Materials Science (ESM)

Minor in Materials Science

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The development of new materials and research into the engineering applications of materials are critical to a wide variety of industries including aerospace, automotive, energy, electronics, environmental, medical instrumentation, advanced computing, and defense-related companies. Without a clear understanding of the relationship between material structure, properties, and processing, achieving the performance necessary to meet the needs of current and future high technology applications would be impossible. For this reason, industrial and research laboratories value graduates with an understanding of materials science and engineering issues in addition to their other engineering or physical science knowledge.

Requirements for the Minor in Materials Science (ESM)

The sequence of courses included in the minor in Materials Science provides a firm background for students seeking employment in materials-related industries or those who will pursue graduate study in related fields. There are two versions of the minor: one for students enrolled in B.S. degree programs (e.g., physics and chemistry) and one for those enrolled in B.E. degree programs. (B.E. students should see the faculty advisor in their engineering major for approval before declaring the materials science minor.).

All courses offered for the minor must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher.

For students with majors leading to the B.S. degree

Six courses are required:

1. ESG 100 Introduction to Engineering Science

2. Two of the following:
   - ESG 332 Materials Science I: Structure and Properties of Materials (see Note)
   - ESG 333 Materials Science II: Electronic Properties
   - ESG 339 Thin Film Processing of Advanced Materials

3. Two of the following:
   - ESM 325 Diffraction Techniques and Structure of Solids
   - ESM 334 Materials Engineering
   - ESM 335 Strength of Materials
   - ESM 353 Biomaterials: Manufacture, Properties, and Applications
   - ESM 355 Materials and Processes in Manufacturing Design
   The course not completed for Requirement 2 (ESG 332, 333, 339)

4. One of the following:
   - ESG 487 Cooperative Research in Technological Solutions
   - ESM 488 Cooperative Industrial Practice
   - ESM 499 Research in Materials Science
   - ESM 475 Undergraduate Teaching Practicum

For students with majors leading to the B.E. degree

Five courses are required:

1. Four of the following:
   - ESM 325 Diffraction Techniques and Structure of Solids
   - ESM 334 Materials Engineering
   - ESM 353 Biomaterials: Manufacture, Properties, and Applications
   - ESM 369 Polymer Engineering
   - CHE 301 Physical Chemistry I
   - CHE 302 Physical Chemistry II
   - CHE 351 Quantum Chemistry

2. One of the following:
ESM 475 Undergraduate Teaching Practicum
ESG 487 Cooperative Research in Technological Solutions
ESM 488 Cooperative Industrial Practice
ESM 499 Research in Materials Science

No more than two non-ESM courses may count toward the minor. ESG core courses cannot be used to meet requirements for both the ESG major and the ESM minor.

Note: Students may use ESG 332 toward the minor in Materials Science only if it is not a required course in the student's major.
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ESM 212: Introduction to Environmental Materials Engineering

Multidisciplinary, materials-oriented approach to environmental and civil engineering, incorporating the concept of sustainable development: basic principles, including pollutant transport, water quality, waste and water treatment, energy systems and energy efficiency, use of sustainable building materials, ‘green’ manufacturing and pollution prevention, engineering materials issues unique to construction. Use of field and laboratory sensors and analytical tools will be discussed and demonstrated. Project and problem-based approach to design of structures and materials engineering, incorporating environmental considerations.

Prerequisites: ESG 100 or ESG 201; ESG 198 or equivalent; PHY 199 or 121 or 125 or 131 or 141.

3 credits

ESM 213: Studies in Nanotechnology

The emerging field of nanotechnology develops solutions to engineering problems by taking advantage of the unique physical and chemical properties of nanoscale materials. This interdisciplinary, co-taught course introduces materials and nano-fabrication methods with applications to electronics, biomedical, mechanical and environmental engineering. Guest speakers and a semester project involve ethics, toxicology, economic and business implications of nanotechnology. Basic concepts in research and design methodology and characterization techniques will be demonstrated. Course is cross-listed as BME 213, MEC 213, and EST 213 and is required for the Minor in Nanotechnology Studies (NTS).

Prerequisites: PHY 131 or PHY 125; CHE 131 or ESG 198

3 credits

ESM 299: Directed Research in Materials Science

A directed research project with faculty supervision or as part of a research team. Intended for freshman or sophomore students to develop research skills in a closely mentored environment. A final report and oral presentation are required at the end of the project. ESM 199 is a recommended prerequisite.

Prerequisite: Permission of the Undergraduate Program Director

0-3 credits

ESM 325: Diffraction Techniques and Structure of Solids

X-ray diffraction techniques are emphasized. Topics include coherent and incoherent scattering of radiation, structure of crystalline and amorphous solids, stereographic projection, and crystal orientation determination. The concept of reciprocal vector space is introduced early in the course and is used as a means of interpreting diffraction patterns. Laboratory work in X-ray diffraction patterns is also included to illustrate the methods.

Prerequisite: ESG 332

3 credits

ESM 334: Materials Engineering

Practical application of basic material and engineering concepts to fundamental and advanced material utilization. To that end, the course is divided into three sections: (1) "Tough stuff," (2) "Hot stuff," and (3) "Smart stuff." Combined, these address issues of material operation and failure under normal and harsh conditions, high-temperature electrochemical devices (e.g., solid oxide fuel cells), thermal barrier coatings, electromagnetic devices and shape memory alloys.

Prerequisite: ESG 332

4 credits

ESM 335: Strength of Materials

The mechanical behavior of materials, assuming a basic knowledge of elasticity, plasticity, fracture and creep. Provides treatment of these topics across size scales. Continuum mechanics, advanced phenomena in mechanics of materials, and case studies and measurement techniques.

Prerequisites: AMS 261 or MAT 203; ESG 302

4 credits

ESM 336: Electronic Materials

The properties of intrinsic and extrinsic semiconductors are discussed with particular attention first to the equilibrium distribution of electrons in the bands and then to the nonequilibrium transport of charge carriers. The properties and applications of photoconductors and of luminescent materials are then described. The concept of stimulated emission is introduced, laser operation explained, and laser materials discussed in relation to their applications in science and technology. Other topics considered are the properties of magnetic materials, of dielectric materials, and of superconductors.

Prerequisite: ESG 333

3 credits

ESM 350: Advanced Engineering Laboratory

Students work in teams to perform advanced laboratory projects that emphasize the structure-property relationship. Emphasis on statistical analysis, multivariate fitting of data, and technical manuscript preparation.

Prerequisites: ESG 312, ESG 332, and ESG 333

3 credits

ESM 353: Biomaterials: Manufacture, Properties, and Applications

The engineering characteristics of materials, including metals, ceramics, polymers, composites, coatings, and adhesives, that are used in the human body. Emphasizes the need for materials that are considered for implants to meet the material requirements specified for the device application (e.g., strength, modulus, fatigue and corrosion resistance, conductivity) and to be compatible with the biological environment (e.g., nontoxic, noncarcinogenic, resistant to blood clotting if in the cardiovascular system). This course is offered as both ESM 353 and BME 353.

Prerequisite: ESG 332

3 credits

ESM 355: Materials and Processes in Manufacturing Design

The design of mechanical and electrical systems, materials selection, and fabrication processes are surveyed and shown to be essential components of manufacturing engineering. The mechanical and thermal processing of a wide range of metallic and nonmetallic materials is reviewed. Modern computer-based materials selection, advanced processing methods, and automation are explored.

Prerequisite: ESG 332 or 333

3 credits

ESM 369: Polymer Engineering

An introductory survey of the physics, chemistry, and technology of polymers. Topics covered include classification of polymers, molecular forces and bonds, structure of polymers, measurement of molecular weight and size, rheology and mechanical properties, thermodynamics of crystallization, polymerization mechanisms, and commercial polymer production and processing.

Prerequisite: ESG 332

3 credits

ESM 378: Materials Chemistry

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Our high-technology world is driven forward by advances in materials chemistry. This class will discuss some of the materials that underpin these technologies, as well as some of the novel classes of materials that are being developed for future applications. The course will cover the synthesis, structures, and properties of advanced materials, focusing on a range of topics with current societal importance (e.g., energy, computers, nanoscience, etc.). Specific topics may include batteries, fuel cells, catalysts, metals, semiconductors, superconductors, magnetism, and polymers.

Prerequisites: CHE 375 or permission of the instructor
3 credits

ESM 400: Research and Nanotechnology
This is the capstone course for the minor in Nanotechnology Studies (NTS). Students learn primary aspects of the professional research enterprise through writing a journal-quality manuscript and making professional presentations on their independent research (499) projects in a formal symposium setting. Students will also learn how to construct a grant proposal (a typical NSF graduate fellowship proposal), methods to search for research/fellowship funding, and key factors in being a research mentor.

Prerequisites: ESM 213, at least one semester of independent research (499 level)
3 credits

ESM 450: Engineering Systems Laboratory
A systems approach will be taken to understand the fundamental properties of materials and their implications on engineering design and applications. The advanced gas turbine engine is used as the main testbed for this laboratory class. Results from mechanical testing and phase analysis will be analyzed in the context of real-world system construction, operation and reliability.

Prerequisites: ESG 332; ESM 335
3 credits

ESM 475: Undergraduate Teaching Practicum
May be used as an open elective only and repeated once.

Prerequisites: U4 standing as an undergraduate major within the college; a minimum g.p.a. of 3.00 in all Stony Brook courses and the grade of B or better in the course in which the student is to assist; permission of department

3 credits

ESM 488: Cooperative Industrial Practice
A design engineering course oriented toward both research/development and manufacturing technology. Students work in actual industrial programs carried out cooperatively with companies established as university incubators or with regionally located organizations. Supervised by a committee of faculty and industry representatives to which students report.

Prerequisite: Permission of department
0-6 credits

ESM 499: Research in Materials Science
An independent research project with faculty supervision. Permission to register requires a B average in all engineering courses and the agreement of a faculty member to supervise the research. May be repeated, but only three credits of research electives (AMS 487, BME 499, CSE 487, ESE 499, ESM 499, EST 499, ISE 487, MEC 499) may be counted toward technical elective requirements. Prerequisite: B average in all engineering courses and the agreement of a faculty member to supervise the research

Prerequisites: B average in all engineering courses; permission of faculty advisor
0-4 credits