THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Engineering Economics In-Person

ISE 2040.01

Credit Hours:

2.00

Course Levels: Undergraduate (1000-5000 level)

Course Components:

Lecture

Course Description:

Economic analysis of engineering project alternatives. Cash flow modeling; time value of money; techniques for comparing project alternatives and making solid business recommendations; influence of financial accounting and cost accounting on cash flow models. Course uses MS Excel as primary business tool for modeling.

Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prereq: Soph, Jr, or Sr standing in Engineering or BSET program.

Course Goals / Objectives:

- Understand a corporation's general business goals, and how they report their financial results to their shareholders.
- Describe basic cost component behavior associated with engineering and manufacturing using common accounting terminology.
- Understand the concept of 'minimal acceptable rate of return' (MARR), how it is used, and what factors influence it.
- Use appropriate financial acumen in communications.
- Model descriptions of engineering projects as discrete cash flows.
- Use present worth, future worth, rate of return, simple payback period, discounted payback period, and breakeven analysis to evaluate, compare and rank engineering projects.
- Understand the advantages, disadvantages, and pitfalls associated with each of the analysis methods above, interpret the results from these methods, and understand the interrelations among the methods
- Evaluate project financial outcomes and make recommendations based on proper calculations using MS Excel functions and good spreadsheet design.
- Evaluate project risk using scenario analysis.
- Understand and apply engineering economic analysis method(s) to a student selected case study.

Course Topics:

- Engineering Economic Introduction with Case Study Analysis
- Corporate Objectives, Role of Engineers in Corporate Strategy, and minimal acceptable rate of return (MARR)
- Financial Statements, terminology and basic financial ratios
- Cost accounting terminology, cost behaviors, and applications of cost analysis in engineering
- Time Value of Money Concepts Present Value, Future Value of Single and Annuity (Repeating Cash flows)
- Net Present Value Analysis Method
- Annual Equivalent Worth Analysis method
- Rate of Return Analysis Method
- Risk Analysis

Designation:

Required Elective