

California State University, Chico
MECH 430, Nanoscale Science and Engineering

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- Office Hours:** Monday 11 am-1 pm, Wednesday 1-3pm in OCNL 424 or by appointment
- Class Days:** LANG 104; MW 4:00 – 5:15 pm
- Course Description:** This course introduces students to the interdisciplinary field of nanoscience and engineering including the areas of engineering, materials science, chemistry, and physics. The topics covered include advanced materials, synthesis and modification of nanomaterials, properties of nanomaterials, materials characterization, nanofabrication methods, and applications. This course has three hours of lecture per week. It has three modules, which are formal lectures, guest speakers, and projects. For the projects, students will learn a conduct literature search on a given topic and be asked to present their project. They will further have a chance to propose their own ideas for potential applications and asked to give a detailed methodology to execute the project.
- Course Prerequisites:** CHEM 111, PHYS 204B, or consent of instructor.
- Textbooks:** Introduction to Nanoscience, G. L. Hornyak, J. Dutta, H. F. Tibbals, and A. K. Rao, CRC Press, New York: 2008.
Journal papers in Science, Nature and Applied Physics.
- Recommended:** a) Fundamentals of Nanotechnology, G. L. Hornyak, CRC Press, 2008
b) Introduction to Nanoscale Science and Technology, M.D. Ventra et al., Springer Verlag, 2004
c) Nanophysics and Nanotechnology, E. L. Wolf; Wiley, New York: 2004. Introduction to Nanoelectronics, V. V. Mitin, V. A. Kochelap, M. A. Stroscio, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge: 2008.
- Course Outcomes:** Students will have an understanding and knowledge of nanoscience and engineering in principles and applications, and also gain the ability to critically read journal papers and propose potential projects.
- Topics Covered:**
1. Historical perspective of nanomaterials.
 2. Advanced materials.
 3. Materials, structure, and nanosurface.
 4. Energy at nanoscale.
 5. Nanoscience phenomena, bulk to quantum properties.
 6. Characterization techniques.
 7. Fabrication methods of nanomaterials, “bottom-up”, “top-down” fabrication.
 8. Chemical synthesis and modification of nanomaterials.
 9. Non-thermal plasma technique to synthesize nanomaterials.
 10. Nano-electro mechanical structures (NEMS).
 11. Applications.

Journal Reviews: The purpose of “Journal Review” is to relate the course materials to current applications. During the semester, students will find recently published journal papers related to the course materials. They will submit a review of the article of their choice, which will describe the purpose, methods, and key points of the research.

Final Group Project: Teams of 3-4 students will submit a final group project, which includes the comprehensive write-up and power point presentation. The list of the areas that is related to each discipline will be given to the students. A specific topic will be chosen by each team. Final group project should address literature review, propose and design a new research idea or application, or propose a solution to the challenges for the current applications.

Collaboration Collaboration and discussion on the homework is encouraged in this class, but assignments turned in for a grade must be a student’s own work. Consulting with your colleagues is fine, but copying from somebody else’s homework solution is considered academic misconduct. (I strongly recommend that you first attempt every homework problem on your own, and only then meet with your colleagues to check and improve your work. The best learning usually comes after getting stuck on your own.) Academic misconduct will be referred to Student Judicial Affair.

Grading Basis:

Homework Assignments	15%
Midterm	25%
Project Review	20%
Final Project	30%

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

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