Course Approval Form

Action Requested:
- Create new course
- Modify existing course
- Inactivate existing course

Course Level:
- Undergraduate
- Graduate

College/School:
- College of Sciences

Department:
- Physics and Astronomy

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Subject Code:
- PHYS

Number:
- 690

Effective Term:
- Fall
- Spring
- Year 2016

Title:
- Current: New: Engineering Thermodynamics

Credits:
- (check one) Fixed or Variable

Repeat Status:
- (check one) Not Repeatable (NR) Repeateable within degree (RD) Repeateable within term (RT)

Maximum credits allowed:
- 3

Grade Mode:
- (check one) Regular (A, B, C, etc.) Satisfactory/No Credit Special (A, B, C, etc. +IP)

Schedule Type:
- (check one) Lecture (LEC) Lab (LAB) Recitation (RCT) Internship (INT)

Prerequisite(s):
- PHYS 620 or PHYS 705 or permission of instructor

Corequisite(s):

Instructional Mode:
- (check one) 100% face-to-face
- Hybrid: ≤ 50% electronically delivered
- 100% electronically delivered

Equivalencies:
- (check only as applicable)

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Description (No more than 60 words, use verb phrases and present tense)
- Introduction to the basic concepts used in engineering when dealing with thermodynamic problems. Topics include equations of state, phase changes, latent heat, internal energy, enthalpy, entropy, and analysis of basic thermodynamic cycles such as Carnot cycles, power generation, internal combustion engines and refrigeration processes.

Indicate number of contact hours:
- Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week: 3
- Hours of Lab or Studio: 

Approval Signatures

If this course includes subject matter currently dealt with by any other units, the originating department must circulate this proposal for review by those units and obtain the necessary signatures prior to submission. Failure to do so will delay action on this proposal.

Equivalencies:
- (check only as applicable)

Yes, course is 100% equivalent to:

Yes, course is being renumbered to/will replace the following:

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Graduate Council Member

Provost Office

Graduate Council Approval Date

For Registrar Office’s Use Only: Banner ___________ Catalog ___________ revised 6/22/15
Course Proposal Submitted to the College of Science Curriculum Committee (COSCC)

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Course Number and Title:
PHYS 690, Engineering Thermodynamics

Date of Departmental Approval:
March 4, 2016

Course Prerequisites:
PHYS 620 (Continuum Mechanics) or PHYS 705 (Classical Mechanics) or permission of instructor

Catalog Description:
Introduction to the basic concepts used in engineering when dealing with thermodynamic problems. Topics include equations of state, phase changes, latent heat, internal energy, enthalpy, entropy, and analysis of basic thermodynamic cycles such as Carnot cycles, power generation, internal combustion engines and refrigeration processes.

Reason for the New Course:
This new course will be one of the core requirements in the expanded scope for the existing engineering physics emphasis in our MS Program in Applied & Engineering Physics. A corresponding Program Modification Proposal in expanding the scope of the Engineering Physics Emphasis in our MS Program in Applied & Engineering Physics is submitted together with this Course Approval Form. The main aim of this new course is to offer students interested in engineering physics fundamental knowledge in basic thermodynamics concepts and relationships essential for physicists and engineers working in this field.

Prerequisite(s): PHYS 620 or PHYS 705 or permission of instructor

Hours of Lecture or Seminar per week: 3

Relationship to Existing Programs:
A proposal for modifying the curriculum requirement of the Engineering Physics emphasis of the M.S. Program in Applied and Engineering Physics is submitted together with this course proposal. The proposed Engineering Thermodynamics course (PHYS 690) will be one of the required core courses for the modified Engineering Physics emphasis of the M.S. Program in Applied and Engineering Physics. PHYS 690 can also serve as an elective course for the graduate students in Bioengineering, Civil, Environmental, and Infrastructure Engineering, as well as Mechanical Engineering.

Relationship to Existing Courses:
There is no existing course in Engineering Thermodynamics. A special physics topic course on Engineering Thermodynamics is being offered this semester to suit the needs of the program.

Semester of Initial Offering:
Spring 2017.
Proposed Instructors:
Rainald Lohner, Fernando Camelli, Chi Yang

Tentative Syllabus for PHYS 690
Engineering Thermodynamics

Contact Information
- Day(s) and Time:
- Location:
- Instructor:
- Email:
- Phone:
- Office Hour:
- Office:

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Course Objectives
- To familiarize students with the basic concepts used in engineering when dealing with thermodynamic problems;
- To know and be able to think in terms of such concepts as equations of state, phase changes, latent heat, internal energy, enthalpy and entropy;
- To understand and compute basic thermodynamic cycles such as Carnot cycles, power generation, internal combustion engines and refrigeration processes.

Course Schedule
- Week 1: Introduction, and Fundamental Concepts
- Week 2: Equations of State
- Week 3: First Law of Thermodynamics and Consequences of First Law
- Week 4: Carnot Cycle, and Enthalpy
- Week 5: Second Law of Thermodynamics, Entropy, and Combined First and Second Laws
- Week 6: Fluid Flow
- Week 7: Heat Transfer
- Week 8: Mid-Term Exam
- Week 9: Mixtures of Gases and Vapors
- Week 10: Vapor Power Cycles
- Week 11: Thermodynamics of Internal Combustion Engines
- Week 12: Refrigeration Processes
- Week 13: Thermodynamics of Reactive Systems
- Week 14: Review and Discussion
• Week 15: Final Exam

Sample Assignments
• Compute Diverse States for Gases and Liquids
• Compute Work/Heat Transfer etc for Various Machines
• Evaluate Compression Ratios for Internal Combustion Engines
• Compute Power Requirement of a Compressor
• Compute Entropy Changes of Water Between Two Temperatures
• Compute Changes of Entropy for Various Processes
• Compute Various 1-D Nozzle Flows
• Compute Flows in Pipelines
• Compute Insulation Layers for Pipes
• Compute Radiative Heat Losses for Various Configurations
• Compute Evaporative Cooling Cases
• Compute Various Dehumidifiers
• Compute a Complete Fossil Fuel Power Plant
• Design/Compute a Gasoline and a Diesel Engine
• Compute Various Refrigerators

Textbooks

References

Grading
• Exams: 80%  - One midterm (30%) and one final (50%). You will be give review problems to prepare for the exams.
• Homework: 20%  - Usually one assignment per week.
• Course grade will be a letter grade. The following graduate grading is available at university catalog.

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b) Talk with the instructor to discuss your accommodation needs.