

Undergraduate Nuclear Engineering Laboratory

NUCLREN 4506

Credit Hours:

3.00 - 3.00

Course Levels:

Undergraduate (1000-5000 level)

Course Components:

Lecture Lab

Course Description:

A laboratory course tailored to undergraduates that will provide hands-on experience with nuclear engineering instrumentation and the OSU Research Reactor.

Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prereq: 4505 (505) or MechEng 4505 (505); or permission of instructor.

Course Goals / Objectives:

- To develop an understanding of the measurement and shielding of radiation.
- To develop an understanding of health physics and personnel protection.
- To develop an understanding of reactor physics, operations and uses.
- To develop a more intuitive feel for the processes and equipment involved in working with radiation.
- To provide important preparation for future nuclear workers.

Course Topics:

- Radiation measurements basics: detection w/ gas ionization
- Radiation measurements basics: detection with scintillation and solid state devices
- Radiation protection: shielding and dose rate vs. distance
- Radiation protection: operational health physics
- Reactor instrumentation
- Reactor criticality
- Radioactive half-life
- Reactor neutron flux measurement
- Neutron flux profile measurements
- Isotope production
- Neutron activation analysis
- Material Damage

Designation:

Elective