or fashion merchandising.

5400. Research Applications in Merchandising and Hospitality Management. 3 hours. Execute research projects with implications for marketers in textile, apparel, home furnishings or hospitality industries. Emphasis is on conceptualizing problems, analyzing and interpreting data, and writing for industry and/or scholarly dissemination. Prerequisite(s): SMHM 5300; statistics; or consent of instructor.

5440. Consumer Theory. 3 hours. Classic and contemporary consumer theories analyzed in situational contexts. Emphasis on formulating integrated consumer behavior models for strategic decision-making in both domestic and international consumer-driven markets in merchandising and hospitality industries.

5460. Human Relations in Merchandising and Hospitality Management. 3 hours. Major areas of human relations skills necessary for managing employees and customers in merchandising and hospitality management are studied. Topics include employee supervision, motivation, communication, training, management development, problem-solving, decision making and stress management.

5480. Hospitality Industry Finance. 3 hours. Comprehensive application of financial management for the hospitality industry: managerial finance approach to ratio analysis, risk and value, timing and value of cash flows, project valuation, capital expenditures, financial markets, and income taxes. Problem solving methods applied to managerial decisions for the hospitality industry. Prerequisite(s): SMHM 2480 or consent of school.