ME 30801
FLUID MECHANICS LABORATORY

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Flow Visualization

1. Streaklines, pathlines.
2. Laminar, transitional, turbulent flow.
3. Particle-image velocimetry.

External Flow

1. Lift and drag on objects in flow.
2. Bernoulli's principle and pressure variation.
3. Boundary layers on solid surfaces.
4. Compressible flow and shock waves.

Internal Flow

1. Viscous and frictional effects.
2. Hydraulic systems: pipes, head losses, pumps.

Representative Laboratory Experiments

Core laboratory experiments:
1. Flow visualization: flow past cylinder and airfoil
2. Bernoulli's principle: dynamic pressure along streamline
3. Momentum study: drag force on a sphere
4. Dynamic similarity: drag coefficient of a sphere
5. Boundary layer study: velocity profile over a flat plate
6. Pipe friction study
7. Compressible flow: pressure along a CD nozzle

Additional experiments variations and capabilities:
8. PIV measurement of wake behind a cylinder
9. Airfoil lift coefficient study
10. Pump efficiency study
11. Velocity profile in a pipe: laminar vs turbulent
12. Reynolds experiment: flow transitioning in a pipe
13. Visualization of normal and oblique shocks using Schlieren

COURSE NUMBER: ME 30801

COURSE TITLE: Fluid Mechanics Laboratory (1 credit)

REQUIRED COURSE OR ELECTIVE COURSE: Required

TERMS OFFERED: Fall and Spring

TEXTBOOK/REQUIRED MATERIAL:
None. Handouts provided by the instructors.

PRE-REQUISITIES:
ME 30800 – Fluid Mechanics

COORDINATING FACULTY: P. Vlachos & C. Wassgren

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Physical experiments in fluid mechanics. Application of fluid mechanics theory and fundamental concepts to measuring and analyzing fluid systems and flows. A laboratory design project on a flow system reinforces the design process.

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ASSESSMENTS TOOLS:

- Laboratory reports.
- Project reports.
- Pre-lab quizzes.

NATURE OF DESIGN CONTENT: The students participate in a design project lab, in which a fluid flow system is designed to achieve a performance goal.

RELATED ME PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

1. Engineering fundamentals
2. Engineering design
3. Communication skills
5. Teamwork skills
6. Experimental skills
7. Knowledge acquisition

PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT:

1. Engineering Topics: Engineering Science – 90%
   Engineering Design – 10%

COMPUTER USAGE: Knowledge of word processing, spreadsheet software, and basic programming (for example, MATLAB) are necessary for laboratory report preparation and homework assignments.

COURSE STRUCTURE/SCHEDULE:

a. Laboratory Prep – 1 day per week at 50 minutes

b. Laboratory – 1 day per week at 100 minutes

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