

**University of Idaho, College of Engineering**  
**ENGR 350 Mechanics of Materials**  
**Fall Semester, 2014**

**Objective:**

To provide an introduction to the principles and methods of mechanics of materials, and to familiarize the undergraduate student with the techniques for solving a wide range of problems dealing with the determination of stress, strain and displacement fields in mechanically and thermally loaded components.

**Class hours:** M W F 1:30 pm - 2:20 pm, EP 122

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**Textbook:** Mechanics of Materials: An Integrated Learning System, Timothy A. Philpot, 3e Edition, John Wiley & Sons, 2013

**Webpage:** <http://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/~gabrielp/ENGR350/ENGR350.html>

**Grading:**

Homework	25%
Exams (3)	45%
Final Exam (comprehensive)	30%
A: 90-100 B: 80-89 C: 70-79 D: 60-69 F: 0-59	

**Homework:** It will be assigned on weekly basis, and will be collected one week later, unless otherwise specified. No late homework allowed. Late homework will not be graded.

**Learning outcomes:**

- 1. Stress and strain.** Identification and computation of the simple loading cases in design, i.e. tension, compression and shear loading. Students will learn how to compute stresses and strains in given components and structures under various applied loads.
- 2. Mechanical properties of materials.** Students will learn how to compute and draw uniaxial stress-strain diagrams. They will also learn the main elastic and plastic constants, as defined from a uniaxial stress-strain diagram, and will learn about the relations between the three main elastic constants. Elastic constants will be used to compute dimensional changes of components subjected to different loads.
- 3. Design concepts.** Types of loads and the calculation of safety factors for each loading case will be introduced.
- 4. Axially loaded members.** The governing equation for the deformation of bars under uniaxial loading will be clarified. Students will also learn the techniques needed to compute internal forces and stresses in statically determinate and statically indeterminate configurations.
- 5. Torsion of circular bars.** Learning of the torsion equation for strain will be done by analyzing the geometry of deformation, and the relation between the shear strain and the angle of twist will be clarified. Students will derive the relationship between the external

- applied torque and shear strain. Students will also learn the design equations for torsion of shafts with rectangular cross-sections or arbitrary hollow cross-sections.
6. **Shear forces and bending moments in beams.** Students will review their knowledge accumulated in the Statics course on how to compute reaction forces at supports, and draw internal force and moment diagrams for beams with different supports and various applied loading.
  7. **Stresses in beams.** Students will learn how to compute internal bending stresses and shear stresses in beams, given shear force and bending moment diagrams.
  8. **Deflection in beams.** Students will learn about the moment-curvature relation for a beam and how to calculate deflections in beams using the integration of moment equation method and the method of superposition.
  9. **Analysis of stress and strain.** Students will learn about the two dimensional stress state, and stress transformation. Students will also learn how to compute two-dimensional and three-dimensional stress states in various mechanical components given complex applied loading. Generalized equations between stress and strain will be introduced for linear elasticity cases.
  10. **Plane stress problems.** Students will learn how to perform stress transformation in two-dimensions using both analytical formulas and a graphical method known as the Mohr's circle. Stresses and strains in thin-walled pressure vessels will be studied.
  11. **Combined loadings.** Computation of the stress state under general three-dimensional conditions will be studied, and various failure theories will be applied to estimate the safety of such stress states.
  12. **Columns.** Students will learn the main governing equation for the buckling of long slender columns under various types of end-conditions.

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