

EK 408 Introduction to Clean Energy Generation and Storage Technologies

Fall 2011

Course Syllabus

TEXT BOOK

Fundamentals of Renewable Energy Processes, by Aldo V. DaRosa, 2nd Edition

SUPPLEMENTARY REFERENCES

Sustainable Energy, by J. W. Tester, E. M. Drake, M. J. Driscoll, M. W. Golay and W. A. Peters

Principles of Sustainable Energy, F. Kreith and J.F. Kreider

Renewable Energy and Climate Change, V. Quaschnig

Other reading materials will be handed out in class

CLASS SCHEDULE

Lecture: Classroom GCB 208, Tuesdays and Thursdays 12-2 PM

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Office: Room 204, 730 Commonwealth Ave.
Office Hours: Friday 3.00 – 4.00 PM
Other appointments must be scheduled in advance.

GRADING

Midterm 1	35 %
Midterm 2	35 %
Project	30 %

EXAMINATIONS

The course will have two midterms. Each examination will cover roughly half the course material. The dates of these midterms will be announced in class and homework solutions will be discussed in class before the midterms. There will be no final examination.

HOMEWORKS

Homework sets will be handed out but will not be collected or graded. It is strongly suggested that you try to solve the homework problems independently. Homework solutions will be typically available a week after the homework questions are handed out.

PROJECT

The project will be undertaken by groups of two or three students. The deliverables will include an oral presentation in class (15 points) and a written report (15 points). The group should pick any current clean energy generation or storage technology and address the topics below. Groups with 2 students need only address the first two topics.

Topic 1: Overview of the technology chosen, and its advantages and challenges.

Topic 2: One major challenge limiting this technology and the current ongoing research to meet this challenge. The science and engineering principles should be clearly laid out.

Topic 3: What is its current state of implementation and current and projected market penetration of this technology? Who are the major players?

COURSE TOPICS

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| 1. Introduction | 1 week |
| Planetary energy resources and utilization | |
| Carbon cycle, photosynthesis, C sequestration | |
| 2. Fuels | 0.5 weeks |
| Fossil fuels | |
| Nuclear fuels | |
| Biomass | |
| 3. Introduction to thermodynamics | 1 week |
| Thermodynamics | |
| Kinetic theory of gases | |
| 4. Thermal Energy Conversion | 1.5 weeks |
| Mechanical heat engines | |
| Gas turbines | |
| Thermoelectric converters | |
| 5. Energy from hydrogen | 2 weeks |
| Fuel cells | |
| Hydrogen generation technologies | |
| 6. Energy storage | 1 week |
| Hydrogen storage technologies | |
| Batteries | |
| Other storage technologies | |

7. Energy from the sun	2 weeks
Solar radiation	
Solar collectors	
Photovoltaic converters	
8. Energy from wind and water	1.5 weeks
Wind energy	
Hydroelectric power generation	
Ocean energy	
9. Team project presentations	0.5 weeks