



MENG 3319 – Materials Science and Manufacturing
Course Syllabus

Semester / Year	Fall / 2026
Catalog Description	Introduction to materials science including the structure of metals and polymers, the testing of mechanical properties of materials, the relationship between material properties, structure and processing techniques, and the capabilities and limitations of modern manufacturing methods. Two one-hour lectures and one three-hour lab per week.
Prerequisites	C or better in CHEM 1311 and CHEM 1111 or equivalent, MENG 1301 or completion of a Computer Aided Drafting course.
Section Number	Lecture: 001 Lab: 001L, 002L, and 003L
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Class Type / Instruction Mode / Location	001: Lecture / f-2-f / RBN 3035 001L: Lab / f-2-f / RBN 3040 / RBN 1024 002L: Lab / f-2-f / HPR 262 / RBN 1024 003L: Lab / f-2-f / RBN 3040 / RBN 1024
Class Time	001: MoFr 11:15 AM – 12:10 PM 001L: Mo 2:00 PM – 4:45 PM 002L: Th 2:00 PM – 4:45 PM 003L: Fr 3:00 PM – 5:45 PM
Office Hours	Mo/Fr 10 – 11 AM and Th 11 AM – 12 PM or by appointment.
No. of Credits	3
Required Textbook	Materials Science and Engineering: An Introduction, William D. Callister and David G. Rethwisch, 10 th Edition, 2018, ISBN# 9781119405498
Optional References	Lecture notes on Canvas.
Additional Rules and Requirements	1. Since the mechanical engineering program is designed to prepare students for professional practice, all submitted work (e.g., homework, lab reports, projects, presentations) is expected to meet professional standards. Work that does not reflect professional quality may be subject to grade reductions, even if professionalism is not explicitly listed in the grading rubric.



	2. Students can use AI programs (ChatGPT, Copilot, etc.) in this course. If you utilize an AI tool to help create content for an assignment, you must acknowledge and cite the tool's contribution to your work.
Evaluation Method	Attendance: 5%; Homework: 25%; Exams: 20%; Lab Reports: 30%; Final Exam: 20%
Grading Policy / Scale	Letter grades, scale: A: 90 – 100, B: 80 – 89, C: 70 – 79, D: 60 – 69, F: < 60
Important Events / Dates	9/8/2026 (Tu): Census Date. 9/25/2026 (Fr): 1 st Exam. 10/30/2026 (Fr): 2 nd Exam. 10/30/2026 (Fr): Last day to withdraw from one or more classes. 12/7/2026 (Mo): Final Exam. https://www.uttyler.edu/academics/academic-calendar-26-27/
Attendance / Makeup policy / other rules	1. Lecture attendance will be recorded using sign-in sheets. 2. Lab attendance is required during the designated section. 3. Make-up assignment(s) and/or exam(s) require instructor's approval prior to the event. 4. All assignments must be submitted to Canvas for grading. 5. Students with SAR status should contact the UT Tyler Office of Student for accommodations.
Course Learning Objectives / ABET & PEOs Relation	By the end of this course, students will be able to: 1. Explain atomic structure, crystal structures, and types of defects in metals. 2. Describe common processing techniques through strain hardening, diffusion, and solution hardening of metal alloys. 3. Describe common structures, properties, processing methods, and applications of polymer and ceramics. 4. Perform mechanical testing and metallographic procedures to report material properties and microstructures of various metal alloys in laboratory reports.
Tentative Topics / Course Plans	Atomic Structure and Bonding; Structure of Crystalline Solids; Imperfection in Solids; Mechanical Properties of Materials; Diffusion; Dislocation and Strengthening; Phase Diagrams; Processing of Metal Alloys; Polymers and Ceramics; Processing of Polymers and Ceramics.



	Course Plan: Two one-hour lectures per week.		
	Week (Date)	Topics	
	1 (8/24, 8/28)	(Mo) Syllabus	(Fr) Ch1: Introduction
	2 (8/31, 9/4)	(Mo) Ch2: Atomic Structure	(Fr) Ch2: Interatomic Bonding
	3 (9/7, 9/11)	(Mo) Labor Day Holiday	(Fr) Ch3: Unit Cells
	4 (9/14, 9/18)	(Mo) Ch3: Crystal Systems	(Fr) Ch4: Imperfections
	5 (9/21, 9/25)	(Mo) Problem & Review	(Fr) 1st Midterm (Wk.1 – Wk.5)
	6 (9/28, 10/2)	(Mo) Ch6: Mechanical Properties	(Fr) Ch6: Mechanical Properties
	7 (10/5, 10/9)	(Mo) Ch5: Diffusion	(Fr) Ch7: Dislocation
	8 (10/12, 10/16)	(Mo) Ch7: Strengthening	(Fr) Ch8: Failure
	9 (10/19, 10/23)	(Mo) Ch9: Phase Diagram	(Fr) Ch9: Phase Diagram
	10 (10/26, 10/30)	(Mo) Problem & Review	(Fr) 2nd Midterm (Wk.6 – Wk.11)
	11 (11/2, 11/6)	(Mo) Ch10: Phase Transformation	(Fr) Ch11: Alloys and Manufacturing
	12 (11/9, 11/13)	(Mo) Ch12: Ceramics	(Fr) Ch13: Ceramic Processing
	13 (11/16, 11/20)	(Mo) Ch14: Polymers	(Fr) Ch15: Polymer Processing
	14 (11/23, 11/27)	Thanksgiving Break	
	15 (11/30, 12/4)	(Mo) Problem & Review	(We) Problem & Review
	16 (12/7)	Final Exam (Wk.1 to Wk.15)	
	(Dr. Chou reserves the right to change schedule in course plan.)		
	Lab Plan: One three-hour lab per week.		
	Week (Date)	Topics	Location
	1 (8/24-8/28)	Lab1&2: Introduction, Lab Safety, Technical Report Writing [§]	RBN3040/HPR262
	2 (8/31-9/4)	Lab3: Atomic Structures [§]	RBN3040/HPR262
	3 (9/7-9/11)	Labor Day, No Lab	
	4 (9/14-9/18)	Lab4: Metrology, Microscopy, and Grain Size [§]	RBN3040/HPR262
	5 (9/21-9/25)	Midterm, No Lab	
	6 (9/28-10/2)	Lab5: Tensile Test	RBN1024
	7 (10/5-10/9)	Lab6: Data Analysis [¶]	RBN3040/HPR262
	8 (10/12-10/16)	Lab7: Strain Hardening (Rolling) and Hardness Test	RBN1024
	9 (10/19-10/23)	Lab8: Metallography [¶]	RBN1024
	10 (10/26-10/30)	Midterm, No Lab	
	11 (11/2-11/6)	Lab9: Heat Treatment of Aluminum Alloys	RBN1024
	12 (11/9-11/13)	Lab10: Metallography [¶]	RBN1024
	13 (11/16-11/20)	Lab11: Charpy Impact Test [¶]	RBN1024
	14 (11/23-11/27)	Thanksgiving Break, No Lab	
	15 (11/30-12/4)	Lab12: Manufacturing	RBN1024
	16 (12/7)	Final Exam, No Lab	
	[§] A short individual report is due in one week of the corresponding lab section.		
	[¶] A full team report is due in one week of the corresponding lab section.		
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University Policies	https://www.uttlyer.edu/offices/academic-affairs/faculty-resources/syllabus-information/		