Courses

MAT 010 Materials Laboratory 2 Credits
Introduction to experimental methods used to fabricate and measure the structure and properties of materials. Thermal and mechanical processing and properties are emphasized. Specimen preparation and examination by light optical microscopy.
Prerequisites: MAT 033
Can be taken Concurrently: MAT 033

MAT 020 Computational Methods in Materials Science 3 Credits
The use of computers and computational methods to solve problems in materials science and engineering. Students will employ both commercial packages and their own code in order to complete assignments. Students will utilize word processing and display packages to present results of projects.
Prerequisites: ENGR 010

MAT 028 Silicon, Steel, or Styrofoam? Designing with Materials 3 Credits
A systematic methodology for selecting materials and fabrication processes in engineering design; case studies in which this methodology is used; overview of engineering materials and their properties; development of material performance indices; materials for environmentally conscious and sustainable design; industrial design considerations; design-directed development of new materials. No previous engineering experience required.
Prerequisites: PHY 009 and PHY 010 or PHY 011
Can be taken Concurrently: PHY 009, PHY 010, PHY 011

MAT 033 Engineering Materials and Processes 3 Credits
Application of physical and chemical principles to understanding, selection, and fabrication of engineering materials. Materials considered include metals, polymers, ceramics, composites, and electronic materials. Case studies of materials used range from transportation systems to microelectronic devices.

MAT 101 Professional Development 2 Credits
The role and purpose of engineering in society; the meaning of being a professional; engineering ethics; environmental issues; safety issues; communications and decision-making in the engineering process; expectations and problems of young engineers; personal goals; choosing a career. Required reading. Written reports based on library research. Must have junior standing.

MAT 107 Special Topics in Materials 1-3 Credits
A study of selected topics in materials science and engineering not covered in other formal courses. Consent of instructor required.

MAT 201 Physical Properties of Materials 3 Credits
Basic concepts of modern physics and quantum mechanics needed for an understanding of electrons in solids. The experimental development leading to wave mechanics is emphasized. Uses of the Schrodinger equation as the basis for the free electron theory of metals and band theory. Optical properties are developed leading to a discussion of lasers.
Prerequisites: (PHY 021 and MAT 033 and MATH 205)

MAT 203 Materials Structure at the Nanoscale 4 Credits
The structure of metals, ceramics, semiconductors, and polymers at the atomic scale. Crystalline, semicrystalline, liquid crystalline and amorphous (glassy) states. Fundamental aspects of formal crystallography and crystal structures. Point, line, and planar crystal defects. Materials characterization by x-ray diffraction, light microscopy, electron microscopy, and other techniques.
Prerequisites: (CHM 030 and MAT 033) and MAT 010
Can be taken Concurrently: MAT 033

MAT 204 Processing and Properties of Polymeric Materials 3 Credits
The structure-property relationships in polymers will be developed, emphasizing the glass transition, rubber elasticity, crystallinity, and mechanical behavior. Elements of polymer processing. Extrusion of plastics and films, and fiber spinning operations.
Prerequisites: MAT 033

MAT 205 Thermodynamics of Macro/Nanoscale Materials 3 Credits
The three laws of thermodynamics. Gibbs free energy and conditions of equilibrium. Effects of scale on material behavior. Binary and ternary equilibrium phase diagrams. Application of thermodynamics to materials problems, with examples from nanotechnology, biotechnology, and structural materials.
Prerequisites: MATH 023 and MAT 033
Can be taken Concurrently: MATH 023, MAT 033

MAT 206 Processing and Properties of Metals 3 Credits
The production and purification of metals, their fabrication, and control of their properties. Includes topics such as precipitation hardening, hot and cold working, and casting.
Prerequisites: (MAT 218 and MAT 216)

MAT 212 (BUS 212, DES 212, ENGR 212, ME 212) Integrated Product Development-2 (IPD-2) 2 Credits
Business engineering, and design arts students work in cross disciplinary teams of 4-6 students on the detailed design, including fabrication and testing, of a prototype following industry and engineering standards for the new product designed in the IPD-I. Additional deliverables include a detailed production plan, marketing plan, base-case financial models, project portfolio. Teams work on projects from industry and entrepreneurial start-ups. Oral presentations and written reports.
Prerequisites: ENGR 211

MAT 214 Processing and Properties of Ceramic Materials 3 Credits
Prerequisites: MAT 033

MAT 216 Diffusion and Phase Transformations 3 Credits
Fundamental diffusion equations; liquid-solid transformations; solid-solid transformations; transformation kinetics; metastable transformations; diffusionless transformations; examples of various transformations in different materials and their effect on properties.
Prerequisites: (MAT 203 and MAT 205)

MAT 218 Mechanical Behavior of Macro/Nanoscale Materials 3 Credits
Elasticity, plasticity, and fracture of metals, ceramics, polymers, and composites. The roles of defects and size scale on mechanical response. Strengthening and toughening mechanisms in solids. Statics and time-dependent failures from microstructural and fracture mechanics viewpoints. Lectures and laboratories.
Prerequisites: MECH 003 and MAT 033 and MAT 010

MAT 221 (STS 221) Materials in the Development of Man 3 Credits
Development of materials technology and engineering from the stone age to atomic age as an example of the interaction between technology and society. In-class demonstration laboratories on composition and structure of materials. Term projects using archaeological materials and alloys. Course intended for, but not limited to, students in the humanities and secondary science education. Engineering students may not use this course for engineering science or technical elective credit.

MAT 240 Research Techniques 3 Credits
Study and application of research techniques in materials science and engineering. Research opportunities, design of experimental programs, analysis of data, presentation of results. Selection of research topic and preparation and defense of research proposal. Restricted to a small number of students selected by the department from those who apply.
MAT 252 Electronic Properties of Materials 3 Credits
Electronic structure of materials, i.e., band and zone theory, is presented from a physical point of view. Electrical conductivity in metals, semiconductors, insulators and superconductors discussed. Simple semiconductor devices reviewed. Magnetic properties examined in the context of domain theory and applications. Optical and dielectric properties of semiconductors and ferroelectrics are considered.
**Prerequisites:** MAT 201 and MAT 203

MAT 268 Failure Analysis Reports 3 Credits
Application of chemical and mechanical failure concepts, microstructural analysis, and fracture surface characterization to the analysis and prevention of engineering component failures. Materials selection from databases of AISI standard alloys. Laboratory investigations on component failures using ASTM standard testing methods. Written and oral presentations of the results. Must have senior standing.
**Prerequisites:** MAT 204 and MAT 206 and MAT 214 and MAT 252

MAT 300 Apprentice Teaching 3 Credits

MAT 309 (ME 309) Composite Materials 3 Credits
The principles and technology of composite materials. Processing, properties, and structural applications of composites, with emphasis on fiber-reinforced polymers. Lectures and some field trips or laboratories.
**Prerequisites:** (MAT 033 or MECH 003)

MAT 310 Independent Study in Materials 1-3 Credits
Provides an opportunity for advanced, independent study of selected topics in materials science and engineering not covered in other formal courses.
**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

MAT 312 Fundamentals of Corrosion 3 Credits
**Prerequisites:** MAT 205 or CHM 342

MAT 314 (ME 314) Metal Forming Processes 3 Credits
**Prerequisites:** MAT 206

MAT 315 Physical Properties of Structural and Electronic Ceramics 3 Credits
Structure-property relationships in ceramics. Mechanical behavior including plasticity, hardness, elasticity, strength and toughening mechanisms. Thermal behavior including specific heat, thermal expansion, thermal conduction and thermal shock. Electrical behavior including application of tensors and crystal physics to electroceramics.
**Prerequisites:** MAT 214

MAT 316 Optical Properties of Materials 3 Credits
Interaction of electromagnetic waves with solid, liquid, and gaseous matter: reflection, refraction, polarization, diffraction, scattering, absorption, and luminescence. Factors determining the perceived color of metals, ceramics, polymers, semiconductors, biomaterials, and various nanostructured materials. Overview of the technological applications of optical materials in coatings, lighting, display technologies, lasers, solar cells, and optical communications. Credit will not be given for both MAT 316 and MAT 416.
**Prerequisites:** MAT 033

MAT 317 Imperfections in Crystals 3 Credits
The major types of crystal defects and their role in controlling the properties of materials. Point, line and planar defects, their atomic configurations and experimental techniques to study their characteristics. Emphasis on the role of dislocations and grain boundaries in the control of mechanical properties.
**Prerequisites:** MAT 203

MAT 319 Current Topics in Materials Science 3 Credits
Selected topics of current interest in the field of materials engineering but not covered in the regular courses. Consent of department required.
**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

MAT 320 Analytical Methods in Materials Science 3 Credits
Selected topics in modern analysis and their application to materials problems in such areas as thermodynamics, crystallography, deformation and fracture, diffusion.
**Prerequisites:** MATH 231 or MATH 205

MAT 324 (BIOE 324) Introduction to Organic Biomaterials 3 Credits
Property, characterization, fabrication and modification of organic materials for biomedical and biological applications; host responses to biomaterials on the molecular, cellular and system level; general introduction to biosensors, drug delivery devices and tissue engineering. Consent of instructor required.
**Prerequisites:** BIOE 110 or MAT 204

MAT 325 (BIOE 325) Inorganic Biomaterials 3 Credits
Fabrication methods for biomedical implant and devices. Selection of metals and ceramics with specific bulk and surface physical as well as chemical properties. The role of materials chemistry and microstructure. Biocompatibility. Case studies (dental and orthopedic implants, stents, nonporous ceramic filters for kidney dialysis).
**Prerequisites:** MAT 033

MAT 326 (BIOE 326) Biomimetic and Bio-enabled Materials 3 Credits
The structure, function, properties and use of biopolymers, biocomposites, and biomaterials. Biomimetic materials design, including colloids, interfaces, macromolecules, and applications of such materials. Environmental and ethical considerations, such as degradation products when using biomimetic materials. Closed to students who have taken MAT 426 (BioE 426).
**Prerequisites:** MAT 033 or BIOE 110
**Attribute/Distribution:** ND

MAT 327 Industrial Project 4 Credits
Restricted to a small group of seniors and graduate students selected by the department from those who apply. Two full days per week are spent on development projects at the plant of an area industry, under the direction of a plant engineer and with faculty supervision.

MAT 329 Industrial Project 4 Credits
To be taken concurrently with MAT 327. Material is the same as MAT 327.

MAT 332 Basics of Materials Science and Engineering 3 Credits
Physical and chemical principles applied to understanding the structure, properties, selection, fabrication, and use of engineering materials: metals, polymers, ceramics, composites and electronic materials. Case studies of materials used ranged from transportation systems to microelectronic devices. Lectures and individual study assigned by graduate advisor. Must have graduate student status. Consent of department required. Not available to students who have taken MAT 033 or equivalent.
MAT 333 Crystallography and Diffraction 3 Credits
Introduction to crystal symmetry, point groups, and space groups. Emphasis on materials characterization by x-ray diffraction and electron diffraction. Specific topics include crystallographic notation, stereographic projections, orientation of single crystal, textures, phase identification, quantitative analysis, stress measurement, electron diffraction, ring and spot patterns, convergent beam electron diffraction (CBED), and space group determination. Applications in mineralogy, metallurgy, ceramics, microelectronics, polymers, and catalysts. Lectures and laboratory work. Senior standing in chemistry. Prerequisites: MAT 203 or EES 133

MAT 334 (CHE 334) Electron Microscopy and Microanalysis 4 Credits
Fundamentals and experimental methods in electron optical techniques including scanning electron microscopy (SEM), conventional transmission (TEM) and scanning transmission (STEM) electron microscopy. Specific topics covered will include electron optics, electron beam interactions with solids, electron diffraction and chemical microanalysis. Applications to the study of the structure of materials are given. Consent of department required.

MAT 340 Research Techniques 3 Credits
Study and application of research techniques in materials science and engineering. Research opportunities, design of experimental programs, analysis of data, presentation of results. Selection of research topic and preparation and defense of research proposal. Restricted to a small number of students selected by the department from those who apply.

MAT 341 Undergraduate research 3 Credits
Application of research techniques to a project in materials science and engineering selected in consultation with the faculty. Normally preceded by MAT 340.

MAT 342 Inorganic Glasses 3 Credits
Definition, formation and structure of glass; common glass systems; manufacturing processes; optical, mechanical, electrical and dielectric properties; chemical durability; glass fibers and glass ceramics. Lectures and laboratories.
Prerequisites: MAT 033

MAT 344 (ISE 344, ME 344) Metal Machining Analysis 3 Credits
Intensive study of metal cutting emphasizing forces, energy, temperature, tool materials, tool life, and surface integrity. Abrasive processes. Laboratory and project work.
Prerequisites: ISE 215 or IE 215 or ME 240 or MAT 206

MAT 345 Powder Metallurgy 3 Credits
Metal powder fabrication and characterization methods. Powder processing including powder compaction, theory of compacting, press and die design, sintering, and hot consolidation. Microstructure and properties of sintered materials and their relationship to processing conditions. Industrial applications. Emerging powder metallurgy technologies. Credit will not be given for both MAT 345 and MAT 445.
Prerequisites: MAT 206

MAT 346 Physical Metallurgy of Welding 3 Credits
Prerequisites: MAT 216

MAT 355 Materials for Nanotechnology 3 Credits
An introduction to the nanoworld and how we observe the nanoworld through transmission electron microscopy. Other topics include: probing nanosurfaces, carbon as a nanomaterial, fullerences, carbon nanotubes, metal clusters, metal nanoparticle preparation, and directed self-assembly of nanoparticles. Also discussed are the thermal, chemical, electronic, optical, and magnetic properties of metal nanoparticles, nanowires, semiconductor nanoparticles, and inorganic nanoparticles.

MAT 356 Strategies for Nanocharacterization 3 Credits
Lectures describe various nanocharacterization techniques in terms of which technique is best for specific measurements on nanostructures less than 100 nm in extent. Special attention is paid to spatial resolution and detection limits for SEM, TEM, X-ray analysis, diffraction analysis, ion beam techniques, surface techniques, AFM and other SPMs, and light microscopies and spectroscopies.

MAT 363 Computational Methods in Science and Engineering 3 Credits
Computer simulation of systems at various length and time scales. Atomistic simulation (molecular dynamics and Monte Carlo) methods are presented and applied to models described by simple interatomic potentials. Mesoscale simulation is described in the context of domain growth and, at the continuum scale, finite-difference and finite-element methods are employed to model heat conduction and mass diffusion. Lecture and computer laboratory sessions. Credit will not be given for both MAT 363 and MAT 463.

MAT 386 Polymer Nanocomposites 3 Credits
Synthesis, morphology and properties of polymer nanocomposites. Comparisons with traditional particulate composites will be made and models predicting properties will be emphasized. Melt viscosity, mechanical properties, barrier properties and flame retardancy will be discussed. Credit is not given for both MAT 386 and MAT 486.
Prerequisites: MAT 204 or MAT 393

MAT 388 (CHE 388, CHM 388) Polymer Synthesis and Characterization Laboratory 3 Credits
Techniques include: free radical and condensation polymerization; molecular weight distribution by gel chromatography; crystallinity and order by differential scanning calorimetry; pyrolysis and gas chromatography; dynamic mechanical and dielectric behavior; morphology and microscopy; surface properties. Must have senior level standing in chemical engineering, chemistry, or materials science and engineering.
Prerequisites: CHM 341 and CHM 110

MAT 393 (CHE 393, CHM 393) Physical Polymer Science 3 Credits
Structural and physical aspects of polymers (organic, inorganic, natural). Molecular and atomic basis for polymer properties and behavior. Characteristics of glassy, crystalline, and paracrystal-line states (including viscoelastic and relaxation behavior) for single-and multi-component systems. Thermodynamics and kinetics of transition phenomena. Structure, morphology, and behavior. Must have senior level standing in CHE, CHEM, or MAT.

MAT 396 Chemistry of Nonmetallic Solids 3 Credits
Chemistry of ionic and electronic defects in nonmetallic solids and their influence on chemical and physical properties. Intrinsic and impurity-controlled defects, nonstoichiometric compounds, defect interactions. Properties to be discussed include: diffusion, sintering, ionic and electronic conductivity, solid-state reactions, and photoconductivity.
Prerequisites: CHM 187 or MAT 205

MAT 401 Thermodynamics and Kinetics 4 Credits
Integrated treatment of the fundamentals of thermodynamics, diffusion and kinetics, as related to materials processes including both hard and soft materials. Laws of thermodynamics, conditions of equilibrium, free energies, statistical thermodynamics, thermodynamics of surfaces, bulk and grain-boundary diffusion, nucleation, spinodal decomposition, and reaction kinetics.

MAT 402 (ME 402) Advanced Manufacturing Science 3 Credits
The course focuses on the fundamental science-base underlying manufacturing processes, and applying that science base to develop knowledge and tools suitable for industrial utilization. Selected manufacturing processes representing the general classes of material removal, material deformation, material phase change, material flow, and material joining are addressed. Students create computer-based process simulation tools independently as well as utilize leading commercial process simulation packages. Laboratory experiences are included throughout the course.
MAT 403 Structure/Property Relations 4 Credits
Structure of materials and relationship to properties. Crystal structures and crystalline defects, structure in biological systems, amorphous materials, microstructure, and relationships to mechanical and other properties.

MAT 406 Solidification 3 Credits
Structure, theory and properties of liquids. Homogeneous and heterogeneous nucleation theory and experimental results. Solidification phenomena in pure, single and multiphase materials including the nature of the freezing interface, segregation, constitutional super-cooling, dendritic growth, crystallographic effects, the origin of defects, crystal growing, zone processes. Consent of department chair required.

MAT 409 Current Topics in Materials 3 Credits
Recent practical and theoretical developments in materials. This course may be repeated for credit if new material is covered. Consent of department required.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

MAT 414 Metal Forming Processes 3 Credits
Prerequisites: MAT 206

MAT 415 Mechanical Behavior of Ceramic Solids 3 Credits
Strength, elasticity, creep, thermal stress fracture, hardness, abrasion and high-temperature deformation characteristics of single- and multicomponent brittle ceramic solids. Statistical theories of strength, static and cyclic fatigue, crack propagation, fracture toughness. Correlation of mechanical behavior, microstructure, and processing parameters.

MAT 416 Optical Properties of Materials 3 Credits
Interaction of electromagnetic waves with solid, liquid, and gaseous matter: reflection, refraction, polarization, diffraction, scattering, absorption, and luminescence. Factors determining the perceived color of metals, ceramics, polymers, semiconductors, biomaterials, and various nanostructured materials. Overview of the technological applications of optical materials in coatings, lighting, display technologies, lasers, solar cells, and optical communications. Additional coursework will be required of students seeking the graduate level MAT 416 qualification. Credit will not be given for both MAT 316 and MAT 416.
Prerequisites: MAT 033

MAT 423 Advanced Transmission Electron Microscopy 4 Credits
The theory and practice of operation of the transmission and scanning transmission electron microscope. Techniques covered include bright field, high resolution and weak-beam dark field, lattice imaging, diffraction pattern indexing and Kikuchi line analysis. The theory of diffraction contrast is applied to the interpretation of electron micrographs. Specimen preparation techniques.
Prerequisites: MAT 344

MAT 424 (BIOE 424) Introduction to Organic Biomaterials 3 Credits
Property, characterization, fabrication, and modification of organic materials for biomedical and biological applications; host responses to biomaterials on the molecular, cellular, and system level; general introduction to biosensors, drug delivery, and tissue engineering. Graduate version of MAT 324 requiring additional assignments. Credit is not given for both MAT 324 (BioE 324) and MAT 424 (BioE 424).
Prerequisites: MAT 033

MAT 425 (BIOE 425) Inorganic Biomaterials 3 Credits
The structure, function, properties and use of biopolymers, biocomposites, and biominerals. Chemical structure and macromolecular architecture of these materials, including collagen, tissue, silk, wool, spider’s thread, shell, etc. The marriage of structure and function and how this marriage can be manipulated in the development of “intelligent” materials (materials which can adapt to their environment or have the ability to alter their properties as required). Biomimetic materials design, including colloids, interfaces, macromolecules, and applications of such materials. Environmental and ethical considerations, such as degradation products when using biomimetic materials. Credit is not given for both MAT 326 and MAT 426.
Prerequisites: MAT 033

MAT 426 (BIOE 426) Biomimetic and Bio-enabled Materials 3 Credits
This course is a graduate version of MAT 326 (BIOE 326). While the lecture content will be the same as the 300-level course, students enrolled in MAT 426 (BIOE 426) will have more advanced assignments. Closed to students who have taken MAT 326 (BIOE 326). Requirements: Graduate standing in Bioengineering or Materials Science and Engineering.

MAT 427 Advanced Scanning Electron Microscopy 4 Credits
The theory and practice of operation of the scanning electron microscope and electron microprobe. Techniques covered will include high-resolution scanning, quantitative electron probe microanalysis. Electron beam sample interactions. X-ray spectrometry, and electron optics will be discussed in detail.
Prerequisites: MAT 334

MAT 430 Glass Science 3 Credits
Definition and formation of glass. Structure of common inorganic (including metallic) and polymeric glass systems. Methods of glass making. Phase separation of devitrification. Physical properties including diffusion, electrical conductivity, chemical durability, and optical and mechanical properties. Special products including glass ceramics, optical fibers, photosensitive glasses, etc. Visit to a glass manufacturing plant may also be included.

MAT 431 Sintering Theory and Practice 3 Credits
Science and technology of the sintering of solid-state materials. Driving force and variables. Critical review of the sintering models. Coverage of single phase, multiphase and composite systems. Special sintering techniques such as fast firing, rate controlled sintering, hot pressing and transient second-phase sintering. Sintering of specific ceramic and metal systems.

MAT 442 Inorganic Glasses 3 Credits
Definition, formation and structure of glass. Structure of common inorganic glass systems. Methods of glass making. Phase separation of devitrification. Physical properties including diffusion, electrical conductivity, chemical durability, and optical and mechanical properties. Special products including glass ceramics, optical fibers, photosensitive glasses, etc. Visit to a glass manufacturing plant may also be included.

MAT 443 (CHM 443) Solid-State Chemistry 3 Credits
Crystal structure, diffraction in crystals and on surfaces, bonding and energy spectra in solids, dielectrics, surface states and surface fields in crystals. Must have completed one course in linear algebra and one course in quantum mechanics.

MAT 444 Powder Metallurgy 3 Credits
Metal powder fabrication and characterization, methods. Powder processing including powder compaction, metal shot treatment, and thermal consolidation. Microstructure and properties of sintered materials and their relationship to processing conditions. Industrial applications. Emerging powder metallurgy technologies. Graduate version of MAT 345 requiring additional assignments. Credit is not given for both MAT 345 and MAT 445.
MAT 455 Materials for Nanotechnology 3 Credits
An introduction to the nanoworld and how we observe the nanoworld through transmission electron microscopy. Other topics include: probing nanosurfaces, carbon as a nanomaterial, fullerenes, carbon nanotubes, metal clusters, metal nanoparticle preparation, and directed self-assembly of nanoparticles. Also discussed are the thermal, chemical, electronic, optical, and magnetic properties of metal nanoparticles, nanowires, semiconductor nanoparticles, and inorganic nanoparticles.

MAT 456 Strategies for Nanocharacterization 3 Credits
Lectures describe various nanocharacterization techniques in terms of which technique is best for specific measurements on nanostructures less than 100 nm in extent. Special attention is paid to spatial resolution and detection limits for SEM, TEM, X-ray analysis, diffraction analysis, ion beam techniques, surface techniques, AFMs and other SPMs, and light microscopies and spectrosopies.

MAT 460 Engineering Project 1-3 Credits
In-depth study of a problem in the area of materials engineering or design. The study is to lead to specific conclusions and be embodied in a written report. Intended for candidates for the M.Eng.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

MAT 462 Independent Study 1-3 Credits
An intensive study, with report, of a topic in materials science and engineering which is not treated in other courses. Consent of instructor required.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

MAT 463 Computational Methods in Science and Engineering 3 Credits
Computer simulation of systems at various length and time scales. Atomistic simulation (molecular dynamics and Monte Carlo) methods are presented and applied to models described by simple interatomic potentials. Mesoscale simulation is described in the context of domain growth and, at the continuum scale, finite-difference and finite-element methods are employed to model heat conduction and mass diffusion. Lecture and computer laboratory sessions. Extra assignments provided to graduate students. Credit will not be given for both MAT363 and MAT463.

MAT 482 (CHE 482, CHM 482) Mechanical Behaviors of Polymers 3 Credits
A treatment of the mechanical behavior of polymers. Characterization of experimentally observed viscoelastic response of polymeric solids with the aid of mechanical model analogs. Topics include time-temperature superposition, experimental characterization of large deformation and fracture processes, polymer adhesion, and the effects of fillers, plasticizers, moisture and aging on mechanical behavior.

MAT 485 (CHE 485, CHM 485) Polymer Blends and Composites 3 Credits
Synthesis, morphology, and mechanical behavior of polymer blends and composites. Mechanical blends, block and graft copolymers, interpenetrating polymer networks, polymer impregnated concrete, and fiber and particulate reinforced polymers are emphasized. Must have completed any introductory polymer course or equivalent.

MAT 486 Polymer Nanocomposites 3 Credits
Synthesis, morphology and properties of polymer nanocomposites. Comparisons with traditional particulate composites will be made and models predicting properties will be emphasized. Melt viscosity, mechanical properties, barrier properties and flame retardancy will be discussed. This course is a version of MAT 386 for graduate students, with additional research projects and advanced assignments. Closed to students who have taken MAT 386. Credit is not given for both MAT 386 and MAT 486.
Prerequisites: MAT 204 or MAT 393

MAT 490 Thesis 1-6 Credits
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

MAT 492 (CHE 492, CHM 492) Topics in Polymer Science 1-3 Credits
Intensive study of topics selected from areas of current research interest such as morphology and mechanical behavior, thermodynamics and kinetics of crystallization, new analytical techniques, molecular weight distribution, non-Newtonian flow behavior, second-order transition phenomena, novel polymer structures. Credit above three hours is granted only when different material is covered.

MAT 499 Dissertation 1-15 Credits
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.