

NUCLEAR ENGINEERING (NE)

NE 400 (s) Seminar (1-16 credits)

Credit arranged

NE 404 (s) Special Topics (1-16 credits)

Credit arranged

NE 437 Radiation Effects on Materials (3 credits)

Cross-listed with MSE 437

Joint-listed with MSE 537 and NE 537

. Interactions between radiation and solids.

Prereqs: MSE 201 or Permission

NE 438 Fundamentals of Nuclear Materials (3 credits)

Cross-listed with MSE 438, NE 538

Joint-listed with MSE 538

This course is designed for students who wish to learn about nuclear materials and fuels from a materials science viewpoint. Topics to be covered include crystal structure, diffusion, radiation damage processes etc. Term-projects and advanced problems required for graduate credit.

Typically Offered: Spring.

Prereqs: ENGR 215 or NE 450; or Permission

NE 450 Principles of Nuclear Engineering (3 credits)

Basic nuclear and atomic processes; radioactive decay, binding energy, radiation interactions, reaction cross sections. Neutron diffusion, radiation sources. Idaho Falls only.

Prereqs: MATH 310, ENGR 320, or Permission

NE 498 (s) Internship (1-16 credits)

Credit arranged

NE 499 (s) Directed Study (1-16 credits)

Credit arranged

NE 500 Master's Research and Thesis (1-16 credits)

Credit arranged. Course offered only in Idaho Falls.

NE 501 (s) Seminar (1-16 credits)

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NE 502 (s) Directed Study (1-16 credits)

Credit arranged

NE 504 (s) Special Topics (1-16 credits)

Credit arranged

NE 505 (s) Professional Development (1-16 credits)

Credit arranged

NE 512 Nuclear Components Inspection (3 credits)

Cross-listed with MSE 512

This course will cover various non-destructive testing techniques to evaluate the environmental degradation of the nuclear structural components. Remnant life estimation of structural components exposed to fatigue, creep, and stress corrosion cracking service conditions will be discussed.

Prereqs: Graduate standing or Permission

NE 513 Nuclear Security Science (3 credits)

An engineering course on threat and risk informed nuclear security covering topics including: physical protection, facility characterization, consequence analysis, access control/delay, insider threats, security culture, transportation security, radiological crime scene, and nuclear forensics.

Prereqs: Science or Engineering background or instructor permission

NE 514 Nuclear Safety (3 credits)

Cross-listed with TM 514

An in-depth technical study of safety issues within the nuclear fuel cycle and within various reactor types. Evaluation methods, system disturbances, safety criteria, containment, NRC licensing, and codes for safety analysis will be presented. Case studies of reactor accidents and corrective measures included.

Prereqs: Permission.

NE 516 Nuclear Rules and Regulations (3 credits)

Cross-listed with TM 516

An in-depth examination of nuclear regulatory agencies; major nuclear legislation; current radiation protection standards and organizational responsibility for their implementation.

Prereqs: Permission.

NE 520 Thermodynamics of Nuclear Power Plants (3 credits)

Course covers applications of First Law to power nuclear plants: boiling water, pressurized, high temperature gas, small modular and advanced nuclear power plants. Nuclear power plant applications of pressurizers, suppression pools, nuclear containment, the application of the Second Law to exergy analysis of advanced fuel cycles.

Prereqs: Permission

NE 524 Heat Exchanger Design (3 credits)

Cross-listed with ME 569

This course will cover advanced heat exchanger design and apply that knowledge to the design of the following heat exchangers: tube-in-tube heat exchanger, air cooler, compact heat exchanger, feedwater heater, and condenser. Typically Offered: Spring.

Prereqs: Permission

NE 527 Nuclear Material Storage, Transportation, and Disposal (3 credits)

There is a wide range of nuclear materials that are stored, transported and disposed of each day. The materials include medical radioisotopes, new fuel pellets, used fuel, and industrial radioisotopes. This course will cover the regulations that govern nuclear material storage, transportation and disposal, as well as the engineering requirements and practical aspects of handling these materials.

NE 528 Management of Nuclear Facilities (3 credits)

Cross-listed with TM 538

Nuclear facilities need a sustainable management system to make sure that matters of importance are not dealt with in isolation of other issues in the decision making process. Integrating all relevant issues, ranging from safety, security and safeguards to health and economic and environmental questions, leads to well-informed and balanced decisions. This course addresses from a practical point of view the safety and regulatory issues of operating and planned reactors in the U. S. and other countries.

NE 529 Risk Assessment (3 credits)

Cross-listed with TM 529

In-depth evaluation and analysis techniques used to determine the risk of industrial, process, nuclear, and aviation industries; fault tree analysis; human reliability analysis; failure mode and effect analysis.

NE 530 Two-Phase Flow (3 credits)

Treatment of fluid mechanics and heat transfer in conjunction with nuclear reactors where two-phase flow problems are found. Typically Offered: Varies.

NE 535 Nuclear Criticality Safety (3 credits)

Cross-listed with TM 513

Nuclear criticality safety including nuclear physics, fusion and neutron multiplication, moderation and reflection of neutrons, criticality issues in the fuel cycle, critical experiments and sub-critical limits, calculations of criticality, nuclear criticality safety practices, emergency procedures, and nuclear regulations and standards.

Prereqs: NE 450 or Permission.

NE 536 Electrochemical Engineering (3 credits)

Cross-listed with CHE 536

Application of chemical engineering principles to electrochemical systems; thermodynamics, kinetics, and mass transport in electrochemical systems; electrochemical process design.

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NE 544 Reactor Analysis - Statics and Kinetics (3 credits)

The purpose of this course is to study nuclear theory in the context of nuclear reactor engineering. Concepts relating to the design and operation of nuclear reactors will be discussed. Mathematical expressions describing the relevant nuclear processes as well as their physical implications will be developed. This course will involve the application of several common analytical and computational tools used for the design and evaluation of nuclear systems. Typically Offered: Spring.

Prereqs: NE 585 or Instructor Permission

NE 548 Modeling of Thermal and Chemical Systems (3 credits)

The course introduces students to methods, techniques, and process modeling software for modeling of thermal and chemical systems. The basic concepts and principles include power generation, refrigeration, cooling towers, air separation, hydrogen and ammonia production.

Components such as compressors, turbines, pumps, heat exchangers, piping, fluid and gas mixtures, and chemical reactors are modeled.

Economics and dynamic systems modeling are also covered.

Prereqs: ME 322, ME 345, ME 420 or Permission

NE 551 Nuclear Reactor Fuels (3 credits)

Selection of materials and design of nuclear fuels, light water reactor fuels, metal and oxide dispersed fuels, high temperature ceramic fuels.

Prereqs: Permission

NE 554 Radiation Detection and Shielding (3 credits)

Cross-listed with TM 535

Radiation transport and shielding concepts. Methods for quantifying attenuation of nuclear particles and electromagnetic radiation. Radiation detection methods, data acquisition and processing.

Prereqs: MATH 310 or Permission

NE 570 Nuclear Chemical Engineering (3 credits, max 3)

Course offered only in Idaho Falls. Chemical engineering processes related to the nuclear industry; metals dissolution, solvent extraction, isotope separation, uranium processing and other topics.

Prereqs: Permission

NE 575 Advanced Nuclear Power Engineering (3 credits)

Present and advanced nuclear power plant descriptions and analysis.

Engineering aspects of converting nuclear fission energy to useful work. Group project design. Idaho Falls only.

Prereqs: Permission

NE 582 Spent Nuclear Fuel Management and Disposition (3 credits)

Joint-listed with CHE 582

The management of nuclear fuel after removal from a nuclear reactor; storage options, recycle and recovery of uranium and other radionuclides, geological repositories, and related topics.

Prereqs: Permission

NE 585 Nuclear Fuel Cycles (3 credits)

Cross-listed with MSE 585

Processes to support the existing LWR fuel cycle. Alternative fuel cycles including U-233, Pu239 and mixed oxide fuels, and advanced reactor concepts. Recycling and recovery of nuclear materials, with emphasis on traditional fast reactor recycle. Typically Offered: Fall.

Prereqs: Permission

NE 586 Industrial Control Systems (3 credits)

Cross-listed with ECE 586

Combines control systems theory and implementation topics. Theory topics include: process dynamics and modeling; instrumentation, sensors and measurements; feedback and feedforward concepts; and basic control design methods. Implementation topics include: programmable logic controllers, fundamentals of ladder logic, network configuration, and basic security concepts. Typically Offered: Fall.

NE 587 Nuclear Decommissioning (3 credits)

Concepts and strategies for decommissioning nuclear facilities including project and program management, waste management, and site environmental restorations.

Prereqs: NE 450

NE 598 (s) Internship (1-16 credits)

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NE 599 (s) Research (1-16 credits)

Credit arranged

NE 600 Doctoral Research & Dissertation (1-45 credits)

Credit arranged