

# Introduction to Polymer Engineering at Macro-, Micro-, and Nanoscale

# **CBE 5777**

#### **Credit Hours:**

3.00 - 3.00

#### **Course Levels:**

Undergraduate (1000-5000 level) Graduate (5000-8000 level)

### **Course Components:**

Lecture

#### **Course Description:**

An introduction to nanomaterials and nanotechnology. Important polymeric micro/nanomaterials and structures, and their manufacturing techniques.

## **Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

Prereq: 3521 (521), MechEng 3500 (500), 4510 (510), MatScEn 2251 (401), or 3151 (526), or permission of instructor.

## **Course Goals / Objectives:**

- Be exposed to conventional and new polymer and composite processing techniques
- Master the application of transport phenomena to polymer processing problems
- Be familiar with various polymer related nanomaterials and nanotechnologies
- Be familiar with micro/nanofabrication techniques relevant to polymeric materials
- Be familiar with polymer and nanomaterial characterization methods
- Be able to select proper polymeric materials, nanoparticles and processing methods for specific applications
- Be able to work as a team in the polymer processing and nanomaterial characterization labs
- Be able to write short technical reports and present technical results

## **Course Topics:**

- Introduction to Polymeric Materials and Polymer Processingoduction
- Introduction to Polymer Synthesis
- Brief Review of Transport Phenomena and Rheology
- Introduction to Polymer Mixing
- Introduction to Major Polymer Processing Methods
- Introduction to Reactive Processing and Composite Fabrication Methods
- Nanoparticles
- Polymer Nanocomposites
- Polymer-Biomolecule Nanoparticles and Nanodevices
- Polymer Thin Films
- Polymer Nanofibers (John Lannutti\*)
- Characterization at Micro/Nanoscale
- Micro/Nano-Machining (Wu Lu\*, Allen Yi\*)
- Micro/Nano-Machining (Dave Farson\*)
- Transport Phenomena and Rheology at Micro/Nanoscale
- Micro/Nano-Injection Molding
- Micro/Nano-Embossing and Imprinting
- Soft Lithography
- Team Project Presentations

# **Designation:**

Elective