

# **Design and Manufacturing of Compliant Mechanisms and Robots**

# **MECHENG 5751**

**Credit Hours:** 

3.00

## **Course Levels:**

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

**Course Components:** Lecture

#### **Course Description:**

Introduces methods and theories for kinematic and force analysis, synthesis of rigid body and compliant (flexible) mechanisms and robots. Pseudo-rigid-body model and CAD/CAE software will be used for modeling and analysis study. Students will be required to work on a team project to solve a real world design problem related to mechanisms and robots.

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

Prereq: 3670 or equiv, or Grad standing in Engineering, or permission of instructor.

#### **Course Goals / Objectives:**

- Ability to perfrom position, velocity and static force analysis of rigid body mechanisms and robots
- Ability to perform algebraic synthesis of rigid body mechanisms
- Ability to develop pseudo-rigid-body models of compliant mechanisms
- Ability to understand force-deflection relationships of rigid body and compliant mechanism
- Ability to perform kinematic and static force analysis of compliant mechanisms using energy and principle of virtual work
- Ability to use computer-aided engineering software to model and evaluate rigid body and compliant mechanisms

## **Course Topics:**

- Planar kinematics, vector/matrix algebra, complex number approach
- Positional analysis of planar linkages and robots
- Range of motion of planar linkages
- Velocity and force analysis of linkages and robots
- Algebraic synthesis of rigid body linkages
- Computer-aided design of mechanisms and robots Machine dynamics simulation
- Flexibility, deflection, material properties
- Elastic analysis of cantilever 2D beams
- Pseudo-rigid-body model
- Force-deflection relationships, principle of virtual work
- Special purpose mechanisms: constant-force mechanisms, bistable mechanisms
- Design optimization of compliant mechanisms
- Manufacturing methods and lab: 3d printer, CNC mill, SDM, mold design, plastic and soft parts
- Project fabrication
- CAD and CAE modeling

#### **Designation:**

Elective