

**Purdue University**  
**School of Nuclear Engineering**  
**NUCL 553**

**Nano-to-Macro Scale Engineering Applications of Nuclear Science-Technology**

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- Grader/TA:** None
- Schedule:** Lectures (Tu-Th; 3:00-4:20 pm, GRIS 126)  
Office Hours - (Flexible/By Appointment)
- Course Objectives:** Nuclear Science-based technologies offer unique opportunities from the nano-to-macro scale, for applications in virtually all fields in everyday life, spanning power/energy, grand challenges in fundamental-applied sciences, industrial applications such as polymerization, sterilization, preservation, radiography, security, safeguards, space missions, agriculture, propulsion, safety, medicine-health, nuclear explosives, etc. The course introduces students to the wide world of practical applications in tandem with discussions on the underlying principles and scientific bases and supplemented with experimental evidence.
- Texts/Handouts:** No prescribed textbook. In-class lectures will be supplemented with as-feasible invited lectures, extensive handout materials, and references from the instructor.
- Grading/Attendance:** Students complete 4 take-home assignments on multiple topics, and submit reports for grading and feedback – spread over the semester duration. Attendance is expected unless excused by the instructor (see notes section and Purdue’s policy-related link).  
**Grading rubric:**  
A+ (85+)  
A- (80-85)  
B+ (77-80)  
B (74-77)  
B-(71-74)  
C+(67-70)  
C (64-67)  
C-(61-64)  
D+(57-60)  
D(54-57)  
D-(51-54)  
F (<50)

**Notes:**

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