



# Combustion

## MECHENG 6526

**Credit Hours:**

3.00 - 3.00

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**Course Levels:**

Graduate (5000-8000 level)

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**Course Components:**

Lecture

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**Course Description:**

Fundamentals of energy conversion through combustion, thermodynamics and chemical kinetics of combustion, premixed flames, deflagration vs. detonation waves, diffusion flames, droplet combustion, and thermal ignition.

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**Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

Prereq: 3503, 3504 (504), or 4510 (510), or permission of instructor.

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**Course Goals / Objectives:**

- Develop a comprehensive understanding of combustion processes as applied to energy conversion through premixed and diffusion flames, and controlled autoignition
  - Develop an ability to apply the fundamental principles of thermo-fluid science toward modeling, analysis, and design of advanced combustion systems
  - Develop an ability to apply contemporary computational tools to combustion kinetics and physics
  - Instill life-long learning habits in the field combustion evolving rapidly in terms of energy conversion devices and alternative fuels
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**Course Topics:**

- Thermochemistry
  - Chemical kinetics, low- vs. high-temperature oxidation mechanisms
  - Premixed flames
  - Hugoniot relations: deflagration vs. detonation waves
  - Laminar flame speed: Mallard/Le Chatelier vs. Zeldovich/Frank-Kamenetskii/Semenov theories
  - Turbulent flame speed
  - Detonation: Chapman-Jouguet Point, Zeldovich/von Neumann/Doring theory
  - Diffusion flames
  - Gaseous fuel jets and the Burke-Schumann development
  - Droplet combustion
  - Thermal ignition: Semenov and Frank-Kamenetskii theories
  - Contemporary computational approaches, including CHEMKIN
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**Designation:**

Elective