MSE 222 – Introduction to Materials Science and Engineering

Designation: Required

2012-2013 catalog description: Introduction to the structure of materials and how structure influences properties. Elementary crystallography, crystal chemistry, and microstructure effects are covered. Examples are taken from all classes of materials: metals, semiconductors, ceramics, polymers, glasses, and composites. [3 credits offered in the Fall]

Prerequisite(s): MSE 110 or CHEM 103b, MATH 129, CHEM 103a


Supplementary Materials: Lecture slides available on the D2L site for the course.

Course Management: The Desire 2 Learn (D2L) website will be used for course materials distribution (e.g. lecture slide copies, homework) and general announcements.

Course objectives: Provide an introduction to the basic concepts and principles involved in the description, evolution, and characterization of multi-length scale structure in materials systems. Develop an appreciation for the link between these issues, their manipulation through material formulation and processing, and the resulting material properties and performance.

Topics covered: Introduction/Materials classifications
Atomic structure and bonding
Crystalline structure and description
Imperfections in material structure
Solid-state diffusion in materials
Phase Stability and Transformations
Mechanical behavior (including elastic/plastic behavior, failure modes)

Grading: 2 regular tests during the semester: 25% each
1 final (cumulative) 25%
Homework (associated with different chapter topics) 25%

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