

Nuclear Fuels

ENU 6937 Section 17GH

Class Periods: M, W F, 7, and 1:55pm-2:45pm

Location: WIM1084

Academic Term: Fall 2017

Instructor:

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Office Hours: Walk-in or appointment by email

Teaching Assistants:

Please contact through the Canvas website

- N/A

Course Description

Survey of the nuclear fuels from ore to waste, including mining, design, fabrication, in-core performance, storage, disposal and fuel economics.

Course Pre-Requisites / Co-Requisites

None

Course Objectives

To provide the students with an in-depth knowledge of the technical aspects of various stage of the nuclear fuel cycle with an emphasis on materials behavior, structural and thermal analysis.

Materials and Supply Fees

None.

Required Textbooks and Software

None, the course notes will be provided on Canvas.

Recommended Materials

- Fundamental Aspects of Nuclear Fuel Elements
- Donald R. Olander
- Publication date and edition: Energy Research and Development Administration
- ISBN 0-87079-031-5

Course Schedule

Week 1: Introduction and overview of fuel performance/ Yong Yang
Week 2: Fuel Resources, mining, conversion and enrichment
Week 3: Reactor fuels, fission yields and fuel chemistry
Week 4: Fuel Claddings
Week 5: Fuel Assemblies, fuel cladding interactions
Week 6: Loading, burn-up and refuel
Week 7: Densification, swelling and creep
Week 8: Thermal analysis
Week 9: Fuel failure
Week 10: LOCA
Week 11: FRAPCON code for fuel performance evaluation

- Week 12: [Reprocessing](#)
- Week 13: [Water pool and dry storage](#)
- Week 14: [Geologic repository disposal](#)
- Week 15: [Fuel economics](#)
- Week 16: [New fuel concepts, ATF](#)

Attendance Policy, Class Expectations, and Make-Up Policy

All students are expected to attend class, and Excused absences are consistent with university policies in the undergraduate catalog (<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=2020#attendance>) and require appropriate documentation. Cell phones and other electronic devices must be completely silent in class. Activities that are not part of the class are not allowed during class time.

Evaluation of Grades

Assignment	Total Points	Percentage of Final Grade
Midterm project	100 each	30%
Presentation	100 each	30%
Final paper	100	40%
		100%

Grading Policy

Percent	Grade	Grade Points
90.0 - 100.0	A	4.00
87.0 - 89.9	A-	3.67
84.0 - 86.9	B+	3.33
81.0 - 83.9	B	3.00
78.0 - 80.9	B-	2.67
75.0 - 79.9	C+	2.33
72.0 - 74.9	C	2.00
69.0 - 71.9	C-	1.67
66.0 - 68.9	D+	1.33
63.0 - 65.9	D	1.00
60.0 - 62.9	D-	0.67
0 - 59.9	E	0.00

More information on UF grading policy may be found at:

<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=2020#grades>

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, <https://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc>) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/evals>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.

University Honesty Policy

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UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Software Use

All faculty, staff, and students 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.

Student Privacy

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see:

<http://registrar.ufl.edu/catalog0910/policies/regulationferpa.html>

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care:

If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352 392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

Counseling and Wellness Center: <http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc>, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), or <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>.

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu.

<https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>.

Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. <https://www.crc.ufl.edu/>.

Library Support, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.

<https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>.

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

<https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>.

Student Complaints Campus: https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf.

On-Line Students Complaints: <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process>.