

ME 406: Experimental Design

<i>Course description:</i>	Designing, conducting, and reporting of experimental investigations involving mechanical equipment.
<i>Number of credits:</i>	3 (1-6) This course is required
<i>Course Coordinator:</i>	J. Leachman
<i>Prerequisites by course:</i>	ME 220; ME 304; ME 306; ME 348; admitted to the major in Mechanical Engineering
<i>Textbooks/other required materials:</i>	A. Wheeler and A. Ganji, <i>Introduction to Engineering Experimentation</i> , Prentice Hall, 2009, 3/e.
<i>Course objectives:</i>	Learn how to design, conduct, and report experimental investigations involving mechanical equipment and systems.
<i>Topics covered:</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Experiments involving<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. thermal fluid scienceb. dynamicsc. materials characterization2. Professional communication skills<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. memorandum writingb. progress report writingc. proposal writingd. report writinge. formal oral reporting3. Experimental skills<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. design of experimentsb. uncertainty analysisc. computer aided data acquisition4. Professional conduct<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. ethicsb. professionalismc. intellectual property and patentsd. ABET and registration
<i>Expected learning outcomes:</i>	Outcomes for the Lecture Component: <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Increased understanding of professionalism and continuation educationb. Increased understanding of intellectual property and patentsc. Increased understanding of ethicsd. Increased understanding of design of experiments

Outcomes for the Laboratory Component:

- a. Increased understanding of the ideas of experimentation and design of experiments including:
 1. Designing experimental projects
 2. Verifying the trends of the raw data
 3. Reducing and presenting experimental data
 4. Estimating uncertainty of the final results
 5. Comparing results with other available information
- b. Increased communication skills including:
 1. Writing memoranda to supervisors.
 2. Reporting results in the form of (1) short reports, (2) complete reports, (3) letters, and (4) progress reports
 3. Giving oral reports using PowerPoint and an LCD projector
 4. Communicating on a one-to-one basis with (1) laboratory assistants, (2) engineers, and (3) supervisors
- c. Use of codes and handbooks
- d. Application of the material from coursework to actual problems
- e. Expanded understanding of a subject by reading reference books and textbooks

Class schedule: One 50-minute lecture session per week, for one semester.

Laboratory schedule: Two 3-hour laboratory sessions per week, for one semester.

Contribution to meeting the professional component: Engineering Topics

Relationship of course to student outcomes: Meets:

1. School of MME ME educational objectives: 1, 2, 3
2. School of MME ME program outcomes: 1, 3, 4, 6, 7
3. ABET EC2019, Criterion 3 program outcomes: 1, 3, 4, 6, 7

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POLICIES

A. Reasonable Accommodation (the nature of the particular course determines which one applies):

- Pullman Campus. Reasonable accommodations are available for students with a documented disability. If you have a disability and need accommodations to fully participate in this class, please either visit or call the Access Center (Washington Building 217; 509-335-3417) to schedule an appointment with an Access Advisor. All accommodations MUST be approved through the Access Center.
- WSU Online Course. Reasonable accommodations are available in online classes for students with a documented disability. All accommodations must be approved through your WSU Disability Services office. If you have a disability and need accommodations, we recommend you begin the process as soon as possible. For more information contact a Disability Specialist on your home campus: Pullman or WSU Online (<http://accesscenter.wsu.edu>), Spokane (<http://spokane.wsu.edu/students/current/studentaffairs/disability/>), Tri-Cities (<http://www.tricity.wsu.edu/disability>), Vancouver (<http://studentaffairs.vancouver.wsu.edu/student-resource-center/disability-services>).

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