

## EEE 562 NUCLEAR REACTOR THEORY AND DESIGN

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Class Meeting Info: TTh, 12:00–1:15 p.m. in ECG 215  
Semester Exams: Scheduled for September 21 and October 26  
Final Exam: Thursday, December 9, from 9:50–11:40 a.m.

Textbook: J. R. Lamarsh and A. J. Baratta, *Introduction to Nuclear Engineering*, 3rd Edition, Prentice Hall, 2001. Textbook errata available at <http://holbert.faculty.asu.edu/eee562/eee562.html>

Course Webpage: Lecture slides, homework and solutions posted on Blackboard.

Course Objective: Teach students to apply advanced mathematics to solve problems in neutron diffusion, and unite the neutronic processes and the thermal-hydraulics for reactor core design.

Course Outcomes: Students can

- solve the one-speed neutron diffusion equation for a variety of situations,
- can analyze nuclear reactor fuel and core steady-state thermal performance,
- can couple the reactor neutronics to the core thermal-hydraulics in a design environment.

Course Description: Principles of neutron chain reacting systems. Neutron diffusion and moderation. One, two and multi group diffusion equation solution methods. Heterogeneous reactors. Nuclear fuel steady-state performance. Core thermal-hydraulics. Core thermal design. Prerequisite: EEE 460.

Topics: Broken into three basic divisions for the semester as given below:

- I. Neutron Diffusion
- II. Reactor Theory
- III. Reactor Design

Grading “Standard” scale (with  $\pm$ ) using 90-100 "A", 80-90 "B", 70-80 "C", etc.

Homework	20%
Semester Exams (2)	50%
Final Exam	30%

Homework: The homework assignments will be posted online. Homework is expected to be turned in on-time. Presentation and methods for arriving at the answer are just as important as the mathematical answer; solutions should be neat and logical. For complete credit: (1) show all work, and (2) box the answer and include the units. Students may work together on the homework, but copying is unacceptable: the ASU [Academic Integrity Policy](#) (AIP) is incorporated herein by reference.

## EEE 562 SEMESTER TEACHING PLAN

(TTh, Fall 2010)

The textbook sections (given in parenthesis below) should be read **before** the class meeting that day.

Week	Date	Lecture Topic	Homework
1	8/19	Intro; Neutron Interactions; Cross-sections; Flux (3.1–3.2, 3.4–3.5)	
2	8/24	Scattering Energy Loss; Fission (3.6–3.7)	
	8/26	Fick's Law; Neutron Continuity Equation (5.1–5.3)	
3	8/31	Diffusion Equation; Boundary Conditions (5.4–5.6)	Hmwk # 1 Due
	9/ 2	Diffusion Equation Solutions; Diffusion Length (5.6–5.7)	
4	9/ 7	Thermal Neutron Diffusion (5.9)	Hmwk # 2 Due
	9/ 9	Two-Group Neutron Diffusion (5.10)	
5	9/14	Multigroup Neutron Diffusion (5.8)	Hmwk # 3 Due
	9/16	Review for Exam #1	
6	9/21	*** Exam #1 ***	
	9/23	One-Group Reactor Equation; Slab Reactor (6.1–6.2)	
7	9/28	Three-Dimensional Reactor Shapes (6.3)	
	9/30	One-Group Critical Equation (6.4)	
8	10/ 5	Thermal Reactors (6.5)	Hmwk # 4 Due
	10/ 7	Thermal Reactors (6.5)	
9	10/12	Reflected Reactors (6.6)	Hmwk # 5 Due
	10/14	Heterogeneous Reactors (6.8)	
10	10/19	Multigroup Calculations (6.7)	Hmwk # 6 Due
	10/21	Review for Exam #2	
11	10/26	*** Exam #2 ***	
	10/28	Nuclear Plant Thermodynamics (4.3, 8.1)	
12	11/ 2	Reactor Heat Generation (8.2)	
	11/ 4	Fuel Rod Heat Conduction (8.3)	Hmwk # 7 Due
13	11/ 9	Single-Phase Fuel Channel Heat Convection (8.4)	
	11/11	### Veteran's Day Holiday ###	
14	11/16	Boiling Heat Transfer (8.5)	Hmwk # 8 Due
	11/18	Reactor Thermal Design (8.6)	
15	11/23	EXTRA: PWR vs. BWR: Nonflow vs. Flow System Quantities	Hmwk # 9 Due
	11/25	### Thanksgiving ###	
16	11/30	EXTRA: Hydrodynamic Core Analysis	
	12/ 2	EXTRA: Nuclear Power Plant and Reactor Core Design Procedures	Hmwk # 10 Due
17	12/ 7	Review for Final Exam	
	12/ 8	--- Reading Day ---	
	12/ 9	*** Final Exam ***	

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**Conduct:** Thank you in advance for adhering to the ASU *Student Code of Conduct* and preventing *disruptive classroom behavior*, such as cell phone ringing and use, arriving late to class, irrelevant side conversations, and inappropriate computer usage.

**Online Students:** Please submit homework assignments to GOEE/CPD (see <http://cpd.asu.edu/student/>); feel free to carbon copy me. Please keep in mind that CPD prints your assignments out in black & white.