MEEN 4332
Fundamentals of Air Pollution Engineering
Fall 2021

Course description: Fundamental theories of air pollution and atmospheric science. Air pollution causes and impacts; atmospheric chemistry and physics; meteorology; and an introduction to air quality models. Control technology of particulate and gaseous air pollutants; process design variables; and industrial and engineering applications of control technologies.

Prerequisite(s): MEEN 3110 or consent of department.


Course objectives: Course objectives are: (1) to provide students with fundamental concepts of air pollution science and engineering; (2) to provide an in-depth review of sources of air pollution and engineering controls; (3) to provide case-study based analyses of environmental impacts and applications related to energy industries.

Student learning outcomes:

1. Knowledge of the fundamental concepts of air pollution science and engineering
2. Knowledge of global and societal issues related to air pollution
3. Ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems
4. Ability to evaluate and use principles of stoichiometry, chemical kinetics, and thermodynamics
5. Knowledge of industrial practices for environmental control
6. Performing on a team-based design evaluation project

Course contents:

1. Air Pollution Overview
   a) Introduction
   b) Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics
   c) Air Pollution and Meteorology
   d) Air Pollution Impacts
   e) Air Quality Monitoring and Measurements
   f) Trends
   g) Rules, Laws, Regulations and Policies

2. Particulate Matter Control
   a) Introduction
   b) Cyclones
   c) Electrostatic Precipitators
3. **Gaseous Pollutant Control**
   a) Introduction
   b) VOC Incinerators
   c) Gas Adsorption
   d) Gas Absorption
   e) Biological Control of VOCs and Odors
   f) Control of Sulfur Oxides
   g) Control of Nitrogen Oxides

4. **Other Sources and Controls**
   a) Control of Mercury Compounds
   b) Control of Greenhouse Gases
   c) Mobile Source Control Technologies

5. **Case Studies in Air Pollution Control Engineering**
   a) Urban and Industrial Pollution Scenarios (*Bonus topic for undergraduate students*)

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**Course format:** 3 hours of lecture per week; MW 4:00 - 5:20 p.m.

**Office hours:** By appointment

**Grading:**

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