



## METC 234

### Thermodynamics and Fluid Sciences

#### Course Information

Division	Applied Science and Engineering Technology
Contact Hours	90.0
Total Credits	4.0

**Prerequisites** MATH 124 or MATH 160 or MATH 164 or MATH 157 and MATH 159

#### Course Description

This course presents the fundamental concepts of thermodynamics, heat transfer, and fluid science. The focus is on industrial applications and their basis in thermodynamic theory and fluid mechanics. Included are heat capacity, heat transfer, phase changes, thermal cycles, efficiency, power generation, refrigeration, fluid flow, and pumping. Lab exercises will demonstrate some of these concepts, with computer simulations used to demonstrate where physical equipment is impractical for the classroom. In addition, fluid flow characteristics are presented where related to heat exchanger performance.

**This course is a required core course for students pursuing a degree in  
Mechanical Engineering Technology  
Nuclear Engineering Technology**

#### Program Outcomes Addressed by this Course:

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to meet the program outcomes listed below:

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## Outcomes

In order to evidence success in this course, the students will be able to:

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2. Calculate the temperature changes of materials due to the gain or loss of thermal energy

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4. Draw diagrams of Pressure-Volume for various industrial thermal cycles and calculate efficiency

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5. Calculate pressure drop of fluid flow along a path, and determine whether the flow is laminar or turbulent

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8. Identify Components in a typical power plant and explain their function

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