ME326 - INTERMEDIATE FLUID MECHANICS
Spring 2026

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Text: Fluid Mechanics, Fundamentals and Applications, 3/e or 4/e,
by Cengel and Cimbala (ISBN-978-0-07-338032-2)

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Course Site: http://webspace.clarkson.edu/projects/fluidflow/courses/me326/index.html
https://sites.clarkson.edu/gahmadi/courses/me326/

Prerequisites: ES330, ES340, MA232
Class Time: TT11:00-12:15 pm. Lectures are captured and posted on Moodle
Computer Lab, F 4:00-5:00, CAMP 163/172
(CAMP 177 for Lectures on ANSYS-FLUENT)

Course Description
A continuation of ES 330. Topics include: deformation and stress in fluids; basic conservation laws; kinematics of fluid flow; theory of potential flow; introduction to compressible flows; isentropic flows and shock waves; compressible flows with friction and heat transfer; Navier-Stokes equation and theory of viscous flow; low Reynolds number flows with applications to hydrodynamic lubrication; laminar boundary layer theory and von Karman momentum integral method; introduction to computational fluid dynamics; applications of fluid mechanics to engineering problems including turbomachinery. Introduction to design concepts.

Delivery Method
The course is offered in person in the class and labs, as well as online (synchronous). The lectures would be captured by Echo 360 and made available in Moodle to students.

Course Websites:
http://webspace.clarkson.edu/projects/fluidflow/courses/me326/index.html
https://sites.clarkson.edu/gahmadi/courses/me-326-intermediate-fluid-mechanics/

Course Objectives

1. Students are to learn the fundamentals of viscous incompressible flows.
2. Students are to learn the basics of non-viscous potential flows.
3. Students are to learn the fundamentals of computational fluid mechanics.
4. Students are to learn the fundamentals of compressible flows.

Course Learning Outcomes

Objective 1 a) Students will be able to formulate and solve incompressible laminar parallel flows in Cartesian and polar coordinates. [1,2,4,5][1] (1)[2]
b) Students will be able to analyze boundary layer flows over a flat plate. [1,2,4,5] (1)
c) Students will be able to evaluate drag forces in laminar and turbulent flows for different immersed bodies. [1,2,5] (1)

Objective 2 a) Students will be able to use the stream and potential functions and solve elementary potential flows. [1,3] (1)
b) Students will be able to analyze simple potential flows by the superposition method. [1,3] (1)

Objective 3 a) Students will use the basic computational fluid mechanics. [5] (1)
b) Students will demonstrate using the ANSYS-FLUENT Code for solving two-dimensional laminar and turbulent flows. [5] (1, 6)

Objective 4 a) Students will be able to analyze 1-D isentropic compressible flows. [1,4] (1)
b) Students will be able to analyze 1-D flows with shock waves. [1,4] (1)
c) Students will be able to analyze 1-D compressible flows with friction. [1,4] (1)

Evaluation Methods

1. Homework and quizzes 10%
2. Exam-1 25% **Friday, February 27, CAMP 177 (4:00-5:15)**
3. Exam-2 20% **Friday, March 27, CAMP 177 (4:00-5:15)**
4. Final Exam 30% **Final Exam Week**
5. Projects 15%

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[1] Numbers in brackets refer to the evaluation methods used to assess the student performance.
[2] Numbers in parentheses refer to the course outcomes consistent with ABET Criterion 3.

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Schedule & Graded Activities

Dates	Text Section	Learning Materials/Topics	Activities
Week 1 Jan. 8-9	4.1	• Applications of Fluid Mechanics • Review of ES330	----
Week 2 Jan. 12-16	9.1,2,4	• Review of Differential Equations • Conservation Laws • Viscous Flow	Homework-1 4.19, 9.28, 30, 31, 34, 36, 38 Due date: Jan. 22 (Thursday)
Week 3 Jan. 19-23	9.4,5,6	• Viscous Flows • Navier-Stokes Equation • Viscous Parallel Flows	Homework-2 9.86, 87, 89, 91, 95 Due date: Jan. 29 (Thursday)
Week 4 Jan. 26-30	9.6	• Exact Solutions, • Approximate Solutions • CFD	Homework-3 9. 96, 101, 102, 103, 104 Due date: Feb. 5 (Thursday)
Week 5 Feb. 2-7	10.6	• Boundary layer Flows • CFD, ANSYS-Fluent Code	Homework-4 10.99, 100, 102, 114, 115, 116 Due date: Feb. 12 (Thursday)
Week 6 Feb. 9-13	10.6, 11.1-4	• Boundary layer Flows • Drag Force • CFD, ANSYS-Fluent Code	Homework-5 11.51,65,99,106 Due date: Feb. 24 (Tuesday)

Week 7 Feb. 16-18	11.1-4	• Drag Force • Immersed Bodies	----
Feb. 19-20		**February Break**	
Week 8 Feb. 23-27	9.3, 10.2-4	• Stream Function • Inviscid Flows	Homework-6 10.56,59, 60, 66, 71 Due date: Mar. 5 (Thursday)
Feb. 27 Friday	**4:00-5:15**	**Exam 1, CAMP 177**	**Exam 1, Feb. 27, CAMP 177**
Week 9 Mar. 2-6	10.5	• Inviscid Irrotational Flows	Homework-7 Assigned Problems are posted. Due date: Mar. 12 (Thursday) Project 1 due date: March 7
Week 10 Mar. 9-13	12.1-3	• Acoustic Waves • Isentropic Flow	Homework-8 12.7, 9, 25, 26, 27 Due date: Mar. 24 (Tuesday)
Week11 Mar. 16-20		**Spring Break**	
Week 12 Mar 23-27	12.3	• Isentropic flow	Homework-9 12.38, 40, 45, 48, 50 Due date: Apr. 3 (Thursday)
Mar. 27 Friday	**4:00-5:15**	**Exam 2, CAMP 177**	**Exam 2, March 27, CAMP 177**
Week 13 Mar. 30-Apr. 3	12.4	• Normal Shocks • Nozzles and Diffusers	Homework-10 12.62, 63, 65, 66, 69, 70 Due date: Apr. 9 (Thursday)
Week 14 Apr. 6-10	12.5,6	• Flows with heat transfer • Flows with friction	Homework-11 12.87, 88, 93, 95 Due date: Apr. 17 (Thursday) Project 2 due date: April 11
Weeks 15 Apr. 13-17	12.6	• Flows with friction	Homework-12 12.105,106,107,109,114 Due date: Apr. 21 (Tuesday)
Week 16 Apr. 20-24		• Review	Bonus project due date: Apr. 22
Final Exam week		**Final Exam**	**Final Exam**

Exam Policy

Hourly exams will be closed-book and closed notes. A formula sheet will be provided for the hourly exams. The final exam will be open books. The students are permitted to bring their textbooks and compressible flow tables to the final exam. Notes and homework solutions are not allowed.

Grading

Grade Ranges

Graduate Letter Grades

Course Average	Grade	Quality Points
97+	A+	4.0
93-96	A	4.0
90-92	A-	3.667
87-89	B+	3.334
83-86	B	3.0
80-82	B-	2.667
77-79	C+	2.334
73-76	C	2.0
70-72	C-	1.7
67-69	D+	1.3
63-66	D	1
60-62	D-	0.7
<60	F	0

Course Policies

Etiquette Expectations & Learner Interaction

Educational institutions promote the advancement of knowledge through positive and constructive debate--both inside and outside the classroom. Please visit and follow the link Netiquette and Electronic Learner Interaction Guidelines.

Institutional Policies

Institutional Policies & Regulations

Academic Integrity

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Instructor Participation

During this course, as your instructor, you can expect me to

- Respond to emails and voicemails within 1 day
- Grade activities and assessments within 3 days
- Be an active participant on the discussion board

REFERENCES

1. J. Y. Tu, K. Inthavong, and G. Ahmadi, "Computational Fluid and Particle Dynamics in the Human Respiratory System," Springer, New York (2013). https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9789400744875
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