Materials engineering is concerned with the processing, structure, properties, and performance of diverse materials which include metals and their alloys, semiconductors, ceramics, glass, polymers, composites, and nanomaterials. The materials engineer applies principles of math, physics and chemistry to design, produce, characterize, and utilize materials essential to modern society. Examples range in size and properties from the nanometer-thick atomic layers which form transistors on integrated circuit chips to the single-crystal superalloy blades used in turbine engines to the metallic alloys used in transcontinental pipelines and power lines. The Materials Science and NanoEngineering curriculum provides students with the requisite skills and educational background to contribute to the solution of many materials and nanoengineering problems, allow graduates to work in a fascinating field, and make it possible to become a leader in one of the most challenging areas of technology.

The department’s graduate degree programs include a non-thesis professional master’s degree as well as research degrees which include a thesis. These programs, in their comprehensive educational and research activities, collaborate with other departments at Rice and other institutions and industry in Houston, including those in the Texas Medical Center. Collaborations are also extended to universities in the United States, Europe, Asia, North and South America. International collaborations include joint research activities as well as faculty and student visitor exchanges.

Graduate studies in the department may lead to specialization in one of several areas, including Advanced Manufacturing, Biomaterials, Carbon Nanomaterial Composites, Computational Materials Science, Material Modeling and Theories, Electron Microscopy and in situ Methods, Electronic Materials, Energy Conversion and Storage, Low Dimensional Materials, Mechanical Properties and Nanomechanics, Metallurgy & Metals Processing, Nanotechnology, Optical Materials, Photonics and Nanophotonics, Surfaces and Interfaces, Coatings and Thin Films, and Ultralight-Weight Ultrahigh-Strength Multifunctional Materials. For details about these faculty research areas, please go to the MSNE website (http://www.msne.rice.edu).

Bachelor's Programs
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Materials Science and NanoEngineering (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/engineering/materials-science-nanoengineering/materials-science-nanoengineering-ba)
- Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and NanoEngineering (BSMSNE) Degree (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/engineering/materials-science-nanoengineering/materials-science-nanoengineering-bsmsne)

Master's Programs
- Master of Science (MS) Degree in the field of Materials Science and NanoEngineering (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/engineering/materials-science-nanoengineering/materials-science-nanoengineering-ms)

Doctoral Program
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree in the field of Materials Science and NanoEngineering (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/engineering/materials-science-nanoengineering/materials-science-nanoengineering-phd)

Coordinated Program
- Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree / Master of Materials Science and NanoEngineering (MMSNE) Degree (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/engineering/materials-science-nanoengineering/business-administration-mba-materials-science-nanoengineering-mmsne)

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Materials Science & NanoEng (MSNE)

MSNE 201 - INTRODUCTION TO NANOENGINEERING
Short Title: INTRO TO NANOENGINEERING
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Introduction to the properties of nanomaterials and their applications in engineering, technology, chemistry, energy, biology, and medicine. General discussion of nanotechnology, from multidisciplinary research to consumer products, suitable for all levels and specializations. Students will develop the understanding needed to separate the hype from the real in one of the most dynamic and prolific areas of research in the last ten years. Includes demonstrations, student-lead projects, and lab tours. Required for MSNE majors.

MSNE 210 - WILD TOPICS IN CHEMISTRY AND NANOTECHNOLOGY
Short Title: WILD TOPICS CHEM AND NANOTECH
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: A variety of topics related to chemistry and nanotechnology will be discussed. Some topics are classical while others are current. Topics may include nanocars, molecular electronics, how to form a startup company. Grades will be based upon attendance and quizzes. Cross-list: CEVE 210, CHEM 210. Repeatable for Credit.

MSNE 301 - MATERIALS SCIENCE
Short Title: MATERIALS SCIENCE
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Distribution Group: Distribution Group III
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Introduction to the science of solid materials. Includes metals, ceramics, plastics, and semiconductors, as well as the properties of solid materials from atomic and macroscopic points of view. Required for materials science and engineering majors.

MSNE 302 - MATERIALS PROCESSING AND NANOMANUFACTURING
Short Title: MATERIALS PROCESSING
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): MATH 211 and MATH 212
Corequisite: MSNE 303
Description: An overview of mass, momentum, and heat transport with applications in materials processing and nanomanufacturing. Emphasis is on analytical modeling of processing techniques with a view towards improving their efficiency and yield.
MSNE 303 - MATERIALS SCIENCE JUNIOR LAB
Short Title: MATERIALS SCIENCE JUNIOR LAB
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Corequisite: MSNE 302
Description: Selected lab experiments in materials science. Open only to junior materials science and engineering majors. Required for materials science and engineering majors. At the start of the semester, please check with the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science for the time and location of the organizational meeting for the course. Instructor Permission Required.

MSNE 311 - MATERIALS SELECTION AND DESIGN
Short Title: MATERIALS SELECTION & DESIGN
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Materials Science & NanoEng. Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): MSNE 301
Description: Polymers, metals, ceramics, glass, and composite materials are considered for various applications such as containers, refractories, medical devices, electronics, machine components, etc. based on their many divers and useful material properties. For non-majors with permission of instructor. Required for Materials Science and NanoEngineering.

MSNE 365 - NANOMATERIALS FOR ENERGY
Short Title: NANOMATERIALS FOR ENERGY
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This course will introduce students to the fundamental science of nanomaterials. Many of the concepts will be explained by drawing from applications in sustainability (photovoltaics, solar-to-fuel conversion thermionic, thermoelectric, fuel cells). Students will design a lab demo from scratch using amongst others the infrastructure provided by the photonics measurement lab. Cross-list: ELEC 365.

MSNE 401 - THERMODYNAMICS IN MATERIALS SCIENCE
Short Title: THERMODYNAMICS IN MAT SCIENCE
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 122 and MATH 212
Description: Unified presentation of the kinetics and thermodynamics of mass and energy transport. Includes heterogeneous equilibrium, diffusion in solids, and heat transfer, as well as their application to engineering design. Required for materials science and engineering majors. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: MSNE 503. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 401 and MSNE 503.

MSNE 402 - MECH PROPERTIES OF MATERIALS
Short Title: MECH PROPERTIES OF MATERIALS
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): MATH 211 and MSNE 301
Description: Survey of the mechanical properties of solid materials. Includes basic mechanics, elasticity, plasticity, fracture, fatigue, creep, hardening mechanisms, mechanical testing, and structure-property relationships. Required for materials science and engineering majors. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: MSNE 502. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 402 and MSNE 502.

MSNE 406 - PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS
Short Title: PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): MATH 211
Description: Survey of the electrical, magnetic, and optical properties of metals, semiconductors, and dielectrics based upon elementary band theory concepts. Required for materials science and engineering majors. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: MSNE 506. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 406 and MSNE 506.

MSNE 407 - CAPSTONE DESIGN PROJECT I
Short Title: CAPSTONE DESIGN PROJECT I
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hours: 4
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): MSNE 303 and MSNE 311
Description: An interdisciplinary capstone design experience in materials science and nanotechnology. This course provides an opportunity for students to apply knowledge and skills acquired in previous courses to the solution of a realistic engineering problem. Teams of students will specify, design, and build an engineering system/device to meet a prescribed set of requirements. Must complete MSNE 408 to receive credit for MSNE 407 and both courses must be taken the same academic year. Required for MSNE majors in B.S. program. Instructor Permission Required.
MSNE 408 - CAPSTONE DESIGN PROJECT II
Short Title: CAPSTONE DESIGN PROJECT II
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: An interdisciplinary capstone design experience in materials science and nanoengineering. This course provides an opportunity for students to apply knowledge and skills acquired in previous courses to the solution of a realistic engineering problem. Teams of students will specify, design, and build an engineering system/device to meet a prescribed set of requirements. Must complete MSNE 407 to receive credit for MSNE 408 and both courses must be taken the same academic year. Required for MSNE majors in B.S. program. Instructor Permission Required.

MSNE 409 - PHYSICAL METALLURGY
Short Title: PHYSICAL METALLURGY
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Study of microstructures that may be observed in metals and alloys. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: MSNE 509. Recommended Prerequisite(s): MSNE 435 and MSNE 411. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 409 and MSNE 509.

MSNE 411 - METALLOGRAPHY AND PHASE RELATIONS
Short Title: METALLOGRAPHY & PHASE RELATION
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Fundamentals of metallic materials, with a focus on defect engineering, microstructure design, and alloy design. The course will provide students with the understanding needed to develop alloys with specific desirable properties. Examples will be drawn from the processing of both ferrous and non-ferrous (e.g., Cu-, Al-, and Ti based) alloys. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: MSNE 509. Recommended Prerequisite(s): MSNE 435 and MSNE 411. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 409 and MSNE 509.

MSNE 416 - STRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES OF POLYMERS AND SOFT MATERIALS
Short Title: PROPERTIES OF SOFT MATERIALS
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): MSNE 301 and MSNE 302 (may be taken concurrently) and MSNE 401 (may be taken concurrently) and MSNE 402 (may be taken concurrently) and MSNE 406 (may be taken concurrently) and MSNE 407 (may be taken concurrently)
Description: This graduate level course addresses the fundamental structures and properties of polymers and other forms of soft matter (gels, colloids, nanoparticles, etc.) and their many roles as technologically important materials. The electrical, optical, transport, acoustic and mechanical properties are presented with respect to the underlying physics and engineering. Prereqs are concurrent except for MSNE 301. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 416 and MSNE 516.

MSNE 417 - ELECTRONIC, OPTICAL AND MAGNETIC PROPERTIES OF POLYMERS
Short Title: POLYMER ELECTRONICS
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 211 or MSNE 301
Description: Covers physical and material concepts and engineering applications of electronic polymers. Examines the structural origins of the diverse electronic, optoelectronic, photonic and magnetic properties of conjugated polymers. Topics include synthesis, electronic structure, physico-chemical characterization, applications in LEDs, solar cells, transistors, spintronics, and bioelectronics. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 417 and MSNE 517.

MSNE 433 - COMPUTATIONAL MATERIALS MODELING
Short Title: COMPUTATIONAL MATERIALS MODEL
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: This graduate level course addresses the fundamental structures and properties of polymers and other forms of soft matter (gels, colloids, nanoparticles, etc.) and their many roles as technologically important materials. The electrical, optical, transport, acoustic and mechanical properties are presented with respect to the underlying physics and engineering. Prereqs are concurrent except for MSNE 301. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 416 and MSNE 516.

MSNE 415 - CERAMICS AND GLASSES
Short Title: CERAMICS AND GLASSES
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): MSNE 301 or MSCI 301
Description: Study of microstructures that may be observed in metals and alloys, optical metallography (in addition to more sophisticated techniques), and the relationships between structural properties and failures. Required for materials science and engineering majors.

MSNE 414 - Structure and Properties of Polymers and Soft Materials
Short Title: Structure and Properties of Polymers and Soft Materials
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Study of microstructures that may be observed in metals and alloys, optical metallography (in addition to more sophisticated techniques), and the relationships between structural properties and failures. Required for materials science and engineering majors.

MSNE 417 - Electronic, Optical and Magnetic Properties of Polymers
Short Title: Electronic, Optical and Magnetic Properties of Polymers
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 211 or MSNE 301
Description: Study of microstructures that may be observed in metals and alloys, optical metallography (in addition to more sophisticated techniques), and the relationships between structural properties and failures. Required for materials science and engineering majors.

MSNE 433 - Computational Materials Modeling
Short Title: Computational Materials Modeling
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Study of microstructures that may be observed in metals and alloys, optical metallography (in addition to more sophisticated techniques), and the relationships between structural properties and failures. Required for materials science and engineering majors.

MSNE 415 - Ceramics and Glasses
Short Title: Ceramics and Glasses
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): MSNE 301 or MSCI 301
Description: Study of microstructures that may be observed in metals and alloys, optical metallography (in addition to more sophisticated techniques), and the relationships between structural properties and failures. Required for materials science and engineering majors.
MSNE 435 - CRYSTALLOGRAPHY & DIFFRACTION
Short Title: CRYSTALLOGRAPHY & DIFFRACTION
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): MSNE 301 or MSCI 301
Description: Study of crystals by diffraction techniques, focusing on x-ray, with an overview of electron and neutron diffraction as well as complementary techniques. Provides mathematical foundations and nomenclature for diffraction and related phenomena. Includes basics of crystallographic analysis and surface/point/group symmetry, experiment design (sources, geometry, detectors), and data analysis and interpretation. Required for undergraduate MSNE major. Meets with MSNE 535 (less course work for the undergraduate class). Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: MSNE 535. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 435 and MSNE 535.

MSNE 437 - CRYSTALLOGRAPHY & DIFFRAC LAB
Short Title: CRYSTALLOGRAPHY & DIFFRAC LAB
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): MSNE 435 (may be taken concurrently)
Description: Selected laboratory experiments in materials science, focusing on lattice symmetry, crystallography, phase identification, and metallurgy. Required for undergraduate MSNE major. Prerequisite MSNE 435 may be taken concurrently. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: MSNE 537. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 437 and MSNE 537.

MSNE 450 - MATERIALS SCIENCE SEMINAR
Short Title: MATERIALS SCIENCE SEMINAR
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 0
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: A series of seminars on selected topics in Materials Science. Recommended for Materials Science and NanoEngineering majors.

MSNE 451 - MATERIALS SCIENCE SEMINAR
Short Title: MATERIALS SCIENCE SEMINAR
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: A series of seminars on selected topics in Materials Science. Recommended for Materials Science and NanoEngineering majors.

MSNE 490 - MATERIALS SCIENCE RESEARCH PROJECTS
Short Title: MATERIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH PROJ
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Independent investigation of a specific topic or problem in materials science. Research under the direction of a selected faculty member. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

MSNE 491 - SUPERVISED RESEARCH
Short Title: SUPERVISED RESEARCH
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-3
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Prerequisite(s): MATH 101 and MATH 102
Description: Supervised research, reports and/or final reports required. Sponsorship by faculty member required. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

MSNE 499 - CURRENT TOPICS
Short Title: CURRENT TOPICS
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hours: 1-9
Restrictions: Graduate level students may not enroll.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Designed for undergraduate materials science students. Topics vary from term to term. Please consult with the department for additional information.

MSNE 500 - MATERIALS SCIENCE SEMINAR
Short Title: MATERIALS SCIENCE SEMINAR
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: A series of seminars on selected topics in Materials Science. Required for Materials Science and Engineering majors. Repeatable for Credit.

MSNE 501 - GRADUATE STUDENT SEMINAR
Short Title: GRADUATE STUDENT SEMINAR
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Seminar
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Two graduate students will present every week, except for 1st year graduate students who will present 3 per class. Every week, students will be encouraged to fill out peer evaluation forms and include anonymous comments/suggestions for improving the presentation. The results of these comments will not be shared, but given to the presenter for their reference. Repeatable for Credit.
**MSNE 502 - MECH PROPERTIES OF MATERIALS**  
**Short Title:** MECH PROPERTIES OF MATERIALS  
**Department:** Materials Science & NanoEng  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** Survey of the mechanical properties of solid materials. Includes basic mechanics, elasticity, plasticity, fracture, fatigue, creep, hardening mechanisms, mechanical testing, and structure-property relationships. Required for Materials Science and Engineering majors. Additional work required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: MSNE 402. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 502 and MSNE 402.

**MSNE 503 - THERMODYNAMICS IN MATERIALS SCIENCE**  
**Short Title:** THERMODYNAMICS IN MAT SCIENCE  
**Department:** Materials Science & NanoEng  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** Unified presentation of the kinetics and thermodynamics of mass and energy transport. Includes heterogeneous equilibrium, diffusion in solids, and heat transfer, as well as their application to engineering design. Required for Materials Science and Engineering majors. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: MSNE 401. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 503 and MSNE 401.

**MSNE 505 - MICROSTRUCTURE AND NANOSTRUCTURE EVOLUTION**  
**Short Title:** MICRO/NANO-STRUCTURE EVOLUTION  
**Department:** Materials Science & NanoEng  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** Study of the thermodynamic and kinetic principles underlying structural evolution in materials at micro- and nanoscales. Includes atomic diffusion, phase transformations and morphological evolution of surfaces and interfaces under capillary and mechanical forces. Elucidation of atomistic mechanisms and mathematical treatment are emphasized. Undergraduates may register with instructor permission. Recommended Prerequisite(s): MSNE 503.

**MSNE 506 - PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS**  
**Short Title:** PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOLIDS  
**Department:** Materials Science & NanoEng  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** Survey of the electrical, magnetic, and optical properties of metals, semiconductors, and dielectrics based upon elementary band theory concepts. Required for Materials Science and Engineering majors. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: MSNE 406. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 506 and MSNE 406.

**MSNE 509 - PHYSICAL METALLURGY**  
**Short Title:** PHYSICAL METALLURGY  
**Department:** Materials Science & NanoEng  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** Fundamentals of metallic materials, with a focus on defect engineering, microstructure design, and alloy design. The course will provide students with the understanding needed to develop alloys with specific desirable properties. Examples will be drawn from the processing of both ferrous and non-ferrous (e.g., Cu-, Al-, and Ti based) alloys. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: MSNE 409. Recommended Prerequisite(s): MSNE 435 and MSNE 411. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 509 and MSNE 409.

**MSNE 510 - SCALING CONCEPTS IN 2D MATERIALS AND POLYMER PHYSICS**  
**Short Title:** SCALING CONCEPTS IN MATERIALS  
**Department:** Materials Science & NanoEng  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** The course is an introduction to symmetry breaking, scaling and universality in low dimensional materials and polymers. Using simple models as examples, the course addresses 2D crystals and melting, surface roughening, scaling properties of polymers, phase transitions and the mean field approach. It then goes over to explain how renormalization works in condensed matter, and how it gives rise to universality. Recommended Prerequisite(s): MSNE 401

**MSNE 516 - STRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES OF POLYMERS AND SOFT MATERIALS**  
**Short Title:** PROPERTIES OF SOFT MATERIALS  
**Department:** Materials Science & NanoEng  
**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Course Type:** Lecture  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.  
**Course Level:** Graduate  
**Description:** This graduate level course addresses the fundamental structures and properties of polymers and other forms of soft matter (gels, colloids, nanoparticles, etc.) and their many roles as technologically important materials. The electrical, optical, transport, acoustic and mechanical properties are presented with respect to the underlying physics and engineering. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 516 and MSNE 416.
MSNE 517 - ELECTRONIC, OPTICAL AND MAGNETIC PROPERTIES OF POLYMERS
Short Title: POLYMER ELECTRONICS
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Covers physical and material concepts and engineering applications of electronic polymers. Examines the structural origins of the diverse electronic, optoelectronic, photonic and magnetic properties of conjugated polymers. Topics include synthesis, electronic structure, physico-chemical characterization, applications in LEDs, solar cells, transistors, spintronics, and bioelectronics. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 517 and MSNE 417.

MSNE 523 - PROPERTIES, SYNTHESIS AND DESIGN OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS
Short Title: DESIGN OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Study of the science of interfaces and the properties that govern their use in composite materials. Not offered every year. The study of composite processing and methods for synthesis polymer, metal and ceramic matrix composition.

MSNE 533 - COMPUTATIONAL MATERIALS MODELING
Short Title: COMPUTATIONAL MATERIALS MODEL
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Physico-chemical principles augmented by ever-advancing computation technology have become a tool for explaining rich materials properties, designing nano-structures and their possible functionality. This course overviews basic quantum principles of materials structure, and a hierarchy of approximations broadly used in computational models. This includes classical multi-body potentials, tight-binding approximations, electronic density functional theory methods, etc. MSNE 533 requires additional work. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: MSNE 433. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 533 and MSNE 433.

MSNE 534 - NANOSCIENCE AND NANOTECHNOLOGY I
Short Title: NANOSCIENCE & NANOTECHNOLOGY I
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is open to all students. Undergraduate enrollment requires instructor permission via special registration form. An introduction to the basic principles of nanoscience and nanotechnology. Size dependent physical properties of nanoscopic solids will be described using solid state physics and molecular orbital theory as a foundation. Wet chemical techniques that produce nanoscale materials (e.g. carbon nanotubes, semiconductor and metallic nanocrystals, dendrimers...) will be introduced in the second half of the semester. Expected to be taught Spring 2019. Cross-list: CEVE 533, CHEM 533.

MSNE 535 - CRYSTALLOGRAPHY & DIFFRACTION
Short Title: CRYSTALLOGRAPHY & DIFFRACTION
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Study of crystals by diffraction techniques, focusing on x-ray, with an overview of electron and neutron diffraction as well as complementary techniques. Provides mathematical foundations and nomenclature for diffraction and related phenomena. Includes basics of crystallographic analysis and surface/point/group symmetry, experiment design (sources, geometry, detectors), and data analysis and interpretation. Required for undergraduate MSNE major. Meets with MSNE 435 (additional work for the graduate version). Cross-list: PHYS 535. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: MSNE 435. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 535 and MSNE 435.

MSNE 537 - CRYSTALLOGRAPHY & DIFFRAC LAB
Short Title: CRYSTALLOGRAPHY & DIFFRAC LAB
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Selected laboratory experiments in materials science, focusing on lattice symmetry, crystallography, phase identification, and metallurgy. Required for undergraduate MSNE major. Credit may be given for only one, MSNE 537 or MSNE 437. Instructor Permission Required. Graduate/Undergraduate Equivalency: MSNE 437. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MSNE 537 and MSNE 437.
and devices. NOTE: Not offered every year.

Similarly several functional structures designed by nature such as Gecko tape and IR sensors will be discussed for designing bio-medic structure and devices. NOTE: Not offered every year.

Deposition methods include sputtering, plating, evaporation and chemical vapor deposition. Material types include crystalline and amorphous metals as well as semiconductors and insulators. Applications are primarily in microelectronics; data storage; micro-electro-mechanical systems, wear and corrosion prevention and thermal barriers. NOTE: Not offered every year. Cross-list: ELEC 545.

A design project in the materials science field will be undertaken by the student in close collaboration with at least one materials science faculty member. Instructor Permission Required.
MSNE 580 - MICROSCOPY METHODS IN MATERIALS SCIENCE
Short Title: MICROSCOPY METHODS
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture/Laboratory
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This course covers theory and applications of electron microscopy techniques with an emphasis on transmission and scanning transmission electron microscopy (TEM, STEM). Topics include modern instrumentation and hardware, electron diffraction, imaging modes, tomography, and spectroscopy (energy dispersive x-ray spectroscopy (EDS), electron-energy loss spectroscopy (EELS), cathodoluminescence (CL)). Previous experience with electron microscopes recommended. Can be taken alone or concurrently with lab course MSNE 582. Instructor Permission Required. Cross-list: CHEM 580.

MSNE 581 - MICRO AND NANO HEAT TRANSPORT METHODOLOGIES AND DESIGN
Short Title: MICRO & NANO HEAT TRANSPORT
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a class of Graduate or Senior. Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Mechanical Engineering or Materials Science & NanoEng. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): MECH 481

MSNE 582 - ELECTRON MICROSCOPY CENTER LAB
Short Title: ELECTRON MICROSCOPY CENTER LAB
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hour: 1
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Corequisite: MSNE 580
Description: Hands-on laboratory using the instruments in the electron microscopy center. The students will gain the knowledge necessary to operate the instruments and analyze data independently. Must be taken concurrently with MSNE 580. Instructor Permission Required. Cross-list: CHEM 582.

MSNE 583 - INTRODUCTION TO POLYMER PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING
Short Title: POLYMER PHYSICS
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 211 and CHEM 212
Description: The course focuses on demonstrating how the physical properties of polymers can be understood from simple models. Students will be introduced to the terminology and mathematics involved in the physical understanding of polymer systems. The course is intended for students who would like to gain an understanding of modern approaches to polymer physics. NOTE: Not offered every year. Cross-list: CHBE 593.

MSNE 593 - INTRODUCTION TO POLYMER PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING
Short Title: PROPERTIES OF POLYMERS
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 211 or CHEM 251 and (MATH 211 or MATH 221)
Description: The course will introduce basic concepts in polymer science including the synthesis and chemical modification of polymers as well as physical properties of polymers. Topics include approaches to polymer synthesis, processing and characterization of polymer materials, and an introduction to mathematical models applied to describe the structure and dynamics of polymeric materials. NOTE: Offered in alternative year with MSNE 560/CHBE 560. Cross-list: CHBE 594. Repeatable for Credit.

MSNE 594 - PROPERTIES OF POLYMERS
Short Title: PROPERTIES OF POLYMERS
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Prerequisite(s): (CHEM 211 or CHEM 251) and (MATH 211 or MATH 221)
Description: The course will introduce basic concepts in polymer science including the synthesis and chemical modification of polymers as well as physical properties of polymers. Topics include approaches to polymer synthesis, processing and characterization of polymer materials, and an introduction to mathematical models applied to describe the structure and dynamics of polymeric materials. NOTE: Offered in alternative year with MSNE 560/CHBE 560. Cross-list: CHBE 594. Repeatable for Credit.

MSNE 599 - RISK ASSESSMENT AND ASSET INTEGRITY IN OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AND REFINING OPERATIONS I
Short Title: OIL AND GAS ASSET INTEGRITY I
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: The course integrates risk assessment and mitigation, asset integrity management, corrosion control and materials selection across the oil and gas value chain, from production to refining and retail. The full course covers 2 semesters. Session "I," to be delivered in the Spring 2017 semester. Session "II" will be delivered in the Fall 2017 semester. Instructor Permission Required. Cross-list: CHBE 609.
MSNE 613 - SPECIAL TOPICS I
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS I
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 1-9
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Fall 2017: Engineered Nanomaterials for Sustainable Energy provides a working knowledge of the synthesis, processing and applications of nanomaterials for generation (solar cells and fuel cells), transmission (superconductors and smart grids) and storage of energy (hydrogen storage, batteries and supercapacitors). The health and safety aspects of nanomaterials will also be discussed. This will be a 2 credit hour course. Senior UG students can register via special registration forms. Repeatable for Credit.

MSNE 614 - SPECIAL TOPICS II
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS II
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 1-9
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: The course gives an overview of micro and nanoelectronics technologies. The primary aim is to learn the main concepts and underlying principles of various lithography techniques and clean room practices, as well as the ways materials development has been contributing to the continuous improvement of electronic components and devices. This will be a 3-credit hour course. UG students can register via special registration form. Repeatable for Credit.

MSNE 615 - SPECIAL TOPICS III
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS III
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 1-9
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: The course will introduce the most important process plant safety concepts and design techniques for the early identification and minimization of operational hazards. A broad selection of historical and recent industrial accident cases will be discussed and analyzed. What can we learn, what are the best practices for loss prevention? This will be a 2 credit hour course. UG students can register via special registration form. Repeatable for Credit.

MSNE 616 - AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING: MATERIALS AND DYNAMICS
Short Title: AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 1-3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Discussion of the engineering and materials technology that is involved in modern automotive design. Topics include: chassis design and construction; composite design and fabrication; aerodynamics and ground effects; suspension dynamics; performance technology. External expert speakers will provide a real-world perspective. Course will only be offered with sufficient demand. Check with the instructor. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

MSNE 617 - AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING: LAB
Short Title: AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING: LAB
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Laboratory
Credit Hours: 1-3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Laboratory application of engineering skills towards the materials technology and dynamics of chassis design, composite design, and fabrication, aerodynamics, and performance technology. Not offered every year. Instructor Permission Required. Recommended Prerequisite(s): MSCI 616 or MSNE 616. Repeatable for Credit.

MSNE 618 - RISK ASSESSMENT AND ASSET INTEGRITY IN OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AND REFINING OPERATIONS II
Short Title: OIL AND GAS ASSET INTEGRITY II
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: The course integrates risk assessment and mitigation, asset integrity management, corrosion control and materials selection across the oil and gas value chain, from production to refining and retail. The full course covers 2 semesters. Session "I," to be delivered in the Spring 2017 semester. Session "II" will be delivered in the Fall 2017 semester. Instructor Permission Required. Cross-list: CHBE 618.

MSNE 621 - M.M.S. RESEARCH PROJECT I
Short Title: M.M.S. RESEARCH PROJECT I
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: This is the first part of the M.M.E. research project course. The faculty advisor, taking into account the background and research interests of the student as well as the research interests of the faculty advisor, will determine the contents. Course requirements will include a final report. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.
MSNE 622 - M.M.S. RESEARCH PROJECT II
Short Title: M.M.S. RESEARCH PROJECT II
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Description: This is the second part of the M.M.E. research project and continuation of MSNE 621. Course requirements will include a final report. Instructor Permission Required. Repeatable for Credit.

MSNE 650 - NANOMATERIALS AND NANOMECHANICS
Short Title: NANOMATERIALS & NANOMECHANICS
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Description: The primary goal of this course is to introduce important current developments in the field of nanomaterials and nanomechanics. The course will discuss synthesis and characterization of nanomaterials, the behaviors especially mechanical behaviors in the broad sense of such materials, and their technological applications. The basic physics and fundamental mechanisms responsible for nanoscale induced changes in properties will be stressed.

MSNE 800 - RESEARCH AND THESIS
Short Title: RESEARCH AND THESIS
Department: Materials Science & NanoEng
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
Course Type: Research
Credit Hours: 1-12
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Materials Science & NanoEng. Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Course Level: Graduate
Description: Repeatable for Credit.

Description and Code Legend
Note: Internally, the university uses the following descriptions, codes, and abbreviations for this academic program. The following is a quick reference:

Course Catalog/Schedule
- Course offerings/subject code: MSNE

Department Description and Code
- Materials Science and NanoEngineering: MSNE

Undergraduate Degree Descriptions and Codes
- Bachelor of Arts degree: BA
- Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and NanoEngineering degree: BSMSNE

Undergraduate Major Code and Description
- Major in Materials Science and NanoEngineering: MSNE

Graduate Degree Descriptions and Codes
- Master of Materials Science and NanoEngineering degree: MMSNE
- Master of Science degree: MS
- Doctor of Philosophy degree: PhD