MECH3610

ADVANCED THERMOFLUIDS
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1. Staff contact details

Contact details and consultation times for course convenor

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Only use email as a last resort. I would prefer you see me after the lecture if you have a problem.

Contact details and consultation times for additional lecturers/demonstrators/lab staff

Please see the course Moodle.

2. Important links

- Moodle
- UNSW Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
- Course Outlines
- Student intranet
- UNSW Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering Facebook
- UNSW Handbook

3. Course details

Credit Points

This is a 6 unit-of-credit (UoC) course, and involves six (6) hours per week (h/w) of face-to-face contact. The UNSW website states “The normal workload expectations of a student are approximately 25 hours per semester for each UoC, including class contact hours, other learning activities, preparation and time spent on all assessable work. Thus, for a full-time enrolled student, the normal workload, averaged across the 16 weeks of teaching, study and examination periods, is about 37.5 hours per week.” This means that you should aim to spend about 9 h/w on this course. The additional time should be spent in making sure that you understand the lecture material, completing the set assignments, further reading, and revising for any examinations.
Contact hours

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<th>Day</th>
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<td>Lectures</td>
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<td>Monday</td>
<td>4pm - 6pm</td>
<td>Physics Theatre (K-K14-19)</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>11am - 1pm</td>
<td>Physics Theatre (K-K14-19)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Consultations</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>2pm - 3pm</td>
<td>Ainsworth 102 (K-J17-102)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>2pm – 3pm</td>
<td>Mathews Theatre D (K-D23-304)</td>
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<td>3pm - 4pm</td>
<td>Old Main Building G32 (K-K15-G32)</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
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<td>Central Lecture Block 1 (K-E19-G02)</td>
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<td>1pm – 2pm</td>
<td>Central Lecture Block 1 (K-E19-G02)</td>
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<td>5pm - 6pm</td>
<td>Red Centre Theatre (K-H13-G001)</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>1pm – 2pm</td>
<td>Central Lecture Block 5 (K-E19-G06)</td>
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Please refer to your class timetable for the learning activities you are enrolled in and attend only those classes.

Summary and Aims of the course

In recent years, we have blended the advanced thermodynamics and heat transfer components of the old MECH3610 Advanced Thermofluids together to create a single new MECH3610 Advanced Thermofluids subject. This will enable us to tackle problems in which both disciplines are required.

The aims of the course are obviously to advance your knowledge of thermodynamics, fluid mechanics and to introduce you to the discipline of heat transfer.

It is generally agreed that our planet is running out of fossil fuels and that the anthropocentric emissions of carbon is causing it to warm. Surely, this is not news to students studying advanced thermofluids! Either of these situations ought to provide enough motivation to students to really try to understand this subject.

I know from my connections overseas that exergy analysis and the idea of entropy generation minimization are becoming very important. I therefore want to place a greater emphasis on these ideas so that we, in this part of the world, can make a contribution.

The student outcomes listed below will give more of an idea of what I am to teach you.

Student learning outcomes

“Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.”  Lao Tzu

This course is designed to address the learning outcomes below and the corresponding Engineers Australia Stage 1 Competency Standards for Professional Engineers as shown. The full list of Stage 1 Competency Standards may be found in Appendix A.
After successfully completing this course, you should be able to:

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<th>Learning Outcome</th>
<th>EA Stage 1 Competencies</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Understand conduction, convection and radiation modes of heat transfer, and</td>
<td>PE1.1, PE2.1</td>
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<td>the development of exergy analysis from the 1st and 2nd laws of thermodynamics.</td>
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<td>2. Understand the concept of irreversibility and its relation to inefficiencies.</td>
<td>PE1.1, PE1.3, PE2.1</td>
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<td>3. Analyse steady-state and sometimes transient conduction and/or convection</td>
<td>PE1.1, PE1.3, PE1.4</td>
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<td>heat transfer problems and find solutions.</td>
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<td>4. Understand when to use compressible flow analysis.</td>
<td>PE2.1, PE2.2</td>
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<td>5. Understand heat exchanger design and analysis, compressible flows, and</td>
<td>PE1.1, PE1.3, PE1.5, PE2.1</td>
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<td>combustion chemistry</td>
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<td>6. Understand the effect of attractive (van der Waals) forces on the behaviour</td>
<td>PE1.1, PE1.3</td>
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<td>on gases.</td>
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<td>7. Develop and understanding of combustion reactions and their energy release.</td>
<td>PE1.1, PE1.2, PE2.1</td>
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<td>Understand chemical equilibrium and le Chatelier’s principle.</td>
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<td>8. Understand the idea of radiation as a heat transfer mode.</td>
<td>PE1.1 PE1.3</td>
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4. Teaching strategies

General
Lectures are designed to cover the core concepts listed in the course schedule. The material is presented so as to offer an approach to the complex engineering calculations required by industry.

Demonstrations
Demonstrations enable you to test your conceptual framework on problems that are as close to reality as you are liable to get.
5. Course schedule

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<th>Topic</th>
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<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>Exergy analysis of closed and steady-state, steady-flow, open systems.</td>
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| 2.   | Introduction to heat transfer (conduction, convection & radiation).  
1st law and Fourier’s law combined to give the conduction equation. Extension to Cartesian, cylindrical and spherical coordinate systems. Thermal resistance.  
Convection equation. Composite walls and the overall heat transfer coefficient.  
Radiation. |
| 3.   | Introduction to Finite time thermodynamics.  
Curzon-Ahlborn analysis.  
Introduction to statistical mechanics, the concept of entropy on the microscopic scale and the partition function. |
| 4.   | Gas mixtures and real gas analysis.  
Van der Waal's and Berthelot's equations, Maxwell's relations. |
| 5.   | Heat transfer from extended (finned) surfaces.  
Long fins, finite length fin (with insulated tip), the effect of adding heat transfer through the tip. |
The partition functions for translational, rotational and vibrational modes of energy storage for calculation of specific heat capacities. |
| 7.   | Forced convection.  
Laminar boundary layers and heat transfer from a plate in external flow. Turbulent boundary layers. Cylinders in cross flow, etc.  
Analytical solutions and experimental solutions. |
| 8.   | Internal compressible flows.  
Convergent and convergent-divergent nozzles. Normal and oblique shock analysis. |
Benard instability. The logistic equation, chaos theory and the idea of sensitive dependence on initial condition, irreversibility.  
Time dependent conduction. |
Log-mean temperature difference, the NTU method and second law analysis. |
1st law analysis, 2nd law analysis, adiabatic flame temperature and the law of mass action, chemical equilibrium and le Chatelier's principle. |
| 12.  | Radiation.  
Real surfaces. Networks. |
## 6. Assessment

### Assessment overview

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<tr>
<th>Assessment</th>
<th>Length</th>
<th>Weight</th>
<th>Learning outcomes assessed</th>
<th>Assessment criteria</th>
<th>Due date and submission requirements</th>
<th>Marks returned</th>
<th>Deadline for absolute fail</th>
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<tr>
<td>Assignment</td>
<td>As appropriate</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.</td>
<td>Understanding of lecture material</td>
<td>Week 4 (in class (Monday))</td>
<td>Two weeks after submission</td>
<td>One week after submission</td>
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<tr>
<td>Laboratory</td>
<td>5 pages maximum</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Understanding of lecture material</td>
<td>Week 11 (on Wednesday)</td>
<td>One week after submission</td>
<td>Two days after submission</td>
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<tr>
<td>Class test</td>
<td>1hr</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>1, 2, 3 and 6</td>
<td>Understanding of lecture material</td>
<td>Week 8, in class (Monday)</td>
<td>One week after submission</td>
<td>No supplementary</td>
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<tr>
<td>Final exam</td>
<td>2hrs</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.</td>
<td>All course content from weeks 2-12</td>
<td>Exam period, date TBC</td>
<td>During release of results</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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The assignment will be posted on Moodle.

### Assignments

**Presentation**

All submissions should have a standard School cover sheet.

All submissions are expected to be neat and clearly set out. Your results are the pinnacle of all your hard work. Presenting them clearly gives the marker the best chance of understanding your method; even if the numerical results are incorrect.
**Submission**

Late submissions will be penalised 5 marks per calendar day (including weekends). An extension may only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Special consideration for assessment tasks must be processed through student.unsw.edu.au/special-consideration.

It is always worth submitting late assessment tasks when possible. Completion of the work, even late, may be taken into account in cases of special consideration.

Where there is no special consideration granted, the ‘deadline for absolute fail’ in the table above indicates the time after which a submitted assignment will not be marked, and will achieve a score of zero for the purpose of determining overall grade in the course.

**Marking**

Marking guidelines for assignment submissions will be provided at the same time as assignment details to assist with meeting assessable requirements. Submissions will be marked according to the marking guidelines provided.

**Examinations**

There will be a two-hour examination at the end of the session, one covering all of the material covered in the course.

You must be available for all tests and examinations. Final examinations for each course are held during the University examination periods, which November for Semester 2.

Provisional Examination timetables are generally published on myUNSW in September for Semester 2.

For further information on exams, please see the Exams section on the intranet.

**Calculators**

You will need to provide your own calculator, of a make and model approved by UNSW, for the examinations. The list of approved calculators is shown at student.unsw.edu.au/exam-approved-calculators-and-computers.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your calculator is of an approved make and model, and to obtain an “Approved” sticker for it from the School Office or the Engineering Student Centre prior to the examination. Calculators not bearing an “Approved” sticker will not be allowed into the examination room.

**Special consideration and supplementary assessment**

For details of applying for special consideration and conditions for the award of supplementary assessment, see the School intranet, and the information on UNSW’s Special Consideration page.
7. Attendance

You are required to attend a minimum of 80% of all classes, including lectures, labs and seminars. It is possible to fail the course if your total absences equal to more than 20% of the required attendance. Please see the School intranet and the UNSW attendance page for more information.

8. Expected resources for students

Required textbooks


Note: It is essential that you get a copy of Rogers & Mayhew as these steam tables are the ones supplied for the final exam. You must know how to read these tables. Don’t say you weren’t warned!

Suggested additional readings


**Additional materials provided on Moodle**

This course has a Moodle page. Here, you will find demonstration problems, assignments and other notices.


**Recommended internet sites**

First, a warning: We discovered last year in 1st session that some universities, frustrated by students submitting solutions they find on the internet for assignments, are deliberately placing false solutions on the internet. By searching for solutions, firstly, the student gets misled and secondly, it becomes very easy to identify these students because they all make the same mistakes. Be warned!

Also, there are various sign conventions used in thermodynamics which vary from one part of the world to another. Use of the internet for those not familiar with these conventions may cause a lot of problems. Be warned! Buying the texts recommended for the course is worth it in the long run.

Prior to the start of session, I suggest that you find the paper:


It is available through the UNSW library. It will be very useful for the first lecture at least. You might also like to search for:


I will probably suggest other papers during the semester. You also need to be aware of the following site: [https://www.library.unsw.edu.au/](https://www.library.unsw.edu.au/)
9. Course evaluation and development

Feedback on the course is gathered periodically using various means, including the UNSW myExperience process, informal discussion in the final class for the course, and the School's Student/Staff meetings. Your feedback is taken seriously, and continual improvements are made to the course based, in part, on such feedback.

10. Academic honesty and plagiarism

UNSW has an ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of learning informed by academic integrity. All UNSW students have a responsibility to adhere to this principle of academic integrity. Plagiarism undermines academic integrity and is not tolerated at UNSW. Plagiarism at UNSW is defined as using the words or ideas of others and passing them off as your own.

Plagiarism is a type of intellectual theft. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement. UNSW has produced a website with a wealth of resources to support students to understand and avoid plagiarism: student.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism The Learning Centre assists students with understanding academic integrity and how not to plagiarise. They also hold workshops and can help students one-on-one.

You are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study and one of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting and the proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment tasks.

If plagiarism is found in your work when you are in first year, your lecturer will offer you assistance to improve your academic skills. They may ask you to look at some online resources, attend the Learning Centre, or sometimes resubmit your work with the problem fixed. However more serious instances in first year, such as stealing another student’s work or paying someone to do your work, may be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures.

Repeated plagiarism (even in first year), plagiarism after first year, or serious instances, may also be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures. The penalties under the procedures can include a reduction in marks, failing a course or for the most serious matters (like plagiarism in an honours thesis) even suspension from the university. The Student Misconduct Procedures are available here: www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/studentmisconductprocedures.pdf

Further information on School policy and procedures in the event of plagiarism is available on the intranet.
11. Administrative matters and links

All students are expected to read and be familiar with School guidelines and polices, available on the intranet. In particular, students should be familiar with the following:

- Attendance, Participation and Class Etiquette
- UNSW Email Address
- Computing Facilities
- Assessment Matters (including guidelines for assignments, exams and special consideration)
- Academic Honesty and Plagiarism
- Student Equity and Disabilities Unit
- Health and Safety
- Student Support Services
### Appendix A: Engineers Australia (EA) Competencies

**Stage 1 Competencies for Professional Engineers**

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<th>Program Intended Learning Outcomes</th>
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<td><strong>PE1: Knowledge and Skill Base</strong></td>
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<td>PE1.1 Comprehensive, theory-based understanding of underpinning fundamentals</td>
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<td>PE1.2 Conceptual understanding of underpinning maths, analysis, statistics, computing</td>
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<td>PE1.3 In-depth understanding of specialist bodies of knowledge</td>
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<td>PE1.4 Discernment of knowledge development and research directions</td>
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<td>PE1.5 Knowledge of engineering design practice</td>
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<td>PE1.6 Understanding of scope, principles, norms, accountabilities of sustainable engineering practice</td>
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<td><strong>PE2: Engineering Application Ability</strong></td>
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<td>PE2.1 Application of established engineering methods to complex problem solving</td>
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<td>PE2.2 Fluent application of engineering techniques, tools and resources</td>
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<td>PE2.3 Application of systematic engineering synthesis and design processes</td>
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<td>PE2.4 Application of systematic approaches to the conduct and management of engineering projects</td>
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<td><strong>PE3: Professional and Personal Attributes</strong></td>
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<td>PE3.1 Ethical conduct and professional accountability</td>
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<td>PE3.2 Effective oral and written communication (professional and lay domains)</td>
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<td>PE3.3 Creative, innovative and pro-active demeanour</td>
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<td>PE3.4 Professional use and management of information</td>
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<td>PE3.5 Orderly management of self, and professional conduct</td>
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<td>PE3.6 Effective team membership and team leadership</td>
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