**UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN, SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING**

**COURSE HANDBOOK SESSION 2012-13**

**EG3539 Thermodynamics 1A**

**CREDIT POINTS**

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**PRE-REQUISITE**

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**CO-REQUISITE**

None

**COURSES FOR WHICH THIS COURSE IS A PRE-REQUISITE**

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**NOTE**

Except with the permission of the Head of School of Engineering, this course is available only to students following an Honours degree programme in engineering.

**AIMS**

This course aims to provide Chemical and Mechanical Engineering students with an in-depth treatment of: 1) the applications of thermodynamics to flow processes; 2) combustion and the production of power from heat; 3) refrigeration and liquefaction processes. The course also gives a broad introduction to psychrometry with an applications focus on heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

**DESCRIPTION**

The course begins with a detailed discussion of the applications of thermodynamics to flow processes including: duct flow of compressible fluids in pipes, nozzles and throttling devices; Turbines; Compression processes including compressors, pumps and ejectors. The material from the first topic is then taken forward into application in a focused module on the Production of Power from Heat which includes: revision of the Carnot-engine cycle and the basic steam power plant; the Rankine cycle; modifications of the Rankine cycle to increase efficiency including superheat/re-heat & feed water heating; combustion and its relation to steam power plants & internal combustion engines; internal combustion engines including the Otto Engine, the Diesel engine and the gas-turbine engine (Brayton cycle); jet & rocket engines. Following on from the production of power from heat is a module on Refrigeration and Liquefaction processes which use power to move heat from low temperature to high temperature, this module includes: the Carnot refrigerator; the vapour-compression cycle; refrigerant choice; absorption refrigeration; the Linde liquefaction process; the Claude liquefaction process. The course concludes with a module on Psychrometry which includes: basic definitions; wet bulb temperature; adiabatic saturation temperature; humidity data for the air-water system (humidity-temperature chart & humidity-enthalpy diagram); mixing of humid streams; humidification & dehumidification.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of the course students should:

**A: have knowledge and understanding of:**

* Balance equations used in the analysis of duct flow of compressible fluids.
* Fundamental thermodynamics of turbine expansion processes including the application of the 1st law for a steady flow process.
* Fundamental thermodynamics of compression processes including the application the 1st law for a steady flow process.
* The Carnot cycle and why it is not practical to operate.
* The Rankine cycle and the modifications which can be incorporated to boost its efficiency.
* Combustion and its relation to the production of power from heat.
* The Otto, Diesel and Gas-turbine (Brayton cycle) engines.
* Jet and Rocket engines
* The fundamental thermodynamics of refrigeration and liquefaction processes.
* The quantities used to report the effectiveness of refrigeration processes.
* Factors affecting refrigerant choice.
* The Linde and Claude liquefaction processes.
* Standard terms used in psychrometry, humidification and water cooling.

**B: have gained intellectual skills so that they are able to:**

* Apply balance equations for duct flow of compressible fluids to pipe flow, flow through nozzles and throttling processes.
* Describe turbine expansion processes and undertake calculations on such systems.
* Describe compression processes including compressors, pumps and ejectors and undertake calculations on such systems.
* Describe the Carnot and Rankine cycles using process flow and thermodynamic diagrams.
* Describe the modified Rankine cycle using process flow and thermodynamic diagrams.
* Describe the Otto, Diesel and Brayton cycles using thermodynamic diagrams.
* Describe the operation of jet and rocket engines.
* Describe refrigeration processes using process flow and thermodynamic diagrams.
* Select refrigerants and processes for a given refrigeration duty/application.
* Describe liquefaction processes using process flow and thermodynamic diagrams.
* Undertake simple heat and mass balances on humidification/dehumidification systems.

**C: have gained practical skills so that they are able to:**

* Quantitatively analyze systems incorporating duct flow of compressible fluids.
* Use standard tables and equations to perform analysis of turbine expansion and compressions processes.
* Apply the 1st law of thermodynamics for a steady flow process to a variety of systems incorporating the duct flow of compressible fluids.
* Undertake calculations relating to efficiency and the application of the 1st law of thermodynamics for a steady flow process to the individual components of the Rankine and modified Rankine cycle.
* Undertake thermodynamic calculations on the Otto, Diesel and Brayton cycles.
* Compute the effectiveness of refrigeration processes.
* Apply the first law of thermodynamics for a steady flow process to the individual components of a refrigeration/liquefaction process.
* Use information sources to procure the data required to undertake thermodynamic calculations on refrigeration/liquefaction processes.
* Use psychrometric charts to undertake design and analysis of humidification/dehumidification systems.

**D: have gained or improved transferable skills so that they are able to:**

* keep a good laboratory and design logbook
* take necessary precautions during laboratory exercises
* work effectively in a group
* communicate effectively *via* technical report

**SYLLABUS**

**Module 1: The production of power from heat:** revision of the Carnot-engine cycle and the basic steam power plant; the Rankine cycle; modifications of the Rankine cycle to increase efficiency including superheat/re-heat & feed water heating; internal combustion engines including the Otto Engine, the Diesel engine and the gas-turbine engine (Brayton cycle); jet & rocket engines. (8 lectures)

**Module 2: Combustion:** combustion and its relation to steam power plants & internal combustion engines; combustion of coal, gas and liquid fuels. (3 lectures)

**Module 3: Applications of thermodynamics to flow processes:** duct flow of compressible fluids in pipes, nozzles and throttling devices; Turbines; Compression processes including compressors, pumps and ejectors. (8 lectures)

**Module 4: Refrigeration & Liquefaction:** the Carnot refrigerator; the vapour-compression cycle; refrigerant choice; absorption refrigeration; the Linde liquefaction process; the Claude liquefaction process. (8 lectures)

**Module 5: Psychrometry:** basic definitions; wet bulb temperature; adiabatic saturation temperature; humidity data for the air-water system (humidity-temperature chart & humidity-enthalpy diagram); mixing of humid streams; humidification & dehumidification. (3 lectures)

**TIMETABLE**

30 one-hour lectures, 6 one-hour tutorials and 6 three-hour practicals.

**ASSESSMENT**

*First Attempt:* 1 three-hour written examination paper (80%), and continuous assessment (20%).

*Resit:* 1 three-hour written examination paper (80%), and continuous assessment mark from the first attempt (20%).

Penalties for late or non-submission of in-course work are as follows:

(i) For late submission, 1 CAS mark will be deducted for each late day

(including weekends)

(ii) For non-submission, a CAS mark of 0 will be awarded and may lead to a refusal of a Class Certificate.

If late or non-submission is due to medical or other circumstances out with your control you must submit a medical certificate or other formal evidence to the Engineering School Office as soon as is practicable but no later than the end of Revision Week (45).

**FORMAT OF EXAMINATION**

There will be FIVE questions. All questions carry 20 marks.

Notes:

1. Candidates are permitted to use approved calculators
2. Candidates are permitted to use the steam tables and charts, which will be made available to them
3. Steam charts and tables are provided to candidates

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING**

1. You **must not** have in your possession at the examination any material other than that

expressly permitted by the examiner. Where this is permitted, such material **must not** be amended, annotated or modified in any way.

1. During the course of the examination, you **must not** have in your possession or attempt to access any material that could be determined as giving you an advantage in the examination.
2. You **must not** attempt to communicate with any candidate during the examination, either orally or by passing written material, or by showing material to another candidate, nor must you attempt to view another candidate’s work.

**Failure to comply with any of the above will be regarded as cheating and may lead to**

**disciplinary action as indicated in the Academic Quality Handbook**

(http://www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/quality/)**.**

**RECOMMENDED BOOKS**

This course is well supported by any standard engineering thermodynamics textbook.

Recommendation;

1. J.M. Smith, H.C. van Ness, M.M. Abbott (2005) Introduction to Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics, Wiley, 7th Edition
2. I. Muller, W.H. Muller (2009) Fundamentals of Thermodynamics and Applications, Springer.
3. Y.A. Cengel, M.A. Boles (2010) Thermodynamics – An Engineering Approach, McGraw-Hill Higher Education, 7th Edition.
4. H. Devoe (2012) Thermodynamics and Chemistry, Free PDF Textbook, 2nd Edition.
5. R.K. Rajput (2007) Engineering Thermodynamics, Laxmi Publications Ltd, 3rd Edition.
6. M.J. Moran, H.N. Saphiro, D.D. Boettner, M.B. Bailey (2012) Principles of Engineering Thermodynamics, Wiley, 7th Edition.