

## MEC 423/523: Internal Combustion Engines

Fall 2023

**Course Description:** Introduction to internal combustion engines and their operation. Analytical approach to the engineering problem and performance analysis of internal combustion engines. Topics include thermodynamics fundamentals; fuel-air cycle analysis; engine combustion; emission formation and control strategies. Includes both the relevant fundamental concepts and the extensive practical knowledge base on which engine research, development, and design depend.

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**Lectures:** M, W 4.00 PM – 5.20 PM (Light Engineering 152)

**Office Hours:** M W 5.30 PM – 6.30 PM (Prof. Assanis - Light Engineering 131)  
or other in-person/zoom times by email appointment  
Tu Fri 2.30 - 4.30 PM (Ms. Sirna – 158 Light Eng. – TA LOUNGE)

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Prerequisites:** MEC 305

**Recommended Text:** John Heywood, *Internal Combustion Engine Fundamentals*, McGraw-Hill, 2E. The textbook is strongly recommended for the class. Detailed notes are provided.

**Attendance:** Attendance to all lectures is mandatory. One unexcused absence allowable.

**Homework:** Six homework sets. Required to be completed to receive a course grade. Additionally, there will be a laboratory project for MEC 523.

**Exams:** One midterm exam (Mon, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 4.00P – 5.20 PM). Required.  
One final exam (Tue, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 8.30 - 11.00PM). Required.  
No makeup exams, unless arranged prior to the exam.

<b>Grading:</b>	<u>MEC 423</u>	<u>MEC 523</u>
Homework:	20%	10%
Attendance:	20%	20%
Project:	--	10%
Midterm:	25%	25%
Final:	35%	35%

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Engine Classification
2. Engine Design and Operating Parameters
3. Ideal Models of Engine Processes and Cycles
4. Combustion Thermodynamics
5. Thermodynamic Properties of Engine Working Fluids
6. Fuel/Air Cycle Analysis
7. Spark-Ignition Engine Combustion Basics
8. Diesel Engine Combustion Basics
9. SI and Diesel Engine Emissions

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**Brightspace:** We are using Brightspace, a digital learning environment, for this course. To learn more and for SUNY Online help desk information, visit: <https://brightspace.stonybrook.edu>. If you would like, you can add a link to Brightspace in your Blackboard “My Courses” list to easily move between the LMS’s during this transition. Information can be found : <https://it.stonybrook.edu/help/kb/adding-brightspace-course-to-bb-course-list>

**Student Accessibility Support Services:**

If you have a physical, psychological, medical, or learning disability that may impact your course work, please contact the Student Accessibility Support Center, Stony Brook Union Suite 107, (631) 632-6748, or at [sasc@stonybrook.edu](mailto:sasc@stonybrook.edu). They will determine with you what accommodations are necessary and appropriate. All information and documentation is confidential.

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**Critical Incident Management:**

Stony Brook University expects students to respect the rights, privileges, and property of other people. Faculty are required to report to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards any disruptive behavior that interrupts their ability to teach, compromises the safety of the learning environment, or inhibits students' ability to learn. Faculty in the HSC Schools and the School of Medicine are required to follow their school-specific procedures. Further information about most academic matters can be found in the Undergraduate Bulletin, the Undergraduate Class Schedule, and the Faculty-Employee Handbook.

**Allowed Calculators:** Following the Mechanical Engineering Department’s mandatory calculator policy, only the following calculators will be allowed to be used on the midterm and final exams. There will be no exceptions. This list of calculators is identical to that allowed for the *National Council for Examiners for Engineering and Surveying* (NCEES) Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam that many of you will take in your senior year, as well as the Professional Engineering (PE) exam that you may take several years from now. The sooner you become comfortable on one of these calculators, the better.

Casio: All fx-115 models. Any Casio calculator must contain fx-115 in its model name.

Hewlett Packard: The HP 33s and HP 35s models, but no others.  
Texas Instruments: All TI-30X and TI-36X models. Any Texas Instruments calculator must contain either TI-30X or TI-36X in its model name.

The NCEES policy on calculators can be found here:  
<http://www.ncees.org/exams/calculators/>

**Schedule:**

Date	Day	Lecture Chapter	Heywood Chapter	Topic	HW Assigned	HW Due
28-Aug	Mon	0		Chap. 0: Class Introduction, Syllabus		
30-Aug	Wed	1	1	Chapter 1: Applications; Basic Engine Design; Working Cycle;		
4-Sep	Mon			<b>(No Class - Labor Day)</b>		
6-Sep	Wed	1		Chapter 1: Method Of Breathing, Valve and Port Design	HW #1	
11-Sep	Mon	1		Chapter 1: Fuels; Method of Mixture Prep, Ignition, and Comb; Method of Load Control		
13-Sep	Wed	1		Chapter 1: Impact of IC Engines on Society		
18-Sep	Mon	2	2	Chapter 2: Engine Geometry		
20-Sep	Wed	2	2	Chapter 2: Brake & Indicated Perf. Parameters,	HW# 2	HW #1 (Fri)
25-Sep	Mon	2	2	Chapter 2: Tuning & Performance Variable Relationships		
27-Sep	Wed	2	2	Chapter 3A: Ideal Models of Engine Processes and Cycles (closed cycle analysis)		
2-Oct	Mon	3	5	Chapter 3A: Ideal Models of Engine Processes and Cycles (closed cycle analysis)		
4-Oct	Wed	3		Chapter 3B: Ideal Models of Engine Processes and Cycles (open cycle analysis)	HW #3	HW #2 (Fri)
9-Oct	Mon	3	5	<b>(No Class - Fall Study Break)</b>		
11-Oct	Wed	3	5	Chapter 3B: Ideal Models of Engine Processes and Cycles (open cycle analysis)		
16-Oct	Mon	3	5	Chapter 4A: Combustion Thermodynamics - Air & Fuels, Comb. Stoichiometry, Dissociation		
18-Oct	Wed	3	5	Chapter 4B: Combustion Thermodynamics - 1st Law Analysis of Closed Reacting Systems, Enthalpy of Formation, Heating Value	HW #4	HW #3 (Fri)
23-Oct	Mon	4	3	Internal Combustion Engine - Future Trends - Heywood Lecture		
25-Oct	Wed	4	3	Internal Combustion Engine - Future Trends - Heywood Lecture / FFV Fuel Study		
30-Oct	Mon	4	3	Chapter 4A: Combustion Thermodynamics - Equilibrium Combustion Products, Practical Chemical Equilibrium		
1-Nov	Wed	4	3	Chapter 4B: Combustion Thermodynamics - 1st Law Analysis of Closed Reacting Systems, Enthalpy of Formation, Heating Value	HW #5	HW #4 (Fri)
6-Nov	Mon	4	3	Chapter 4B: Combustion Thermodynamics , Chapter 5: Thermodynamic Properties of Engine Working Fluids,		
8-Nov	Wed	4&5	3 & 4	Chapter 5: Thermodynamic Properties of Engine Working Fluids, Chapter 6: Fuel-Air Cycle Analysis, Results, Efficiency & Performance, Computer Cycle Simulation, Comparison of Sim. & Actual Cycles		
13-Nov	Mon	5&6	3 & 4	Chapter 7: SI Combustion - Features of the Combustion Process, Flame Structure & Turbulent Flame Propagation - (LAB TOUR/ENGINE EXPERIMENT 6:30-8PM @ AERTC)	Project Assigned	HW #5(Fri)
15-Nov	Wed	5&6	3 & 4	Chapter 7: SI Combustion - Lean Burn Engine Example, Flame Termination, MFB, Spark Timing, Combustion Abnormalities (LAB TOUR/ENGINE EXPERIMENT 6:30-8PM @ AERTC)		
20-Nov	Mon			MIDTERM - (4:25PM - 5:45PM)		
22-Nov	Wed			<b>(No Class - Thanksgiving Break)</b>		
27-Nov	Mon			Chapter 8: CI Combustion - Diff from SI Engines, CI Engine Systems, Features of CI Combustion Process	HW #6	
29-Nov	Wed	8	10	Chapter 8: CI Combustion - Ignition Delay and Heat Release, Knock		
4-Dec	Mon	8	10	Chapter 9: Emissions Regulations, Gasoline Engine Aftertreatment, Diesel Engine Aftertreatment		
6-Dec	Wed	8	10	FUTURE PERSPECTIVE OF ICE ENGINE		HW #6 (Fri)
11-Dec	Mon	8	10	Final Exam Review		Project Due
12-Dec	Tue	9	11	Final Exam 8:30-11PM		