Course Syllabus
EMA 6136: Diffusion, Kinetics, and Transport Phenomena
Spring 2017

1. Catalog Description: Credits: 3
Physical basis, equation, and theories of diffusion, tracer, chemical, multicomponent, and
multiphase diffusion in general force fields.

2. Prerequisites: EMA 4125 or equivalent.

3. Course Objectives: Kinetics describes both the phenomenological and microscopic aspects of
material behaviors. These include the initiation, evolution, and approach of materials toward
thermodynamic equilibrium. It is an extremely broad technical subject that encompasses
elements of energy and mass transport, solid mechanics, interfacial science, phase transition
theory, and defect structure.

4. Contribution of course to meeting the professional component: This course provides 3 credits
towards engineering sciences.

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   d. Office hours: TBA

7. Meeting Times and Location: M,W,F 10:40 am in NEB 100
Note that class begins on time. Please do not disrupt the learning experience for others. Show
up on time with all necessary materials. You need an electronic device for every lecture (except
exams) running Kahoot.

8. Required Textbooks and Software:
1. D.A. Porter, K.E. Easterling, and M.Y. Sherif, “Phase Transformations in Metals and
Reference later cited as ‘P&E.’

Suggested:

9. Course website: Go to the UF Academic Technology website at: [http://elearning.ufl.edu/](http://elearning.ufl.edu/)

10. Course Outline:

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<td>1. Introduction: Purpose of the course, policies.</td>
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<td>2. Thermodynamics and kinetics: Gibbs free energy; chemical potentials; thermal, mechanical, and chemical equilibria. Process driving forces and equilibrium; polymorphism; P-T diagrams; binary phase diagrams. Types of transitions in unary systems: Gibbs Phase rule, phase diagrams. Types of transitions: allotropic; order-disorder, etc. First-order phase transitions; bulk vs. interfacial considerations; rates of transition; kinetic resistances; metastability.</td>
<td>(P&amp;E Ch. 1) and (KMSE Ch. 1-5)</td>
<td>2-7 Exam 1</td>
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<td>3. Diffusion: Gradients in composition, mass flux; Fick’s 1st law: component fluxes; diffusivity; solutions to the diffusion equation; Fick’s 2nd law; mass conservation; divergence of fluxes; boundary conditions; error function solution. Diffusional penetration: applications, diffusivity in isotropic and non-isotropic solids. Planar sources: thin film solution; tracer diffusion; solutions for infinite and semi-infinite systems; growth &amp; dissolution of precipitates; quasi-static approximations: supersaturation. Boundary layers, and diffusion mechanisms in solids; interstitial and substitutional diffusion; vacancy diffusion. Dependences of diffusivity, defects and correlation.</td>
<td>(P&amp;E Ch.2), class notes and (KSME Ch. 8-12) or (MEG Ch. 1-4)</td>
<td>8-19 Exam 2</td>
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<td>4. Crystal Interfaces</td>
<td>(P&amp;E Ch. 3-4) , class notes and (KSME Ch. 6-7) or (MEG Ch. 3)</td>
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<td>• Surface energy and surface stress</td>
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<td>• Interfaces and crystal growth</td>
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<td>• Normal grain growth</td>
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<td>5. Solidification-Phase nucleation</td>
<td>(P&amp;E Ch. 4-5), class notes and (KSME Ch. 13-16) or (MEG Ch.7, 9)</td>
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<td>• Precipitation and growth kinetics</td>
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<td>• Grain mobility</td>
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11. Attendance: Attendance in class is important. Students are responsible for material presented in lectures, reading assignments, homework, and special distributed notes. Textbooks are available for purchase at the Reitz Union Bookstore and on-line sources.

12. Homework: Four homeworks will be assigned and is usually due back the following week. The purpose of homework is to give students an opportunity to evaluate and apply their knowledge. Students may collaborate on homework; however, the actual submitted assignment must represent their own work and preparation.

Note: Homework in its entirety must be word processed on your computer. For some problems you will require a suitable math package with graphing capability (e.g., Excel, MatLab, or others). Picture files (jpg, etc.) are not accepted. Files have to pdf, doc, docx, or pptx. Homework needs to be submitted online on e-learning. Email is not acceptable for submission of homework. Hard copies are also not accepted.

Homework will be evaluated on the following basis:
- Excellent work: 100
- Assignment acceptable: 85
- Homework submitted (showing effort): 70
- Homework submitted no or small effort: 0
- Note - late homework is not accepted: 0

13. EDGE Student Submission Policy – EDGE students must submit all homework assignments electronically by the given deadlines. Exams must be received no more than four days after the in-class exam date. Please scan documents as a pdf and submit them electronically or via fax. We will use ProctorU as service for taking exams. You must follow-up and verify that exams are received in their entirety by the instructor. If problems occur, they must be reported early. No credit will be given for late submissions.

14. Grading:
Four exams are tentatively planned. Exams usually consist of short answer questions to evaluate your familiarity with the course content and some longer problems designed to test your ability to apply concepts to new situations, i.e. to promote critical thinking. Unless otherwise informed, one sheet of prepared personal notes may be used to assist you in completing examinations. In some cases, open-book or take-home exams may be given, and the students will be informed ahead of time. Exam work must be individual; collaboration is never allowed. Observations of cheating will be promptly reported by the exam proctor. Please see UF’s statement on academic honesty. [https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/](https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/)

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<td>Class participation (Kahoot)/term papers*</td>
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<td>Best 3 out of 4 exams</td>
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NOTE: Optional oral exam for students who miss more than 1 exam for professional reasons. You need to send an email before the exam that you cannot attend in order to be eligible for the oral make up exam.
* indicates performance on Kahoot. EDGE students and others who request in advance will have term paper assignments instead the class participation.

There is no final exam in this class. Exam dates are scheduled (changes possible) for January 27, February 20, March 22, April 12. There are no classes on 1/16; 3/3; 4/17; and 4/19.

This course follows current UF grading policies for assigning grade points.

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“In order to graduate, graduate students must have an overall GPA and an upper-division 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: http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=5&navoid=1054#grades

15. Make-up Exam and Late Submission Policy: Make-up exams are offered as oral exams in case more than 1 exam has been missed for professional reasons. Online students will take the oral exam via videoconference. Late homework assignments, late term papers, and late exams will not be graded under any circumstances. If you miss one exam, you will receive 0 points for this exam. However, you only need 3 out of 4 exams. If you take all 4 exams then your lowest exam score will be dropped. Oral exams have to be completed before 5 pm on April 15. No oral exams will be offered after that date.

16. 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.

Note that failure to comply with this commitment will result in disciplinary action compliant with the UF Student Honor Code Procedures. See https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/

17. 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. 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. http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/
- Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601, career and job search services.
18. **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.

19. **Your well-being** is important to the University of Florida. The U Matter, We Care initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352-392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.

20. **Syllabus Changes**: I reserve the right to make changes in the syllabus as needed. Any changes will be clearly announced on e-learning and in class. Update will be reflected in syllabus version number and date.