NUET 3910 PRINCIPLES OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

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Course Description

Introduction to nuclear technology and radiation physics; includes sources of radiation, its interaction with matter, and radiation detection and measurement.

Prerequisites: PHYS 2220, MATH 1720.

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, the students will be able to:

- Understand and predict the behavior of radioactive materials
- Understand previously acquired skills and concepts from Calculus and Physics
- Understand and calculate reaction rates and the nuclear fission process
- Be able to explain the operation of nuclear detectors
- Use counting statistics to perform nuclear calculations
- Understand the interactions of radiation with people
- Understand concepts related to nuclear heat generation and removal, reactor safety
- Understand concepts pertaining to radioactive waste disposal

Program Outcomes

a. an appropriate mastery of the knowledge, techniques, skills and modern tools of their disciplines,
b. an ability to apply current knowledge and adapt to emerging applications of mathematics, science, engineering and technology,
f. ability to identify, analyze and solve technical problems,
l. technical expertise in engineering materials, statics, dynamics, strength of materials, fluid power or fluid mechanics, thermodynamics and either electrical power or electronics.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to do the following, given appropriate parameters:
1. Solve problems that involve radioactive decay of individual or groups of isotopes. (a, b, f)
2. Calculate nuclear reactions rates and reactor criticality. (a, b, f)
3. Solve problems that involve radiation detection. (a, b, f)
4. Solve problems using counting statistics and error propagation. (a, b, f)
5. Calculate expected dose rates and accumulated radiation dose. (a, b, f)
6. Calculate reactor power, turbine power, and plant efficiency. (a, b, f, l)
7. Calculate decay heat removal requirements. (a, b, f, l)
8. Perform calculations related to short and long-term storage requirements of radioactive materials. (a, b, f, l)

Required text

Grading Criteria

Homework Assignments / Short Quizzes  20%
Midterm Exam #1                   25%
Midterm Exam #2                 25%
Final Exam                                    30%

Grade Distribution

≥ 90%       = A
80 – 89.5%  = B
70 – 79.5%  = C
60 – 69.5%  = D
< 60%       = F

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