MTSE 5000: THERMODYNAMICS OF MATERIALS

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Communication: CANVAS and Email will be the primary tools used to communicate with each other. I will get back to you no later than 48 hours. Efforts will be made to post exam grades within 2 weeks after an exam is administered. Assignments, quizzes, and exams will be submitted via CANVAS, and students will participate in CANVAS-based discussion board.

Welcome to UNT!

As members of the UNT community, we have all made a commitment to be part of an institution that respects and values the identities of the students and employees with whom we interact. UNT does not tolerate identity-based discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. UNT’s full Non-Discrimination Policy can be found in the UNT Policies section of the syllabus.

Course Objectives

This course will provide a strong foundation in thermodynamics of materials.

How to Study?

This is a problems-based class. The ability to solve numerical problems is the foundation of any thermodynamics course. Discuss thermodynamics principles with your classmates, and help each other understand the concepts by working in teams. But the work you turn in must be your own. You should not use homework solutions, exams, or other materials from others, and pass it off as your own work. Violations of the Academic Integrity code will be punished to the fullest extent.

Course Structure

The course will be fully remote on Zoom. Participation in the class during lectures is mandatory. The exams, quizzes, and homework assignments must be submitted as a PDF file on CANVAS itself.

Course Prerequisites or Other Restrictions

The students must possess a Laptop connected to the Internet and be able to log in to Zoom lectures. The student must be familiar with fundamentals of mathematics, especially calculus. A prior knowledge of partial derivative is assumed. I encourage all the students to review Calculus using calculus textbooks and/or video tutorials on khanacademy.org.
Textbook


Teaching Philosophy

I encourage student questions and participation during lecture. Students must be proactive in getting confusions clarified. To ensure this, I have a “Muddy Points Discussions” page on CANVAS with specific topics listed. The students must actively post their questions and also answer questions from other students. This section is based on the quality and quantity of your discussions.

Course Description

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Grading

An (A-F) grading scale will be used. The point percentages used to calculate the final grade are:

- A >= 90;
- B = 80-89;
- C = 70-79;
- D = 60-69;
- F = < 60

Your grading will be based on the following areas of assessment:

- Homework + Muddy Point Discussions on CANVAS 20%
- Two Quizzes 20%
- Two Exams Administered on CANVAS 60%

Muddle Point Discussions: Muddle points are questions/concepts that confuse you. Each student must upload at least one question of a concept they found hard to understand in the topics listed on CANVAS. In addition, they must contribute to answering questions raised by their classmates. There will be about 8 such discussions over the semester.

- Exam-1: On October 09, 2019 during your class period.
- Exam-2: December 4, 2019. Please do not plan to leave for vacation before your exam.
Course Policies

Attendance Policy
Participation in class lectures is mandatory. If you are unable to attend a class, please email me. Excused absences include illness, conference travel, family emergency, religious holiday, and any other unplanned difficulty as determined by the instructor. Student(s) with 3 or more unexcused absences will be dropped from the class. Don’t disrupt classes by coming late.

Late Work Policy
Late work will lead to one letter grade drop unless a prior accommodation has been made with the professor. Late work will NOT be accepted if submitted after the answers are posted. There will be no extra credit opportunities.

Examination Policy
The exams are open or closed-book exams and will be administered via CANVAS. You will download the exam from CANVAS and have a fixed amount of time to complete it and upload your answer file back on CANVAS for grading. Work on your exam during a time you expect stable Internet connection. A student who misses exam(s) due to unavoidable reasons such conference travel, family emergencies, and sickness must show proof such as doctor’s and/or advisor’s note to the instructor to get permission and/or arrange for a makeup exam. Please do not plan your winter vacation travel before UNT closes. I will not reschedule your final examination.

Assignment Policy
The instructions for assignments and their due dates will be posted on CANVAS. You must upload your answers in PDF files on CANVAS. Turnitin or similar software will be used to check your project report and your assignments.

Note that the University is committed to providing a reliable online course system to all users. However, in the event of any unexpected server outage or any unusual technical difficulty which prevents students from completing a time sensitive assessment activity, the instructor will extend the time windows and provide an appropriate accommodation based on the situation. Students should immediately report any problems to the instructor and contact the UNT Student Help Desk: helpdesk@unt.edu or 940.565.2324 and obtain a ticket number. The instructor and the UNT Student Help Desk will work with the student to resolve any issues at the earliest possible time.

Instructor Responsibilities and Feedback

- The instructor will help students grow and learn, provide clear instructions for projects and assessments, answer questions about assignments, identify additional resources as necessary, provide grading rubrics, review and update course content.
- Please help the instructor by being proactive in asking questions and seeking help.

Course Evaluation
Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPOT) is the student evaluation system for UNT and allows students the ability to confidentially provide constructive feedback to their instructor and department to improve the quality of student experiences in the course. SPOT evaluation window: November 16–December 3.

Syllabus Change Policy
Any changes to the syllabus (in an extraordinary situation) will be clearly communicated to the students.
Homework Guidelines

1. **Upload your homework solutions on CANVAS.** The key objective of this course is to enable you to apply thermodynamics principles to materials science problems. Homework exercises play a crucial role for this purpose and are *mandatory*. There will be about *six* sets of homework problems over the semester, with about ten problems per set.

2. **Collaborate with your peers.** Homework must be a result of your own effort. However, you are *encouraged* to *discuss* homework problems with your classmates before you work out detailed solutions. I will **NOT** tolerate cheating.

3. **Presentation must be professional.** The paper size must be 8-1/2" x 11". Write your name (last name first), the homework assignment number, and the due date on the "cover page." You must write only on one side of each sheet, and only inside the margins. Do the problems in the order assigned. **Papers torn out from a spiral notebook are NOT acceptable.** Number the pages in the upper right corner and staple in the upper left corner. **BE NEAT!** Your career will suffer if your work is sloppy, and you will also lose points in this course.

4. **Use SI Units and appropriate significant digits.** Your answers must include the correct units, unless the calculated quantity is dimensionless! You must round off the final answer appropriately – answers with digits that are not significant will result in a grade reduction.

5. **Grading:** The problems will be graded for bona fide attempt on a scale of one (lowest) to ten (highest). I will post solutions to the problems.

6. **Late Submissions will not be accepted.** Exceptions will be made only for documented conference attendances, and significant circumstances such as leave to attend funeral, hospitalization, and/or documented medical appointment.

7. **A Useful Problem-Solving Strategy:** You must learn to address thermodynamics problems in a structured manner, thus: (a) **Outline a solution.** Re-phrase the problem in your own words from a materials science perspective, add a sketch if needed. Explicitly state and justify all assumptions you make for solving the problem. List in words the quantities you are given and you need to solve for. Write down the necessary equations. (b) **Execute the solution.** (c) **Evaluate your solution.** Check its units and assess if it is physically reasonable.
COVID-19 Related Steps

COVID-19 Impact on Attendance
While attendance is expected as outlined above, it is important for all of us to be mindful of the health and safety of everyone in our community, especially given concerns about COVID-19. Please contact me if you are unable to attend class because you are ill, or unable to attend class due to a related issue regarding COVID-19. It is important that you communicate with me prior to being absent so I may make a decision about accommodating your request to be excused from class.

If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) please seek medical attention from the Student Health and Wellness Center (940-565-2333 or askSHWC@unt.edu) or your health care provider PRIOR to coming to campus. UNT also requires you to contact the UNT COVID Hotline at 844-366-5892 or COVID@unt.edu for guidance on actions to take due to symptoms, pending or positive test results, or potential exposure. While attendance is an important part of succeeding in this class, your own health, and those of others in the community, is more important.

Class Materials for Remote Instruction
The UNT fall schedule requires this course to have fully remote instruction beginning November 28th. Additional remote instruction may be necessary if community health conditions change or you need to self-isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19. Students will need access to an Internet, webcam and microphone to participate in fully remote portions of the class. Additional required classroom materials for remote learning include: MS-Office Suite and CES EduPack Software. Information on how to be successful in a remote learning environment can be found at https://online.unt.edu/learn.

Statement on Face Covering
Face coverings are required in all UNT facilities. Students are expected to wear face coverings when they are in UNT facilities. If you are unable to wear a face covering due to a disability, please contact the Office of Disability Access to request an accommodation. UNT face covering requirements are subject to change due to community health guidelines. Any changes will be communicated via the instructor.
Course Technology & Skills

Minimum Technology Requirements
Provide a list of the minimum technology requirements for students, such as:

- Use a Windows based Computer
- Reliable internet access
- Speakers
- Microphone
- Plug-ins
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Canvas Technical Requirements (https://clear.unt.edu/supported-technologies/canvas/requirements)

Computer Skills & Digital Literacy
Provide a list of course-specific technical skills learners must have to succeed in the course, such as:

- Using Canvas
- Using email with attachments
- Downloading and installing software
- Using spreadsheet programs
- Using presentation and graphics programs

Technical Assistance
Part of working in the online environment involves dealing with the inconveniences and frustration that can arise when technology breaks down or does not perform as expected. Here at UNT we have a Student Help Desk that you can contact for help with Canvas or other technology issues.

UIT Help Desk: UIT Student Help Desk site (http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/index.htm)
Email: helpdesk@unt.edu
Phone: 940-565-2324
In Person: Sage Hall, Room 130
Walk-In Availability: 8am-9pm
Telephone Availability:
- Sunday: noon-midnight
- Monday-Thursday: 8am-midnight
- Friday: 8am-8pm
- Saturday: 9am-5pm
Laptop Checkout: 8am-7pm

Canvas Technical Help (https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10554-4212710328)

Rules of Engagement (Engagement Guidelines: https://clear.unt.edu/online-communication-tips)
Some expectations of how students should interact with each other and with their instructors include:

- While the freedom to express oneself is a fundamental right, any communication that utilizes cruel and derogatory language on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law will not be tolerated.
• Treat your instructor and classmates with respect in any communication online or face-to-face.
• Ask for and use the correct name and pronouns for your instructor and classmates.
• Speak from personal experiences. Use “I” statements to share thoughts and feelings. Try not to speak on behalf of groups or other individual’s experiences.
• Use your critical thinking skills to challenge other people’s ideas, instead of attacking individuals.
• Avoid using all caps while communicating digitally. This may be interpreted as “YELLING!”
  √ Cautiously use humor or sarcasm in emails or discussion posts as tone can be difficult to interpret digitally.
  √ Avoid using “text-talk” unless explicitly permitted by your instructor.
  √ Proofread and fact-check your sources.
  √ Keep in mind that online posts can be permanent, so think first before you type.
UNT Policies

Academic Integrity Policy
Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences. According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University. Plagiarism and cheating will result in an F grade (Fail) for that assignment and a referral to the committee handling academic misconduct for further action.

ADA Policy
UNT makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide a student with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding one’s specific course needs. Students may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the ODA website (https://disability.unt.edu/).

Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (Policy 16.004)
The University of North Texas (UNT) prohibits discrimination and harassment because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law in its application and admission processes; educational programs and activities; employment policies, procedures, and processes; and university facilities. The University takes active measures to prevent such conduct and investigates and takes remedial action when appropriate.

Emergency Notification & Procedures
UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure, please refer to Canvas for contingency plans for covering course materials.

Retention of Student Records
Student records pertaining to this course are maintained in a secure location by the instructor of record. All records such as exams, answer sheets (with keys), and written papers submitted during the duration of the course are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. Course work completed via the Canvas online system, including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. Students have the right to view their individual record; however, information about student’s records will not be divulged to other individuals without proper written consent. Students are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws and the University’s policy. See UNT Policy 10.10, Records Management and Retention for additional information.
Acceptable Student Behavior

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students’ opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student’s conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. Visit UNT’s Code of Student Conduct (https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct) to learn more.

Access to Information - Eagle Connect

Students’ access point for business and academic services at UNT is located at: my.unt.edu. All official communication from the University will be delivered to a student’s Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect and how to forward e-mail Eagle Connect (https://it.unt.edu/eagleconnect).

Student Evaluation Administration Dates

Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The survey will be made available during weeks 13, 14 and 15 [insert administration dates] of the long semesters to provide students with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Students will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" (no-reply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Students should look for the email in their UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete the survey. Once students complete the survey, they will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the SPOT website (http://spot.unt.edu/) or email spot@unt.edu.

Sexual Assault Prevention

UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Federal laws (Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act) and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, and therefore prohibit sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. UNT’s Survivor Advocates can assist a student who has been impacted by violence by filing protective orders, completing crime victim’s compensation applications, contacting professors for absences related to an assault, working with housing to facilitate a room change where appropriate, and connecting students to other resources available both on and off campus. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-565-2648. Additionally, alleged sexual misconduct can be non-confidentially reported to the Title IX Coordinator at oeo@unt.edu or at (940) 565 2759.

Important Notice for F-1 Students taking Distance Education Courses

Federal Regulation

To read detailed Immigration and Customs Enforcement regulations for F-1 students taking online courses, please go to the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations website (http://www.ecfr.gov/). The specific portion concerning distance education courses is located at Title 8 CFR 214.2 Paragraph (f)(6)(i)(G).

The paragraph reads:
(G) For F-1 students enrolled in classes for credit or classroom hours, no more than the equivalent of one class or three credits per session, term, semester, trimester, or quarter may be counted toward the full course of study requirement if the class is taken on-line or through distance education and does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination or other purposes integral to completion of the class. An on-line or distance education course is a course that is offered principally through the use of television, audio, or computer transmission including open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, or satellite, audio conferencing, or computer conferencing. If the F-1 student's course of study is in a language study program, no on-line or distance education classes may be considered to count toward a student's full course of study requirement.

**University of North Texas Compliance**

To comply with immigration regulations, an F-1 visa holder within the United States may need to engage in an on-campus experiential component for this course. This component (which must be approved in advance by the instructor) can include activities such as taking an on-campus exam, participating in an on-campus lecture or lab activity, or other on-campus experience integral to the completion of this course.

If such an on-campus activity is required, it is the student’s responsibility to do the following:

1. Submit a written request to the instructor for an on-campus experiential component within one week of the start of the course.

2. Ensure that the activity on campus takes place and the instructor documents it in writing with a notice sent to the International Student and Scholar Services Office. ISSS has a form available that you may use for this purpose.

Because the decision may have serious immigration consequences, if an F-1 student is unsure about his or her need to participate in an on-campus experiential component for this course, s/he should contact the UNT International Student and Scholar Services Office (telephone 940-565-2195 or email internationaladvising@unt.edu) to get clarification before the one-week deadline.

**Student Verification**

UNT takes measures to protect the integrity of educational credentials awarded to students enrolled in distance education courses by verifying student identity, protecting student privacy, and notifying students of any special meeting times/locations or additional charges associated with student identity verification in distance education courses.

See [UNT Policy 07-002 Student Identity Verification, Privacy, and Notification and Distance Education Courses](https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-002).

**Use of Student Work**

A student owns the copyright for all work (e.g. software, photographs, reports, presentations, and email postings) he or she creates within a class and the University is not entitled to use any student work without the student’s permission unless all of the following criteria are met:

- The work is used only once.
- The work is not used in its entirety.
- Use of the work does not affect any potential profits from the work.
- The student is not identified.
- The work is identified as student work.
If the use of the work does not meet all of the above criteria, then the University office or department using the work must obtain the student’s written permission.

Download the UNT System Permission, Waiver and Release Form

**Transmission and Recording of Student Images in Electronically-Delivered Courses**

1. No permission is needed from a student for his or her image or voice to be transmitted live via videoconference or streaming media, but all students should be informed when courses are to be conducted using either method of delivery.

2. In the event an instructor records student presentations, he or she must obtain permission from the student using a signed release in order to use the recording for future classes in accordance with the Use of Student-Created Work guidelines above.

3. Instructors who video-record their class lectures with the intention of re-using some or all of recordings for future class offerings must notify students on the course syllabus if students' images may appear on video. Instructors are also advised to provide accommodation for students who do not wish to appear in class recordings.

   Example: This course employs lecture capture technology to record class sessions. Students may occasionally appear on video. The lecture recordings will be available to you for study purposes and may also be reused in future course offerings.

No notification is needed if only audio and slide capture is used or if the video only records the instructor's image. However, the instructor is encouraged to let students know the recordings will be available to them for study purposes.

**Class Recordings & Student Likenesses**

Synchronous (live) sessions in this course will be recorded for students enrolled in this class section to refer to throughout the semester. Class recordings are the intellectual property of the university or instructor and are reserved for use only by students in this class and only for educational purposes. Students may not post or otherwise share the recordings outside the class, or outside the Canvas Learning Management System, in any form. Failing to follow this restriction is a violation of the UNT Code of Student Conduct and could lead to disciplinary action.

**Academic Support & Student Services**

**Student Support Services**

**Mental Health**

UNT provides mental health resources to students to help ensure there are numerous outlets to turn to that wholeheartedly care for and are there for students in need, regardless of the nature of an issue or its severity. Listed below are several resources on campus that can support your academic success and mental well-being:

- [Student Health and Wellness Center](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center)
- [Counseling and Testing Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services)
- [UNT Care Team](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care)
Chosen Names
A chosen name is a name that a person goes by that may or may not match their legal name. If you have a chosen name that is different from your legal name and would like that to be used in class, please let the instructor know. Below is a list of resources for updating your chosen name at UNT.

- UNT Records
- UNT ID Card
- UNT Email Address
- Legal Name
- *UNT euIDs cannot be changed at this time. The collaborating offices are addressing this.

Pronouns
Pronouns (she/her, they/them, he/him, etc.) are a public way for people to address you, much like your name, and can be shared with a name when making an introduction, both virtually and in-person. Just as we ask and don’t assume someone’s name, we should also ask and not assume someone’s pronouns.

You can add your pronouns to your Canvas account so that they follow your name when posting to discussion boards, submitting assignments, etc.

Below is a list of additional resources regarding pronouns and their usage:

- What are pronouns and why are they important?
- How do I use pronouns?
- How do I share my pronouns?
- How do I ask for another person’s pronouns?
- How do I correct myself or others when the wrong pronoun is used?

Additional Student Support Services
- Registrar (https://registrar.unt.edu/registration)
- Financial Aid (https://financialaid.unt.edu/)
- Student Legal Services (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-legal-services)
- Career Center (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/career-center)
- Multicultural Center (https://edo.unt.edu/multicultural-center)
- Counseling and Testing Services (https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services)
- Pride Alliance (https://edo.unt.edu/pridealliance)
- UNT Food Pantry (https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources/food-pantry)

Academic Support Services
- Academic Resource Center (https://clear.unt.edu/canvas/student-resources)
- Academic Success Center (https://success.unt.edu/asc)
- UNT Libraries (https://library.unt.edu/)
- Writing Lab (http://writingcenter.unt.edu/