

**SYLLABUS & COURSE INFORMATION**  
**MEC 317 - MECHANICAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY II**  
**SPRING 2019**

**Description**

Hands-on experience in solid and fluid mechanics, heat transfer, and thermodynamics. Emphasis is on the understanding of fundamental principles as well as familiarity with modern experimentation. Lectures at the beginning of the course provide background information and theories of experimentation. Student groups perform five experiments each in solid mechanics and in thermal/fluid science. Report writing is an integral part of the course, with focus on design of experiment, interpretation and presentation of data, error analysis, and conclusions.

**Instructors**

Fluid/Thermal section: Prof. Thomas Cubaud (thomas.cubaud@stonybrook.edu)

Office Hours: LE 107, Monday (11:00 AM – 12:30 PM), Wednesday (2:00 – 3:30PM)

Solid section: Prof. Fu-Pen Chiang (fu-pen.chiang@stonybrook.edu)

Office Hours: LE 105, Friday (1:00 – 4:00 PM)

**Teaching Assistants**

Fluid/Thermal section: Thai Dinh (thai.dinh@stonybrook.edu)

Solid section: Zi-An Jia (zi-an.jia@stonybrook.edu)

T.A. Office hours = Lab. hours.

**Preparation Lectures for Experiments,**

*All students*

Course overview: Monday, Jan. 28 (1:00 – 1:50 PM, Harriman Hall 137)

Topics: Basics of measurement & writing lab reports, group formation

**Groups 1 – 20**

Group 1 – 10: Solid section, Tues., Feb. 5 (1:30 – 4:30 PM, Heavy Engineering 206)

Group 11 – 20: Solid section, Thurs., Feb. 7 (1:30 – 4:30 PM, Heavy Engineering 206)

Group 1 – 20: Thermal/Fluid section, Mon., March 25 (1:00 – 1:50 PM, Harriman Hall 137)

**Groups 21 – 40**

Group 21 – 40: Thermal/Fluid section, Mon., Feb. 4 (1:00 – 1:50 PM, Harriman Hall 137)

Group 21 – 30: Solid section, Tues., March 26 (1:30 – 4:30 PM, Heavy Engineering 206)

Group 31 – 40: Solid section, Thurs., March 28 (1:30 – 4:30 PM, Heavy Engineering 206)

**Laboratory Location and Time, Tuesday or Thursday 1:30 – 4:30 PM**

Thermal/Fluid section: Heavy Engineering 206

Solid section: Heavy Engineering 206 (upstairs)

**Grading Policy**

The final grade will be determined from:

Ten (10) lab reports: total 100 % (minimum of 2 reports per student as first author<sup>1</sup>)

Lab reports will be graded out of a maximum of 100 points each.

**Laboratory fee:**

A laboratory fee of \$100 is required

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<sup>1</sup> Students will form groups of three or four individuals to perform all labs. The group will collectively submit a single report for each experiment. Each student must write at least two reports as a **first author** (one for the *Solid* section and one for the *Fluid/Thermal* section). **All lab partners will receive the same grade for the course.**

**First period:** Groups 1 – 20: Solid Labs (Group 1 – 10: Tues., Groups 11 – 20: Thurs.)  
 Groups 21 – 40: Fluid/Thermal Labs (Group 21 – 30: Tues., Groups 31 – 40: Thurs.)

<u>Tues. Groups</u>	<u>Thurs. Groups</u>
2/12	2/14
2/19	2/21
2/26	2/28
3/05	3/07
3/12	3/14

(Spring Break: 3/18 – 3/22)

**Second period:** Groups 1 – 20: Fluid/Thermal Labs (Group 1 – 10: Tues., Groups 11 – 20: Thurs.)  
 Groups 21 – 40: Solid Labs (Group 21 – 30: Tues., Groups 31 – 40: Thurs.)

<u>Tues. Groups</u>	<u>Thurs. Groups</u>
4/02	4/04
4/09	4/11
4/16	4/18
4/23	4/25
4/30	5/02

### Lab Reports

You must submit your previous lab report when you *arrive* at the lab for the next lab class.

*Penalty for Late Submission of Reports*

10 points (10%) deducted from final score for *each* day late. No exceptions will be made.

### Report Content

1. Title Page (experiment title, *all* names, date due)
2. Abstract
3. Introduction
4. List of Equipment
5. Theory (includes drawings and descriptions)
6. Experimental Procedures
7. Results (includes calculation of experimental results; figures, graphs and tables must be labeled with a number and a caption; units, and all numerical quantities must be included)
8. Discussion (trends in the results, comparison with theoretical predictions)
9. Error Analysis
10. Conclusions
11. References (if you have them)
12. Appendices (handwritten calculations, spreadsheet calculations, and other data)
13. Prelab sheets from *all* members

**Reports must be typed with a 12 pt font and double-spaced. Handmade drawings of experimental setup are permitted. Graphs of data may be done by hand but it is strongly recommended to use a computer equipped with software such as Excel).**

## Course Learning Objectives

1. Demonstrate the ability to collect data from thermocouples, pressure sensors, pitot tube manometer, timer, moiré fringes, polariscope, fatigue testing machine, buckling machine, dynamic strain sensing, shear modulus tester, digital image recording.
2. Learn how to compare experimental data with theoretical predictions.
3. Learn how to work in a team and meet deadlines
4. Develop technical writing skills
5. Assess quantitatively experimental accuracy and dominant sources of uncertainties.

## Text Book

A commercial textbook is not used for this course. Rather, we will provide you with two lab manuals, one for solids, and one for thermal systems, the cost of which is included in the lab fee. You will be given both books within the first two weeks of class. The beginning of the thermal/fluid lab manual has a section on effective report writing, error analysis, and other items to make life a bit easier when writing lab reports. Additional books for reference are listed below.

## Reference Books

- *Measurement System, Application and Design, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.*, by Ernest O. Debelin, McGraw-Hill, 1983.
- *Mechanics of Solids. An Introduction*, by T.J. Lardner and R. R. Archer, McGraw-Hill, 1994.
- *Experimental Stress Analysis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.*, by J.W. Dally and W. F. Riley, McGraw-Hill, 1978.
- *The Dynamical Behavior of Structures, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.*, by G. B. Warburton, Pergamon Press, 1976.
- *Theory and Design for Mechanical Measurements*, by R. S. Figliola and D. E. Beasley, John Wiley, 1991.
- *Experimental Solid Mechanics*, by A. Shukla and J. W. Dally, College House Enterprises, 2014.

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<http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/dss/>.

They will determine with you what accommodations are necessary and appropriate. All information and documentation is confidential.

Students who require assistance during emergency evacuation are encouraged to discuss their needs with their professors and Disability Support Services. For procedures and information go to the following website: <http://www.sunysb.edu/ehs/fire/disabilities.shtml>

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