



## MECH 502: Advanced/Additive Manufacturing Engineering

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course you will learn the importance of additive manufacturing (a.k.a. 3D Printing) and its huge role in global product development and innovation. You will develop a rich knowledge of 3D printing technologies, devices, capabilities, materials and applications. You will learn the trade-offs between various 3D printing processes and technologies, along with the various related software tools, processes and techniques, such as 3D scanning, injection molding and casting. You will explore the broad range of 3D printing applications, including biomedical, aerospace, consumer products, and creative artistry, to mention a few. And finally, you will learn the latest trends and opportunities in 3D printing, localized services, production parts, mass customization, and how to commercialize your ideas.

### CONTENT OVERVIEW

- Advanced/Additive manufacturing processes - extrusion, jetting, photopolymerization, powder bed fusion, direct-write, sheet lamination, directed-energy deposition and the latest state of the art.
- Design and fabrication processes - data sources, software tools, file formats, model repair and validation, post-processing
- Designing for additive manufacturing (DfAM)
- Bio-printing, biomaterials, scaffolds and tissue and organ engineering
- Materials: Metals, polymers, ceramics, composites and material selection
- Applications of additive manufacturing, such as in biomedical, aerospace, surgical simulation, architecture, art, and health care
- The new age of distributed manufacturing, direct part production and mass customization.
- Processes related to AM, such as 3D scanning, mold-making, casting and sintering

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Learn what Advanced/Additive manufacturing (AM) is and understand why it has become one of the most important technology trends in decades for product development and innovation.
- Demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of the broad range of AM processes, devices, capabilities and materials that are available.
- Understand the various software tools, processes and techniques that enable advanced/additive manufacturing and personal fabrication.
- Learn how to create physical objects that satisfy product development/prototyping requirements, using advanced/additive manufacturing devices and processes.
- Articulate the various tradeoffs that must be made in selecting advanced/additive manufacturing processes, devices and materials to suit particular product requirements.
- Opportunity to design, engineer and fabricate an actual multi-component object using advanced/additive manufacturing devices and processes (the “project”).
- Understand the latest trends and business opportunities in AM, distributed manufacturing and mass customization.

## **CURRICULUM – (for details, see “Weekly Lecture Topics” below)**

1. Introduction to the Basic Principles of Advanced/Additive Manufacturing
2. Overview of Additive Manufacturing Processes and Technology
3. AM Technology: Extrusion, Beam Deposition, Sheet Lamination, Direct-Write, Photopolymerization, Sintering, Powder Bed Fusion, Jetting and the latest new methods, such as HP’s Multi-Jet Fusion, CLIP and the latest methods for printing metal parts
4. Design/Fabrication Processes: Data Sources, Software Tools, File Formats, Model Repair and Validation, Pre- & Post-processing
5. Designing for Additive Manufacturing
6. Process & Material Selection : Biomaterials, Metal Technology & Processes, Multiple Materials, Hybrids, Ceramics and Bioceramics, Composite Materials and future directions
7. Direct Digital Manufacturing, Distributed Manufacturing and Mass Customization
8. Related Technologies: 3D Scanning, Injection Molding and Casting
9. Applications of AM: Aerospace, Biomedical, Automotive, Bio-printing, Tissue & Organ Engineering, Architectural Engineering, Surgical simulation, Art, Health care and many more
10. Intellectual Property, Product Development, Commercialization
11. Trends, Business Opportunities and Future Directions in Additive Manufacturing

**Delivery Modes:** Traditional classroom instruction with student participation and On-line. On-line students participate through Canvas, blogs and discussion boards.

**Project (if applicable):** The project will consist of teamed students (optional for on-line students, who would be teamed with classroom students) who will identify, design and build a project in the [www.idea2product.net](http://www.idea2product.net) laboratory. Guidelines and requirements are provided. On-line students may also use local 3D printing capabilities if available, e.g. in local libraries, etc.

**Section#/CRN:** MECH 502-001 (classroom; CRN 26129), MECH 502-801 (on-line; CRN 80086)

**Terms:** Classroom instruction Spring term only; On-line instruction in Spring, Summer or Fall terms

**Credit:** 3 Credit hours

**Lab Fee:** yes (if project), see <https://idea2product.net/pricing/>

**Prerequisites:** Engineering Design, Materials Science or instructor approval

**Work Load:** this class is expected to require approximately 4 to 6 hours per week, exclusive of class time

## **LEARNING MATERIALS**

**Textbook:** Additive Manufacturing Technologies: 3D Printing, Rapid Prototyping, and Direct Digital Manufacturing, 2nd Ed. (2015), Ian Gibson, David W. Rosen, Brent Stucker

**Assigned readings** from advanced/additive manufacturing literature and industry

## **GRADING**

Quizzes (2) & Readings	15%
Mid-Term examination	25%
Comprehensive Final Examination	30%
Course Project or Paper	30%

## **Lecture Topics**

### **Introduction**

#### **Module 1: The Basics**

- Basic Principles 1
- Basic Principles 2
- AM Processes 1
- AM Processes 2
- The Personal Printer Revolution
- AM Process Workflow
- A Closer Look at Rep-Rap Machines
- Preparing Files for 3D Printing
- Choosing the Right Materials

#### **Module 2: AM Technology-Part 1**

- Extrusion Systems (1)
- Extrusion Systems (2)
- Sheet Lamination
- Jetting
- Direct-Write
- Bioprinting

#### **Module 3: AM Technology-Part 2**

- Sintering Overview
- Powder Bed Fusion (1)
- Powder Bed Fusion (2)
- Directed Energy Deposition
- Photopolymerization (1)
- Photopolymerization (2)
- The latest AM Methods

#### **Module 4: Software & Methods**

- Designing for Additive Manufacturing (DfAM)
- Software Tools vs. Requirements
- Pre- & Post-processing
- 3D Scanning & the Scanning Process
- Sculpting & Repairing Data
- AM File Formats
- STEP File Format
- More Detail on NURBS
- Model Validation
- Working with DICOM Files for 3D Printing Medical Imagery

#### **Module 5: Materials**

- Choosing Materials for Manufacturing
- Multiple Materials
- Metal AM Processes & Materials
- Composite Materials
- Biomaterials, Heirarchical Materials & Biomimetics
- Ceramics & Bio-ceramics
- Shape-Memory Materials, 4D Printing & Bio-active materials

## Advanced AM Materials

### **Module 6: Key Related Processes**

Choosing the Right Manufacturing Process  
Injection Molding  
Casting  
Mold-making

### **Module 7: Applications of AM**

Direct Digital Manufacturing  
Distributed Manufacturing  
Mass Customization  
Biomedical Applications  
Aerospace & Automotive Applications  
Architectural Engineering  
Food & Consumer Applications  
Personalized Surgery  
Art, Fashion, Jewelry, Toys & Other Applications

### **Module 8: The Business of AM**

Intellectual Property  
Tradeoffs of Open Source vs. Proprietary Systems  
Gartner hype cycle *viz* 3D Printing  
Total cost of ownership  
Business Considerations for Material Selection  
Commercialization  
Trends, Business Opportunities & Future Directions