

EMA 5095: Critical Analysis of Research in Materials Science & Engineering

1. Catalog Description (3 credit hours) – Critical methods for reviewing technical papers, for writing effective technical papers, and for developing meaningful research projects, in the field of materials science and engineering.
2. Co-requisite: EMA 6313 or equivalent, knowledge of materials.
3. Course Objectives : At the end of this course the student should be able to review technical journal papers in a critical manner to be able to distinguish properly presented data from poorly obtained data. The student should also be able to formulate critical questions regarding his/her own research topic so as to be able to create a research project to answer posed questions.
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5. Teaching Assistant – N/A
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6. Meeting Times : MWF 3
7. Class schedule, 3- 50 minute classes per week
8. Meeting Location: NEB 0100
9. Material and Supply Fees – none
10. Textbooks and Software Required - none
11. Recommended Reading : Assigned papers

12. Course Outline

Week 1-4 Effective Technical Paper Dissection

- Week 5-6 Distinguishing effective and non-effective technical papers.
- Week 7-9 Selecting research topics
- Week 10-12 Effective research paper writing
- Week 13-14 Student Technical Presentations
- Week 15 Final Examination

13. Attendance and Expectations: Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work are consistent with university policies that can be found at:
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

14. Grading – Quizzes – 10%, Exams – 50%, Homework – 15%, Proposal – 25%

15. Grading Scale Percentage

≥92	≥88	≥84	≥80	≥76	≥72	≥68	≥65	≥62	≥59	≥56	<56
A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E

“Undergraduate students, in order to graduate, must have an overall GPA and an upper-division GPA of 2.0 or better (C or better). Note: a C- average is equivalent to a GPA of 1.67, and therefore, it does not satisfy this graduation requirement. Graduate students, in order to graduate, must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better (B or better). Note: a B- average is equivalent to a GPA of 2.67, and therefore, it does not satisfy this graduation requirement. For more information on grades and grading policies, please visit:
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16. Make-up Exam Policy: If a student informs me prior to the exam date that the student is to miss an exam, the exam must be taken within one week of the original date. Unusual circumstances will be considered if documented.

17. Honesty Policy – All students admitted to the University of Florida have signed a statement of academic honesty committing themselves to be honest in all academic work and understanding that failure to comply with this commitment will result in disciplinary action. This statement is a reminder to uphold your obligation as a UF student and to be honest in all work submitted and exams taken in this course and all others.

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18. Accommodation for Students with Disabilities – Students Requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. That office will provide the student with documentation that he/she must provide to the course instructor when requesting accommodation.

19. UF Counseling Services –Resources are available on-campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career and academic goals. The resources include:

- UF Counseling & Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Rd, 392-1575, psychological and psychiatric services.
- Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601, career and job search services.

20. Software Use – All faculty, staff and student of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

