Syllabus of MEC 456/556: Introduction to Engineering Mechanics of Composites, Fall 2016

**Time:** Tuesday 4pm-7pm  
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**Grading:** Homework (10%), Midterm 1 (25%) on Sep 20, Midterm 2 (25%) on Nov 15, Final exam (40%) (Final exam week)

**Introduction:** Introduction to the engineering mechanics of fiber reinforced composites. Brief history of the development of fiber composites, their properties, advantages, limitations and applications. Overview of the different types of composites but with focus on long fiber reinforced composites; particularly, lamina and laminate concepts, characteristics and configurations. Topics covered include: elastic properties of unidirectional lamina, strength of unidirectional lamina, elastic behavior of multidirectional laminates and stress and failure of multidirectional laminates. Design methodologies and considerations for structural composite materials

**COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

1. Become familiar with the advantages and limitation of fiber composites in comparison with conventional structural materials
2. Ability of using stress-strain linear elastic constitutive relations in structural analysis, including Isotropic, Anisotropic, Orthotropic and transverse isotropic relations
3. Knowledge of coordinate transformation of stress, strain, stiffness and compliance matrices
4. Knowledge of theoretical methods for predicting effective elastic properties using rule of mixture, Halpin-Tsai formulation, including advantages and limitations
5. Ability to determine the onset of failure in composites using maximum stress theory, maximum strain theory, Tasi-Hill and Tsai-wu theories
6. Ability to determine the elastic behavior of multidirectional laminates composed of plies with different orientations
Course outline:
1: Introduction to composites
2: Basic Concepts, materials, processes, and characteristics
3: Elastic behavior of composite-micromechanics
4: Elastic behavior of composite-Macromechanics
5: Strength of unidirectional lamina - Micromechanics
6: Strength of unidirectional lamina - Macromechanics
7: Elastic behavior of multidirectional laminates
8: Stress and Failure analysis of multidirectional laminates

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