MATERIALS SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND COMMERCIALIZATION (MSEC)

MSEC 7100. Doctoral Assistant Development.
The course is designed to equip the doctoral students with skills and an understanding of proper procedures to be effective teaching assistants. This course does not earn graduate degree credit.
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Graduate Assistantship Exclude from Graduate GPA Grade Mode: Leveling/Assistantships

The course is a seminar series exposing students to commercialization issues. The series includes as speakers: successful entrepreneurs, businessmen, research directors, production and process control engineers, intellectual property and licensing experts, management consultants, and technology transfer specialists. Second year students will present business plans that they developed. Repeatable four times for credit.
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7102. MSEC Seminar.
This course is an introduction to current topics through reading of scientific literature with presentations by guest lecturers as the basis for weekly discussions. Students participate by choosing current, high-quality research articles for discussion and will present at least one article during the semester. Repeatable for credit.
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7103. Research in Materials Science, Engineering, and Commercialization.
This research course is for students in Materials Science, Engineering, and Commercialization who have not yet passed their candidacy exam, typically under supervision of the PhD Research Advisor. Repeatable (with MSEC 7203 & MSEC 7303 hours) for doctoral credit up to 6 hours.
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

MSEC 7199. Dissertation.
Original research and writing in Materials Science, Engineering, and Commercialization, is to be accomplished under direct supervision of the PhD Research Advisor. While conducting dissertation research and writing, students must be continuously enrolled each long semester. Repeatable for credit.
1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

MSEC 7203. Research in Materials Science, Engineering, and Commercialization.
This research course is for students in Materials Science, Engineering, and Commercialization who have not yet passed their candidacy exam, typically under supervision of the PhD Research Advisor. Repeatable (with MSEC 7103 and MSEC 7303 hours) for doctoral credit up to 6 hours.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

Original research and writing in Materials Science, Engineering, and Commercialization, is to be accomplished under direct supervision of the PhD Research Advisor. While conducting dissertation research and writing, students must be continuously enrolled each long semester. Repeatable for credit.
2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

MSEC 7301. Practical Skills in Commercialization and Entrepreneurship.
This course is the first of a two course series to impart business and commercialization skills by producing a business plan. Key areas covered include intellectual property law, technology transfer and licensing strategies, business plan development, business finance strategies, management structures, project management methods, statistical quality and process control.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7302. Leadership Skills in Commercialization and Entrepreneurship.
Leadership Skills in Commercialization and Entrepreneurship (3-0). This course is the second of a two course series to impart business and commercialization skills by producing a business plan. Key areas covered include intellectual property law, technology transfer and licensing strategies, business plan development, business finance strategies, management structures, project management methods, statistical quality and process control. Prerequisite: MSEC 7301 with a grade of "B" or better.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7303. Research in Materials Science, Engineering, and Commercialization.
This research course is for students in Materials Science, Engineering, and Commercialization who have not yet passed their candidacy exam, typically under supervision of the PhD Research Advisor. Repeatable (with MSEC 7103 & MSEC 7203 hours) for doctoral credit up to 6 hours.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit
MSEC 7304. Collaborative Research/Commercialization Experience. 
This course allows Ph.D. level graduate students to initiate, conduct 
and participate in a collaborative research or commercialization 
experience with graduate faculty in addition to research conducted 
under MSEC 7103, MSEC 7303, MSEC 7199 and MSEC 7399. This 
course recognizes the collaborative nature of the scientific and 
commercialization enterprise. Repeatable for doctoral credit up to 6 
hours.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

This course is an in-depth treatment of physical phenomena in nanoscale 
structures, and consequences for electronic, photonic, mechanical and 
other types of devices. The course provides a strong background in 
devices with applications in nanoelectronics, biomedical systems, micro-
and nanoscale manipulation, adaptive optics, and microfluidics.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7311. Materials Characterization. 
This course covers skills and knowledge required for microscopy 
methods including transmission electron microscopy, scanning electron 
microscopy, scanning tunneling electron microscopy, atomic force 
microscopy, and confocal microscopy. It covers x-ray and neutron 
diffraction techniques including structure analysis, powder and glancing 
angle diffraction, pole figure, texture analysis, and small angle scattering.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7312. Thermodynamics and Kinetics for Material Scientists. 
This course provides a solid understanding of thermodynamics and 
kinetics of materials, how the rules of thermodynamics and kinetics 
relate to real-world phenomena, such as phase transformations, phase 
diagrams, microstructural evolution, and how to use processing to 
produce a desired microstructure.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7315. Quantum Mechanics for Materials Scientists. 
This course includes quantum-mechanical foundation for study of 
nanometer-scale materials, principles of quantum physics, stationary-
states for one-dimensional potentials, symmetry considerations, 
interaction with the electromagnetic radiation, scattering, reaction rate 
theory, spectroscopy, chemical bonding and molecular orbital theory, 
solids, perturbation theory, and nuclear magnetic resonance.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7320. Nanocomposites. 
Characteristics of nanoparticles utilized in nanocomposites, techniques 
for surface modification, methods for nanoparticle dispersion forming 
nanocomposites, types of nanocomposites, characteristics of 
nanocomposites, analytical methods for characterization of composites, 
and common applications will be discussed. Particular attention will 
be given to the science and theories explaining the unique behavior of 
nanocomposites.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This course includes planning, budgeting, identification of risks and risk 
mitigation approaches, resource allocation, review of milestones and 
schedules, and evaluating projects to measure success. Responsibilities 
of project managers in the areas of problem solving, motivating and 
managing creative technical staff in project and matrix organizations will 
be included.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7330. Computational Materials Science. 
Application of computational techniques to molecular and atomic 
modeling of materials is discussed along with quantum mechanical 
modeling, density functional theory approaches, forcefield based 
molecular modeling, mesoscale modeling, energy minimization, 
molecular dynamics, vibrational spectra, crystal structures, phase 
equilibria, physical property prediction, and electronic structure related to 
magnetic and electrical properties. Prerequisite: CHEM 3340 with a grade 
of "B" or better.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7340. Biomaterials and Biosensors. 
The course covers the growing field of biomaterials science including 
materials for prosthetics and implants, mimetic materials, biosensors, 
diagnostic devices, and drug delivery systems. Particular attention will be 
given to nanomaterials for diagnosis and treatment of diseases including 
targeted cancer treatments, drug delivery systems, and advanced 
imaging methods.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7350. Frontiers of Nanoelectronics. 
This course provides an introduction to the operating principles of 
nanoscale electronic and optical devices. The emphasis is on how 
leading edge nano-fabrication technology takes advantage of quantum 
mechanics of reduced sizes and dimensions. Specific examples of 
devices based on quantum wells, wires, dots and molecular electronics 
are given.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7360. Nanomaterials Processing. 
The course will cover various aspects of materials processing related 
to semiconductor devices. Topics covered include properties of 
electronic materials, thin film deposition, etching, lithography, and related 
device physics with an emphasis on the nanoscale. Fabrication and 
characterization techniques will be covered, including clean room usage. 
Prerequisite: MSEC 7401 with a grade of "C" or better.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
MSEC 7370. Advanced Polymer Science.  
Advanced topics in polymer science are discussed with a focus on high performance polymers such as high impact, conducting, shape memory, high temperature and the underlying phenomena that provide these unusual properties, and advanced polymer topic areas such as flame retardancy, barrier properties, dielectric properties, rheology, and fiber reinforced composites.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7395A. Microwave & Power Device Physics and Materials.  
This course will develop an understanding of basic microwave and power device physics and technology and the advanced materials that are used in today’s cutting-edge research & development. The primary focus will be wide bandgap semiconductor materials and devices, and their performance metric versus the industry standard Si-based devices. Prerequisite: MSEC 7401 and MSEC 7402 both with grades of “B” or better.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7395B. Thin Film Photovoltaic Devices.  
This course is a survey of the Materials Science of photovoltaic devices with emphasis on device physics including the photovoltaic effect, photon absorption, electrons and holes, generation and recombination, the pn-junction, charge separation, monocrystalline solar cells, thin film solar cells, III-V solar cells, and losses. Prerequisite: MSEC 7401 and MSEC 7402 both with grades of “B” or better.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7395C. Materials for Sustainable Energy.  
This course introduces principles and applications of sustainable energy materials used for energy generation, conversion, and storage. Topics of study include principles (thermodynamics, kinetics, transport phenomena, equivalent circuits, catalysis, and electrochemistry) and selection and performance criteria important for applications including batteries, supercapacitors, fuel cells, electrolyzers, dielectrics, biomass, and piezoelectrics. Prerequisite: MSEC 7401 and MSEC 7402 both with grades of “B” or better.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7395D. Polymer Characterization and Processing.  
This course will cover the concepts critical to the characterization and processing of organic polymers. Topics critical to characterization will include molecular weight determination, thermo/mechanical characterization, X-ray scattering, and polymer spectroscopy. Processing topics will include polymer rheology, principles of polymer processing, solution processing, and extrusion. Prerequisite: CHEM 4351 or CHEM 5351 or MSEC 7370 any with a grade of “B” or better.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7395E. Industrial Ecology and Sustainability Engineering.  
This course covers the basic principles of life cycle analysis (LCA) of engineered products, materials, and processes. Topics covered include: biological ecology, industrial ecology, resource depletion, product design, process design, material selection, energy efficiency, product delivery, use, end of life and LCA.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7395F. Catalysis in Materials Science.  
This course introduces principles and applications of catalysis in materials science. The primary topics of study will include catalysis as a means of synthesizing materials and materials as catalysis. Subtopics will focus on specific catalysts (Ziegler-Natta, ROMP, and cross-coupling catalysts) and specific catalytic processes (hydrogenation, photoredox, and electrocatalysis).  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Applied plasma physics focusing on the broad range of technical plasma devices, and to analyze and describe the main plasma physical characteristics and principles of operation. Emphasis will be on physical insight, application, and problem solving. Prerequisite: MSEC 7401 and MSEC 7402 both with grades of “C” or better.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7399. Dissertation.  
Original research and writing in Materials Science, Engineering, and Commercialization, is to be accomplished under direct supervision of the PhD Research Advisor. While conducting dissertation research and writing, students must be continuously enrolled each long semester. Repeatable for credit.  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing  
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

MSEC 7401. Fundamental Materials Science and Engineering.  
Course covers fundamentals of chemical kinetics, physical properties, and continuum mechanics. Topics include electronic and atomic structure, structure of crystalline materials, imperfections, thermodynamic and kinetic principles and equations for closed and open systems, statistical models, phase diagrams, diffusion, phase transformations, conservation laws, and kinetics.  
4 Credit Hours. 4 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
MSEC 7402. Advanced Materials Science and Engineering Concepts. Fundamentals of quantum mechanics, physics of solid state, and physical electronics and photonics for advanced materials will be discussed. Topics will include quantum basis for properties of solids, lattice vibration, free electron model for magnetism, semiconductors, nanostructures and mesoscopic phenomena, superconductivity, and recent advances in new types of materials. Corequisite: MSEC 7315 or equivalent.

**4 Credit Hours. 4 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

MSEC 7599. Dissertation.
Original research and writing in Materials Science, Engineering, and Commercialization, is to be accomplished under direct supervision of the PhD Research Advisor. While conducting dissertation research and writing, students must be continuously enrolled each long semester. Repeatable for credit.

**5 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

Original research and writing in Materials Science, Engineering, and Commercialization, is to be accomplished under direct supervision of the PhD Research Advisor. While conducting dissertation research and writing, students must be continuously enrolled each long semester. Repeatable for credit.

**6 Credit Hours. 6 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

MSEC 7999. Dissertation.
Original research and writing in Materials Science, Engineering, and Commercialization, is to be accomplished under direct supervision of the PhD Research Advisor. While conducting dissertation research and writing, students must be continuously enrolled each long semester.

**9 Credit Hours. 9 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing

Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit