

ENGR 4501: Nuclear Power Generation

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGR 3501 & Engineering Standing

This course covers the principles of nuclear energy conversion to electric power. The content of the course includes: fundamentals of energy conversion, fission reactors, design and construction of light water reactors with emphasis on boiling water and pressurized water reactors, gas cooled reactors, fast breeder reactors, thermal and structural analysis of reactors and plant components, safety elements and accident prevention systems. The economic feasibility of nuclear power plants will also be discussed.

ENGR 4502: Radiation Protection & Health Physics

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGR 3501 & Engineering Standing

This course covers the fundamentals of individual and population health protection against the harmful effects of radiation. Topics included are: different sources of radiation, interaction of radiation with matter, radiation exposure principles and measurement, relationship between radiation exposure and biological damage, radiation protection and safety standards and guidelines, radiation protection instrumentation, internal and external radiation protection, pathways of radiation movement in the environment and radiation shielding.

ENGR 4503: Nuclear Fuel Cycle

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: ENGR 3501 & Engineering Standing

The feasibility and operation of nuclear power plants is directly influenced by the availability of suitable nuclear fuel as well as acceptable methods of disposal of nuclear waste. This course covers the progression of the nuclear fuel through different stages of mining, milling, processing, enrichment, fabrication and use in reactors, interim storage, reprocessing and disposal. The environmental impact of nuclear waste, economics of nuclear fuel cycle, challenges and solutions in management of radioactive waste and the prevailing regulations, standards and best practices are discussed.