

## **ME358: Manufacturing Processes**

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Course Time & Location: TBD  
LABS: Friday afternoons – one hour  
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Course Credits: 2

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### **GRADING AND TA**

GTF: Listed on Blackboard

### **Course Description.**

This course introduces you to modern manufacturing and materials processing methods. The course includes a wide range of manufacturing processes, including machining, injection molding, and 3D printing; and explains the fundamental principles and practices of manufacturing at scale. We will understand the underlying physical principles and how material properties impact and are impacted by various methods. Labs and projects will enable students to experiment with various processes and understand how the theory applies to the physical world.

### **Books and Other Course Materials**

- Groover, M. (2016). Fundamentals of modern manufacturing: Materials, processes, and systems (Sixth Ed.). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons. (Can be purchased as a subset of chapters and eBook)
- Optional: Thompson, R. (2007). Manufacturing Processes for Design Professionals production (Manufacturing guides). London: Thames & Hudson.
- Other readings posted in blackboard.

### **Courseware**

Blackboard will be used to distribute all of the course material

### **Assignments and Grading**

- See Blackboard for grading and assignment information
- All assignments will be submitted through Gradescope

### **Resources/Support/How to Succeed in This Course:**

1. **Additional help.** Prof. Thornton will hold office hours and can meet by appointment as needed. The grader and GTF are also available for help and support.

2. **Homework** will be posted two weeks before they are due. Please read the homework assignment early in the week. Any questions about the homework can be emailed to either the GTF, graders or Prof. Thornton before Wed noon the week the homework are due. No questions about the homework will be answered the 48 hours before it is due. *You need to look at the homework in advance and not leave it to the last minute.*
3. **Accommodations for Students with Documented Disabilities:** If you are a student with a disability or believe, you might have a disability that requires accommodations, please contact the Office for Disability Services (ODS) at (617) 353-3658 or [access@bu.edu](mailto:access@bu.edu) to coordinate any reasonable accommodation requests. ODS is located at 19 Deerfield Street on the second floor (19 Buick Street as of September 1, 2018).

## Community of Learning: Class and University Policies

### 1. Classroom policies

- a. All students should participate in lectures, come to class prepared, and pay attention. Some of the material on the exam will not appear in the lecture notes but will be discussed in class.
- b. Lectures will start promptly ON TIME. Any student who is late will not be counted as present. If you are later than 5 minutes, you will not be allowed into the class.
- c. No computers or cell phones. There will be no talking between students during the class. If you are warned more than once, you will be asked to leave class.
2. **Attendance & Absences.** Absences for university-approved reasons will be allowed and we will work to plan how to make up the work Policy on Religious Observance. Every person gets one unexcused absence. If you need to be absent for a university-approved excuse you need to fill out the form on blackboard. Do not email the professor about absences. The attendance records will be posted regularly. You have one week after attendance is posted to identify any errors. After that the attendance record stands.
3. **Assignment completion, late work and grade adjustments.** All assignments should be turned in through Blackboard.
  - Your grade will be reduced by 25% for each day an assignment is late, even by a minute unless prior arrangements have been made for university-approved excuses. Do not post at the last minute; BB is notoriously unstable.
  - Grading errors and adjustments will be allowed for one week after the grades are posted on blackboard. After that, the grades will stand as posted and not be changed.
4. **Academic Conduct Statement,** Students should abide by BU's academic code. <https://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/academic-conduct-code/>
5. **Additional guidelines.** Additional policies and procedures are listed in Blackboard.

## Outline of Class Meetings: Date, Topic

All assignments and readings can be found on Blackboard. Below is a summary of the lectures over the semester. The homework assignments will be posted on blackboard and are due weekly.

1	Introduction
2	Metals
3	Machining
4	Forming
5	Casting

6	Plastics
7	Mid-term
8	Injection molding
9	Additive
10	Cutting
11	Secondary processes
12	Fastening
13	Supply chain

**Outline of labs.** There will be a lab held in EPIC. Attendance is mandatory and the material covered in the labs will be on the mid-term and final. Topics will include:

- Casting
- Milling
- Measurement
- Lathe
- Laser cutting/ sheet metal
- Fastening
- Welding
- Injection molding / thermoforming
- 3-D printing
- Post processing
- 3 labs dedicated to the project

**Midterms and Finals.** There will be a mid-term and final. Details about the content and policies are listed on blackboard.