

DEPARTMENT OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Undergraduate Subjects

22.00 Introduction to Modeling and Simulation

Engineering School-Wide Elective Subject.

Offered under: 1.021, 3.021, 10.333, 22.00

Prereq: 18.03 or permission of instructor

Acad Year 2025-2026: Not offered

Acad Year 2026-2027: U (Spring)

4-0-8 units. REST

See description under subject 3.021.

M. Buehler

22.001 Introduction to Undergraduate Research I

Prereq: None

U (Spring)

1-0-2 units

Provides instruction in communication and basic research skills needed for effective undergraduate research. Addresses a wide range of communication, from within the research group to formal papers and presentations. Basic research skills include time management, building strong relationships with research advisors and lab groups, and cultivating the habit of regular self-reflection. Current participation in a UROP within the Nuclear Science and Engineering Department or Plasma Science and Fusion Center is strongly recommended. Limited to 25. Preference to students accepted into the FUSars program, followed by students UROPing on any nuclear-related project.

M. Short

22.002 Introduction to Undergraduate Research II

Prereq: 22.001

U (Fall)

1-0-2 units

Instruction in formal communications for undergraduate research, particularly preparing journal manuscripts. Students practice self-reflection and motivation skills to enable independent research. Provides foundation to build and maintain professional networks. Current participation in a UROP within the Nuclear Science and Engineering Department or Plasma Science and Fusion Center with one term of prior experience is strongly recommended. Limit to 25. Preference to students accepted into the FUSars program, followed by students UROPing on any nuclear-related project.

M. Short

22.003 NEET Seminar: Renewable Energy Machines

Prereq: Permission of instructor

U (Fall, Spring)

1-0-2 units

Can be repeated for credit.

Seminar for students enrolled in the Renewable Energy Machines NEET thread. Focuses on topics around renewable energy via guest lectures and research discussions.

M. Short

22.01 Introduction to Nuclear Engineering and Ionizing Radiation

Prereq: None

U (Fall)

3-1-8 units. REST

Provides an introduction to fundamental concepts in nuclear science and its engineering applications. Describes basic nuclear structure, radioactivity, nuclear reactions, and kinematics. Covers the interaction of ionizing radiation with matter, emphasizing radiation detection, shielding, and radiation effects on human health and materials. Presents energy systems based on fission and fusion nuclear reactions, as well as industrial and medical applications of nuclear science.

E. Jossou, M. Short

22.011 Nuclear Engineering: Science, Systems, and Society

Prereq: None

U (Spring)

Not offered regularly; consult department

1-0-2 units

Discusses the field of nuclear science and engineering, including technologies essential to combating climate change and ensuring human health and well-being. Introduces and provides beginner-level experience with programming, radiation, detection, nuclear physics, and nuclear engineering. Students work on projects such as building radiation-sensing robots to navigate a maze of radioactive sources using autonomous navigation via machine learning. No previous experience with electronics, building robots, programming, or nuclear science required. Subject can count toward the 6-unit discovery-focused credit limit for first-year students. Limited to 20. Preference to first-year undergraduates.

A. White, M. Short, J. Buongiorno, J. Parsons

22.015 Radiation and Life: Applications of Radiation Sources in Medicine, Research, and Industry

Prereq: None

U (Spring)

Not offered regularly; consult department

3-0-0 units

Introduces students to the basics of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation; radiation safety and protection; and an overview of the variety of health physics applications, especially as it pertains to the medical field and to radioactive materials research in academia. Presents basic physics of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation, known effects of the human body, and the techniques to measure those effects. Common radiation-based medical imaging techniques and therapies discussed. Projects, demonstrations, and experiments introduce students to standard techniques and practices in typical medical and MIT research lab environments where radiation is used. Subject can count toward the 6-unit discovery-focused credit limit for first-year students. Limited to 10. Preference to first-year students.

T. Durak

22.016 Seminar in Fusion and Plasma Physics

Prereq: None

U (Fall)

1-0-0 units

Discusses the challenges and opportunities on the path to fusion energy through a range of plasma and fusion energy topics, including discussion of the global energy picture, basic plasma physics, the physics of fusion, fusion reactors, tokamaks, and inertial confinement facilities. Covers why nuclear science, computer science, and materials are so important for fusion, and how students can take next steps to study fusion while at MIT. Includes tours of laboratories at the Plasma Science and Fusion Center. Subject can count toward the 6-unit discovery-focused credit limit for first-year students. Limited to 20. Preference to first years and sophomores majoring in Course 22.

A. White

22.017 Nuclear in the News

Prereq: None

U (Fall)

Not offered regularly; consult department

1-0-1 units

Covers the state of nuclear energy and technologies in popular media and current events. Topics include: modern-day Chernobyl, advances in fission reactor building, and the corporate use of fusion devices. Discussions guided by student interest and questions. Includes presentations by expert faculty in nuclear science and engineering. Subject can count toward the 6-unit discovery-focused credit limit for first-year students.

B. Forget

22.02 Introduction to Applied Nuclear Physics

Prereq: None

U (Spring)

5-0-7 units. REST

Covers basic concepts of nuclear physics with emphasis on nuclear structure and interactions of radiation with matter. Topics include elementary quantum theory; nuclear forces; shell structure of the nucleus; alpha, beta and gamma radioactive decays; interactions of nuclear radiations (charged particles, gammas, and neutrons) with matter; nuclear reactions; fission and fusion.

M. Li, J. Li

22.022 Quantum Technology and Devices

Subject meets with 8.751[[]], 22.51[[]]

Prereq: 8.04, 22.02, or permission of instructor

U (Fall)

3-0-9 units

Examines the unique features of quantum theory to generate technologies with capabilities beyond any classical device. Introduces fundamental concepts in applied quantum mechanics, tools and applications of quantum technology, with a focus on quantum information processing beyond quantum computation. Includes discussion of quantum devices and experimental platforms drawn from active research in academia and industry. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

P. Cappellaro

22.03[[]] Introduction to Design Thinking and Rapid Prototyping

Same subject as 3.0061J

Prereq: None

U (Fall)

2-2-2 units

Focuses on design thinking, an iterative process that uses divergent and convergent thinking to approach design problems and prototype and test solutions. Includes experiences in creativity, problem scoping, and rapid prototyping skills. Skills are built over the course of the semester through design exercises and projects. Enrollment limited; preference to Course 22 & Course 3 majors and minors, and NEET students.

M. Short, E. Olivetti

22.033 Nuclear Systems Design Project

Subject meets with 22.33

Prereq: None

U (Fall)

3-0-12 units

Group design project involving integration of nuclear physics, particle transport, control, heat transfer, safety, instrumentation, materials, environmental impact, and economic optimization. Provides opportunity to synthesize knowledge acquired in nuclear and non-nuclear subjects and apply this knowledge to practical problems of current interest in nuclear applications design. Past projects have included using a fusion reactor for transmutation of nuclear waste, design and implementation of an experiment to predict and measure pebble flow in a pebble bed reactor, and development of a mission plan for a manned Mars mission including the conceptual design of a nuclear powered space propulsion system and power plant for the Mars surface, a lunar/Martian nuclear power station and the use of nuclear plants to extract oil from tar sands. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
Z. Hartwig, M. Short

22.039 Integration of Reactor Design, Operations, and Safety

Subject meets with 22.39

Prereq: 22.05 and 22.06

U (Fall)

3-2-7 units

Covers the integration of reactor physics and engineering sciences into nuclear power plant design, focusing on designs projected to be used in the first half of this century. Topics include materials issues in plant design and operations, aspects of thermal design, fuel depletion and fission-product poisoning, and temperature effects on reactivity. Addresses safety considerations in regulations and operations, such as the evolution of the regulatory process, the concept of defense in depth, general design criteria, accident analysis, probabilistic risk assessment, and risk-informed regulations. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.
E. Baglietto

22.04[.] Social Problems of Nuclear Energy

Same subject as STS.084[.]

Prereq: None

U (Fall)

3-0-9 units. HASS-S

Surveys the major social challenges for nuclear energy. Topics include the ability of nuclear power to help mitigate climate change; challenges associated with ensuring nuclear safety; the effects of nuclear accidents; the management of nuclear waste; the linkages between nuclear power and nuclear weapons, the consequences of nuclear war; and political challenges to the safe and economic regulation of the nuclear industry. Weekly readings presented from both sides of the debate, followed by in-class discussions. Instruction and practice in oral and written communication provided. Limited to 18.

R. S. Kemp

22.05 Neutron Physics and Radiation Transport

Prereq: 18.03, 22.01, and (1.000, 2.086, 6.100B, or 12.010)

U (Fall)

5-0-7 units

Introduces fundamental properties of the neutron. Covers reactions induced by neutrons, nuclear fission, slowing down of neutrons in infinite media, diffusion theory, the few-group approximation, point kinetics, and fission-product poisoning. Emphasizes the nuclear physics bases of reactor design and its relationship to reactor engineering problems.

B. Forget

22.051 Systems Analysis of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle

Subject meets with 22.251

Prereq: 22.05

Acad Year 2025-2026: Not offered

Acad Year 2026-2027: U (Fall)

3-2-7 units

Studies the relationship between technical and policy elements of the nuclear fuel cycle. Topics include uranium supply, enrichment, fuel fabrication, in-core reactivity and fuel management of uranium and other fuel types, used fuel reprocessing, and waste disposal. Presents principles of fuel cycle economics and the applied reactor physics of both contemporary and proposed thermal and fast reactors. Examines nonproliferation aspects, disposal of excess weapons plutonium, and transmutation of long lived radioisotopes in spent fuel. Several state-of-the-art computer programs relevant to reactor core physics and heat transfer are provided for student use in problem sets and term papers. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

K. Shirvan

22.052 Quantum Theory of Materials Characterization

Subject meets with 22.52

Prereq: 8.231 or 22.02

U (Spring)

3-0-9 units

Holistic theoretical foundation of characterization techniques with photons, electrons, and neutron probes in various spaces. Techniques for assessing real space, reciprocal space, energy space, and time space utilizing microscopy, diffraction, spectroscopy, and time-domain methods. Elucidation of microscopic interaction mechanisms of materials. Practical assessment of what each characterization measures, methods for linking experimental features to microscopic materials information, state of the art methods for combining information, and machine learning aids. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

M. Li

22.054[[]] Materials Performance in Extreme Environments

Same subject as 3.154[[]]

Prereq: 3.013 and 3.044

U (Spring)

Not offered regularly; consult department

3-2-7 units

See description under subject 3.154[[]].

Staff

22.055 Radiation Biophysics

Subject meets with 22.55[[]], HST.560[[]]

Prereq: Permission of instructor

Acad Year 2025-2026: U (Fall)

Acad Year 2026-2027: Not offered

3-0-9 units

Provides a background in sources of radiation with an emphasis on terrestrial and space environments and on industrial production. Discusses experimental approaches to evaluating biological effects resulting from irradiation regimes differing in radiation type, dose and dose-rate. Effects at the molecular, cellular, organism, and population level are examined. Literature is reviewed identifying gaps in our understanding of the health effects of radiation, and responses of regulatory bodies to these gaps is discussed. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

Staff

22.06 Fission Energy Systems

Prereq: 2.005

U (Spring)

4-0-8 units

Using the basic principles of reactor physics, thermodynamics, fluid flow and heat transfer, students examine the engineering design of nuclear power plants. Emphasizes light-water reactor technology, thermal limits in nuclear fuels, thermal-hydraulic behavior of the coolant, nuclear safety and dynamic response of nuclear power plants.

K. Shirvan

22.061 Fusion Energy

Prereq: 22.01 or permission of instructor

U (Spring)

4-1-7 units

Surveys the fundamental science and engineering required to generate energy from controlled nuclear fusion. Topics include nuclear physics governing fusion fuel choice and fusion reactivity, physical conditions required to achieve net fusion energy, plasma physics of magnetic confinement, overview of fusion energy concepts, material challenges in fusion systems, superconducting magnet engineering, and fusion power conversion to electricity. Includes in-depth visits at the MIT Plasma Science and Fusion Center and active learning laboratories to reinforce lecture topics.

Z. Hartwig

22.07 Introduction to Materials in Nuclear Science and Engineering (New)

Prereq: None

U (Fall)

3-0-9 units

Introduces the fundamental concepts of processing-structure-properties for materials used in nuclear science and engineering. Presents basic crystallography and thermodynamics, phase stability, mechanical properties, and microstructure factors. Covers radiation effects and defect production, knock-ons, transmutation, cascades, swelling, and electronic excitations. Includes the study of radiation detectors, as well as materials in fission and fusion energy applications, core internal, cladding, and waste.

J. Li

22.071 Analog Electronics and Analog Instrumentation Design

Prereq: 18.03

U (Spring)

Not offered regularly; consult department

3-3-6 units. REST

Presents the basics of analog electronics, covering everything from basic resistors to non-linear devices such as diodes and transistors. Students build amplifiers with op amps and study the behavior of first- and second-order oscillating circuits. Lectures followed by short laboratory exercises reinforce theoretical knowledge with experiments. Includes project in second half of the term in which students design radiation instruments of their choice (e.g. Geiger radiation counters, or other types of sensors and instruments). Teaches use of Arduino microcontrollers as simple data acquisition systems, allowing for real-time data processing and display. Culminates in student presentations of their designs in an open forum. Limited to 20.

*A. Danagoulian, M. Short***22.072 Corrosion: The Environmental Degradation of Materials**

Subject meets with 22.72

Prereq: Permission of instructor

U (Fall)

Not offered regularly; consult department

3-0-9 units

Applies thermodynamics and kinetics of electrode reactions to aqueous corrosion of metals and alloys. Application of advanced computational and modeling techniques to evaluation of materials selection and susceptibility of metal/alloy systems to environmental degradation in aqueous systems. Discusses materials degradation problems in marine environments, oil and gas production, and energy conversion and generation systems, including fossil and nuclear. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

*M. Li***22.074 Radiation Damage and Effects in Nuclear Materials**

Subject meets with 3.31[[]], 22.74[[]]

Prereq: Permission of instructor

Acad Year 2025-2026: U (Fall)

Acad Year 2026-2027: Not offered

3-0-9 units

Studies the origins and effects of radiation damage in structural materials for nuclear applications. Radiation damage topics include formation of point defects, defect diffusion, defect reaction kinetics and accumulation, and differences in defect microstructures due to the type of radiation (ion, proton, neutron). Radiation effects topics include detrimental changes to mechanical properties, phase stability, corrosion properties, and differences in fission and fusion systems. Term project required. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

*M. Short, B. Yildiz***22.078[[]] Nuclear Energy and the Environment: Waste, Effluents, and Accidents**

Same subject as 1.098[[]]

Subject meets with 1.878[[]], 22.78[[]]

Prereq: Permission of instructor

U (Spring)

3-0-9 units

Introduces the essential knowledge for understanding nuclear waste management. Includes material flow sheets for nuclear fuel cycle, waste characteristics, sources of radioactive wastes, compositions, radioactivity and heat generation, chemical processing technologies, geochemistry, waste disposal technologies, environmental regulations and the safety assessment of waste disposal. Covers different types of wastes: uranium mining waste, low-level radioactive waste, high-level radioactive waste and fusion waste. Provides the quantitative methods to compare the environmental impact of different nuclear and other energy-associated waste. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

H. Wainwright

22.081[[]] Introduction to Sustainable Energy

Same subject as 2.650[[]], 10.291[[]]

Subject meets with 1.818[[]], 2.65[[]], 10.391[[]], 11.371[[]], 22.811[[]]

Prereq: Permission of instructor

U (Fall)

3-1-8 units

Assessment of current and potential future energy systems. Covers resources, extraction, conversion, and end-use technologies, with emphasis on meeting 21st-century regional and global energy needs in a sustainable manner. Examines various renewable and conventional energy production technologies, energy end-use practices and alternatives, and consumption practices in different countries. Investigates their attributes within a quantitative analytical framework for evaluation of energy technology system proposals. Emphasizes analysis of energy propositions within an engineering, economic and social context. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments. Limited to juniors and seniors.

M. W. Golay

22.082[[]] Anthro-Engineering: Decarbonization at the Million-Person Scale (New)

Same subject as 21A.408[[]]

Prereq: None

Acad Year 2025-2026: U (Fall)

Acad Year 2026-2027: Not offered

3-0-9 units. HASS-S

See description under subject 21A.408[[]].

M. Buyandelger, M. Short

22.09 Nuclear Detection Laboratory

Subject meets with 22.90

Prereq: 22.01

U (Spring)

1-5-9 units. Institute LAB

Prepares students for the rigors of research in a laboratory setting, including publication and presentation of scientific results. Describes basic physics and engineering of nuclear interactions and nuclear detection. Covers theory of particle interactions and detection, conducting experiments with sources and particle beams using digital instrumentation, and statistical analysis and interpretation of experimental data using scientific computation. Includes scientific communication in the form of lab reports and oral presentations. Graduate students complete additional assignments. Enrollment may be limited due to laboratory capacity; preference to Course 22 majors and minors.

A. Danagoulian

22.091, 22.093 Independent Project in Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prereq: Permission of instructor

U (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)

Units arranged

Can be repeated for credit.

For undergraduates who wish to conduct a one-term project of theoretical or experimental nature in the field of nuclear engineering, in close cooperation with individual staff members. Topics and hours arranged to fit students' requirements. Projects require prior approval by the Course 22 Undergraduate Office. 22.093 is graded P/D/F.

Consult Undergraduate Officer

22.099 Topics in Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prereq: None

U (Fall, Spring)

Units arranged

Can be repeated for credit.

Provides credit for work on material in nuclear science and engineering outside of regularly scheduled subjects. Intended for study abroad with a student exchange program or an approved one-term or one-year study abroad program. Credit may be used to satisfy specific SB degree requirements. Requires prior approval. Consult department.

Consult Undergraduate Officer

22.S092-22.S094 Special Subject in Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prereq: None

U (Spring)

Units arranged

Can be repeated for credit.

Seminar or lecture on a topic in nuclear science and engineering that is not covered in the regular curriculum.

Consult Undergraduate Officer

22.S095 Special Subject in Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prereq: None

U (Spring)

Not offered regularly; consult department

Units arranged [P/D/F]

Can be repeated for credit.

Seminar or lecture on a topic in nuclear science and engineering that is not covered in the regular curriculum.

Consult Undergraduate Officer

22.S096 Special Subject in Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prereq: None

U (Fall)

Not offered regularly; consult department

Units arranged

Can be repeated for credit.

Seminar or lecture on a topic in nuclear science and engineering that is not covered in the regular curriculum.

Undergraduate Officer

22.S097 Special Subject in Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prereq: None

U (Fall, Spring)

Not offered regularly; consult department

Units arranged

Can be repeated for credit.

Seminar or lecture on a topic in nuclear science and engineering that is not covered in the regular curriculum.

Consult Undergraduate Officer

22.S098 Special Subject in Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prereq: None

U (Fall)

Not offered regularly; consult department

Units arranged

Can be repeated for credit.

Seminar or lecture on a topic in nuclear science and engineering that is not covered in the regular curriculum.

Undergraduate Officer

22.S099 Special Subject in Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prereq: None

U (Fall)

Not offered regularly; consult department

Units arranged [P/D/F]

Can be repeated for credit.

Seminar or lecture on a topic in nuclear science and engineering that is not covered in the regular curriculum.

Undergraduate Officer

22.Co1 Modeling with Machine Learning: Nuclear Science and Engineering Applications

Subject meets with 22.C51

Prereq: Calculus II (GIR), 6.100A, and 6.Co1

U (Spring)

2-0-4 units

Building on core material in 6.Co1, focuses on applying various machine learning techniques to a broad range of topics which are of core value in modern nuclear science and engineering. Relevant topics include machine learning on fusion and plasma diagnosis, reactor physics and nuclear fission, nuclear materials properties, quantum engineering and nuclear materials, and nuclear security. Special components center on the additional machine learning architectures that are most relevant to a certain field, the implementation, and picking up the right problems to solve using a machine learning approach. Final project dedicated to the field-specific applications. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments. Students cannot receive credit without completion of the core subject 6.Co1.

E. Jossou, M. Li

22.C25[J] Real World Computation with Julia

Same subject as 1.C25[J], 6.C25[J], 12.C25[J], 16.C25[J], 18.C25[J]

Prereq: 6.100A, 18.03, and 18.06

Acad Year 2025-2026: Not offered

Acad Year 2026-2027: U (Fall)

3-0-9 units

See description under subject 18.C25[J].

A. Edelman, R. Ferrari, B. Forget, C. Leiseron, Y. Marzouk, J. Williams

22.C51 Modeling with Machine Learning: Nuclear Science and Engineering Applications

Subject meets with 22.Co1

Prereq: Calculus II (GIR), 6.100A, and 6.C51

G (Spring)

2-0-4 units

Building on core material in 6.C51, focuses on applying various machine learning techniques to a broad range of topics which are of core value in modern nuclear science and engineering. Relevant topics include machine learning on fusion and plasma diagnosis, reactor physics and nuclear fission, nuclear materials properties, quantum engineering and nuclear materials, and nuclear security. Special components center on the additional machine learning architectures that are most relevant to a certain field, the implementation, and picking up the right problems to solve using a machine learning approach. Final project dedicated to the field-specific applications. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments. Students cannot receive credit without completion of the core subject 6.C51.

E. Jossou, M. Li

22.EPE UPOP Engineering Practice Experience

Engineering School-Wide Elective Subject.

Offered under: 1.EPE, 2.EPE, 3.EPE, 6.EPE, 8.EPE, 10.EPE, 15.EPE, 16.EPE, 20.EPE, 22.EPE

Prereq: None

U (Fall, Spring)

0-0-1 units

Can be repeated for credit.

See description under subject 2.EPE. Application required; consult UPOP website for more information.

K. Tan-Tiongco, D. Fordell

22.EPW UPOP Engineering Practice Workshop

Engineering School-Wide Elective Subject.

Offered under: 1.EPW, 2.EPW, 3.EPW, 6.EPW, 10.EPW, 16.EPW, 20.EPW, 22.EPW

Prereq: 2.EPE

U (IAP, Spring)

1-0-0 units

See description under subject 2.EPW. Enrollment limited to those in the UPOP program.

K. Tan-Tiongco, D. Fordell

22.THT Undergraduate Thesis Tutorial

Prereq: None

U (Fall)

1-0-2 units

A series of lectures on prospectus and thesis writing. Students select a thesis topic and a thesis advisor who reviews and approves the prospectus for thesis work in the spring term.

P. Cappallaro

22.THU Undergraduate Thesis

Prereq: 22.THT

U (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)

Units arranged

Can be repeated for credit.

Program of research, leading to the writing of an SB thesis, to be arranged by the student and appropriate MIT faculty member. See department undergraduate headquarters.

Consult Undergraduate Officer

22.UAR[J] Climate and Sustainability Undergraduate Advanced Research

Same subject as 1.UAR[J], 3.UAR[J], 5.UAR[J], 11.UAR[J], 12.UAR[J], 15.UAR[J]

Prereq: Permission of instructor

U (Fall, Spring)

Not offered regularly; consult department

2-0-4 units

Can be repeated for credit.

See description under subject 1.UAR[J]. Application required; consult MCSC website for more information.

D. Plata, E. Olivetti

22.UR Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

Prereq: None

U (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)

Units arranged [P/D/F]

Can be repeated for credit.

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program is an excellent way for undergraduate students to become familiar with the Department of Nuclear Engineering. Student research as a UROP project has been conducted in areas of fission reactor studies, utilization of fusion devices, applied radiation research, and biomedical applications. Projects include the study of engineering aspects for both fusion and fission energy sources.

Consult M. Bucci

22.URG Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

Prereq: None

U (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)

Units arranged

Can be repeated for credit.

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program is an excellent way for undergraduate students to become familiar with the department of Nuclear Science and Engineering. Student research as a UROP project has been conducted in areas of fission reactor studies, utilization of fusion devices, applied radiation physics research, and biomedical applications. Projects include the study of engineering aspects for fusion and fission energy sources, and utilization of radiations.

Consult M. Bucci

Graduate Subjects

22.101 Applied Nuclear Physics

Prereq: Physics II (GIR) and 18.03

G (Fall)

4-0-8 units

Provides an accelerated introduction to the basic principles of nuclear physics and its application within nuclear science and engineering. Fundamentals of quantum mechanics, nuclear properties, and nuclear structure. Origins of radioactivity and radioactive decay processes. Development of nuclear reaction theory, including cross sections, energetics, and kinematics. The interactions of photons, electrons, neutrons, and ions with matter, including the use of nuclear data and modeling tools. Basic theory of radiation and particle detection, shielding, and dosimetry. Uses of nuclear physics in energy, medicine, security, and science applications.

Z. Hartwig, M. Short

22.102 Applications of Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prereq: None

G (Spring)

1-0-2 units

Provides an overview of the current research directions and application areas in the field of nuclear science and engineering. Faculty from throughout the department each present an introduction to their field of specialization, along with targeted assignments to develop awareness and cross-links between fields.

S. Kemp, M. Short

22.103 Nuclear Technology and Society

Prereq: 22.01 or permission of instructor

G (Fall)

3-0-6 units

Credit cannot also be received for 22.16

Introduces the societal context and challenges for nuclear technology. Major themes include economics and valuation of nuclear power, interactions with government and regulatory frameworks, safety, quantification of radiation hazards, and public attitudes to risk. Covers policies and methods for limiting nuclear-weapons proliferation, including nuclear detection, materials security, and fuel-cycle policy.

R. Kemp

22.104 Monte Carlo Radiation Transport Methods

Prereq: 22.101

Acad Year 2025-2026: Not offered

Acad Year 2026-2027: G (Spring)

3-0-9 units

Covers solutions to the radiation transport equation for neutrons and photons. Focuses on Monte Carlo methods when numerical methods are necessary, but touches on analytic solutions in simple systems when possible. Emphasizes the physical processes and nuclear data considerations when performing Monte Carlo simulations and covers key assumptions and challenges in modeling both fission and fusion energy systems.

E. Peterson, B. Forget

22.11 Applied Nuclear Physics

Prereq: 22.02 or permission of instructor

G (Fall; first half of term)

Not offered regularly; consult department

2-0-4 units

Can be repeated for credit.

Introduction to nuclear structure, reactions, and radioactivity. Review of quantization, the wave function, angular momentum and tunneling. Simplified application to qualitative understanding of nuclear structure. Stable and unstable isotopes, radioactive decay, decay products and chains. Nuclear reactions, cross-sections, and fundamental forces, and the resulting phenomena.

B. Yildiz

22.12 Radiation Interactions, Control, and Measurement

Prereq: 8.02 or permission of instructor

G (Fall; second half of term)

Not offered regularly; consult department

2-0-4 units

Can be repeated for credit.

The interaction, attenuation, and biological effects of penetrating radiation, especially neutrons and photons. Physical processes of radiation scattering and absorption, and their cross-sections. Outline of health physics. Biological effects of radiation, and its quantification. Principles of radiation shielding, detection, dosimetry and radiation protection.

M. Li

22.13 Nuclear Energy Systems

Prereq: 2.005, 22.01, or permission of instructor
 G (Spring; first half of term)
 Not offered regularly; consult department
 2-0-4 units
 Can be repeated for credit.

Introduction to generation of energy from nuclear reactions. Characteristics of nuclear energy. Fission cross-sections, criticality, and reaction control. Basic considerations of fission reactor engineering, thermal hydraulics, and safety. Nuclear fuel and waste characteristics. Fusion reactions and the character and conditions of energy generation. Plasma physics and approaches to achieving terrestrial thermonuclear fusion energy.

M. Bucci

22.14 Materials in Nuclear Engineering

Prereq: Chemistry (GIR) or permission of instructor
 G (Spring; second half of term)
 Not offered regularly; consult department
 2-0-4 units
 Can be repeated for credit.

Introduces the fundamental phenomena of materials science with special attention to radiation and harsh environments. Materials lattices and defects and the consequent understanding of strength of materials, fatigue, cracking, and corrosion. Coulomb collisions of charged particles; their effects on structured materials; damage and defect production, knock-ons, transmutation, cascades and swelling. Materials in fission and fusion applications: cladding, waste, plasma-facing components, blankets.

J. Li

22.15 Essential Numerical Methods

Prereq: 12.010 or permission of instructor
 G (Spring; first half of term)
 Not offered regularly; consult department
 2-0-4 units
 Can be repeated for credit.

Introduces computational methods for solving physical problems in nuclear applications. Ordinary and partial differential equations for particle orbit, and fluid, field, and particle conservation problems; their representation and solution by finite difference numerical approximations. Iterative matrix inversion methods. Stability, convergence, accuracy and statistics. Particle representations of Boltzmann's equation and methods of solution such as Monte-Carlo and particle-in-cell techniques.

N. Louriero, I. Hutchinson, H. Wainwright

22.16 Nuclear Technology and Society

Prereq: 22.01 or permission of instructor
 G (Fall)
 Not offered regularly; consult department
 2-0-4 units
 Can be repeated for credit. Credit cannot also be received for 22.103

Introduces the societal context and challenges for nuclear technology. Major themes include economics and valuation of nuclear power, interactions with government and regulatory frameworks, safety, quantification of radiation hazards, and public attitudes to risk. Covers policies and methods for limiting nuclear-weapons proliferation, including nuclear detection, materials security, and fuel-cycle policy.

R. S. Kemp

Nuclear Reactor Physics

22.211 Nuclear Reactor Physics I

Prereq: 22.05
 G (Spring)
 3-0-9 units

Provides an overview of reactor physics methods for core design and analysis. Topics include nuclear data, neutron slowing down, homogeneous and heterogeneous resonance absorption, calculation of neutron spectra, determination of group constants, nodal diffusion methods, Monte Carlo simulations of reactor core reload design methods.

B. Forget

22.212 Nuclear Reactor Analysis II

Prereq: 22.211
 Acad Year 2025-2026: G (Fall)
 Acad Year 2026-2027: Not offered
 3-2-7 units

Addresses advanced topics in nuclear reactor physics with an additional focus towards computational methods and algorithms for neutron transport. Covers current methods employed in lattice physics calculations, such as resonance models, critical spectrum adjustments, advanced homogenization techniques, fine mesh transport theory models, and depletion solvers. Also presents deterministic transport approximation techniques, such as the method of characteristics, discrete ordinates methods, and response matrix methods.

B. Forget

22.213 Nuclear Reactor Physics III

Prereq: 22.211

Acad Year 2025-2026: Not offered

Acad Year 2026-2027: G (Fall)

3-0-9 units

Covers numerous high-level topics in nuclear reactor analysis methods and builds on the student's background in reactor physics to develop a deep understanding of concepts needed for time-dependent nuclear reactor core physics, including coupled non-linear feedback effects. Introduces numerical algorithms needed to solve real-world time-dependent reactor physics problems in both diffusion and transport. Additional topics include iterative numerical solution methods (e.g., CG, GMRES, JFNK, MG), nonlinear accelerator methods, and numerous modern time-integration techniques.

*B. Forget***22.251 Systems Analysis of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle**

Subject meets with 22.051

Prereq: 22.05

Acad Year 2025-2026: Not offered

Acad Year 2026-2027: G (Fall)

3-2-7 units

Study of the relationship between the technical and policy elements of the nuclear fuel cycle. Topics include uranium supply, enrichment, fuel fabrication, in-core reactivity and fuel management of uranium and other fuel types, used fuel reprocessing and waste disposal. Principles of fuel cycle economics and the applied reactor physics of both contemporary and proposed thermal and fast reactors are presented. Nonproliferation aspects, disposal of excess weapons plutonium, and transmutation of long lived radioisotopes in spent fuel are examined. Several state-of-the-art computer programs relevant to reactor core physics and heat transfer are provided for student use in problem sets and term papers. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

*K. Shirvan***Nuclear Reactor Engineering****22.312 Engineering of Nuclear Reactors**

Prereq: (2.001 and 2.005) or permission of instructor

G (Fall)

3-0-9 units

Engineering principles of nuclear reactors, emphasizing power reactors. Power plant thermodynamics, reactor heat generation and removal (single-phase as well as two-phase coolant flow and heat transfer), and structural mechanics. Engineering considerations in reactor design.

*J. Buongiorno***22.313[[]] Thermal Hydraulics in Power Technology**

Same subject as 2.59[[]], 10.536[[]]

Prereq: 2.006, 10.302, 22.312, or permission of instructor

Acad Year 2025-2026: Not offered

Acad Year 2026-2027: G (Spring)

3-2-7 units

Emphasis on thermo-fluid dynamic phenomena and analysis methods for conventional and nuclear power stations. Kinematics and dynamics of two-phase flows. Steam separation. Boiling, instabilities, and critical conditions. Single-channel transient analysis. Multiple channels connected at plena. Loop analysis including single and two-phase natural circulation. Subchannel analysis.

*E. Baglietto, M. Bucci***22.315 Applied Computational Fluid Dynamics and Heat Transfer**

Prereq: Permission of instructor

Acad Year 2025-2026: Not offered

Acad Year 2026-2027: G (Spring)

3-0-9 units

Focuses on the application of computational fluid dynamics to the analysis of power generation and propulsion systems, and on industrial and chemical processes in general. Discusses simulation methods for single and multiphase applications and their advantages and limitations in industrial situations. Students practice breaking down an industrial problem into its modeling challenges, designing and implementing a plan to optimize and validate the modeling approach, performing the analysis, and quantifying the uncertainty margin.

*E. Baglietto***22.316 Computational Fluid Dynamics for Multiphase Flows (New)**

Prereq: 2.006, 10.302, 22.312, or 22.313[[]]

G (Spring)

3-0-9 units

Focuses on the physics and modeling of multiphase flow within the framework of Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD). Emphasizes complexities of gas-liquid flows with attention to boiling heat transfer. Covers underlying concepts and practical modeling approaches for predictive simulations in engineering applications, including mesh practices, interface tracking, two-fluid model equations, drag and non-drag forces, turbulence modeling in multiphase systems, interfacial area and mass transfer, and wall boiling phenomena.

E. Baglietto

22.33 Nuclear Engineering Design

Subject meets with 22.033

Prereq: 22.312

G (Fall)

3-0-15 units

Group design project involving integration of nuclear physics, particle transport, control, heat transfer, safety, instrumentation, materials, environmental impact, and economic optimization. Provides opportunity to synthesize knowledge acquired in nuclear and non-nuclear subjects and apply this knowledge to practical problems of current interest in nuclear applications design. Past projects have included using a fusion reactor for transmutation of nuclear waste, design and implementation of an experiment to predict and measure pebble flow in a pebble bed reactor, and development of a mission plan for a manned Mars mission including the conceptual design of a nuclear powered space propulsion system and power plant for the Mars surface. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

*Z. Hartwig, M. Short***22.38 Probability and its Applications to Reliability and Risk Assessment**

Prereq: Permission of instructor

G (Spring)

3-0-9 units

Interpretations of the concept of probability. Basic probability rules; random variables and distribution functions; functions of random variables. Applications to quality control and the reliability assessment of mechanical/electrical components, as well as simple structures and redundant systems. Elements of statistics. Bayesian methods in engineering. Methods for reliability and risk assessment of complex systems, (event-tree and fault-tree analysis, common-cause failures, human reliability models). Uncertainty propagation in complex systems (Monte Carlo methods, Latin hypercube sampling). Introduction to Markov models. Examples and applications from nuclear and other industries, waste repositories, and mechanical systems. Open to qualified undergraduates.

*C. Smith***22.39 Integration of Reactor Design, Operations, and Safety**

Subject meets with 22.039

Prereq: 22.211 and 22.312

G (Fall)

3-2-7 units

Integration of reactor physics and engineering sciences into nuclear power plant design focusing on designs that are projected to be used in the first half of this century. Topics include materials issues in plant design and operations, aspects of thermal design, fuel depletion and fission-product poisoning, and temperature effects on reactivity. Safety considerations in regulations and operations such as the evolution of the regulatory process, the concept of defense in depth, general design criteria, accident analysis, probabilistic risk assessment, and risk-informed regulations. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

*E. Baglietto, K. Shirvan***22.40[J] Fundamentals of Advanced Energy Conversion**

Same subject as 2.62[J], 10.392[J]

Subject meets with 2.60[J], 10.390[J]

Prereq: 2.006, (2.051 and 2.06), or permission of instructor

G (Spring)

Not offered regularly; consult department

4-0-8 units

See description under subject 2.62[J].

*A. F. Ghoniem, W. Green***Radiation Interactions and Applications****22.51[J] Quantum Technology and Devices**

Same subject as 8.751[J]

Subject meets with 22.022

Prereq: 22.11

G (Fall)

3-0-9 units

Examines the unique features of quantum theory to generate technologies with capabilities beyond any classical device. Introduces fundamental concepts in applied quantum mechanics, tools and applications of quantum technology, with a focus on quantum information processing beyond quantum computation. Includes discussion of quantum devices and experimental platforms drawn from active research in academia and industry. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

P. Cappellaro

22.52 Quantum Theory of Materials Characterization

Subject meets with 22.052

Prereq: 8.511 or permission of instructor

G (Spring)

3-0-9 units

Holistic theoretical foundation of characterization techniques with photons, electrons, and neutron probes in various spaces. Techniques for assessing real space, reciprocal space, energy space, and time space utilizing microscopy, diffraction, spectroscopy, and time-domain methods. Elucidation of microscopic interaction mechanisms of materials. Practical assessment of what each characterization measures, methods for linking experimental features to microscopic materials information, state of the art methods for combining information, and machine learning aids. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

M. Li

22.54[J] Biomedical Imaging with MRI: From Technology to Computation Applications

Same subject as 6.4800j

Prereq: (18.Co6[J] and (6.3000 or 16.002)) or permission of instructor U (Fall)

2-3-7 units

See description under subject 6.4800j.

E. Adalsteinsson, T. Heldt, L. D. Lewis, C. M. Stultz, J. K. White

22.55[J] Radiation Biophysics

Same subject as HST.560[J]

Subject meets with 22.055

Prereq: Permission of instructor

Acad Year 2025-2026: G (Fall)

Acad Year 2026-2027: Not offered

3-0-9 units

Provides a background in sources of radiation with an emphasis on terrestrial and space environments and on industrial production. Discusses experimental approaches to evaluating biological effects resulting from irradiation regimes differing in radiation type, dose and dose-rate. Effects at the molecular, cellular, organism, and population level are examined. Literature is reviewed identifying gaps in our understanding of the health effects of radiation, and responses of regulatory bodies to these gaps is discussed. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

Staff

22.561[J] Magnetic Resonance Analytic, Biochemical, and Imaging Techniques

Same subject as HST.584[J]

Prereq: Permission of instructor

Acad Year 2025-2026: Not offered

Acad Year 2026-2027: G (Spring)

3-0-12 units

See description under subject HST.584[J].

L. Wald, B. Bilgic

Plasmas and Controlled Fusion**22.611[J] Introduction to Plasma Physics I**

Same subject as 8.613[J]

Prereq: (6.2300 or 8.07) and (18.04 or *Coreq: 18.075*)

G (Fall)

3-0-9 units

Introduces plasma phenomena relevant to energy generation by controlled thermonuclear fusion and to astrophysics. Elementary plasma concepts, plasma characterization. Motion of charged particles in magnetic fields. Coulomb collisions, relaxation times, transport processes. Two-fluid hydrodynamic and MHD descriptions. Plasma confinement by magnetic fields, simple equilibrium and stability analysis. Wave propagation in a magnetic field; application to RF plasma heating. Introduction to kinetic theory; Vlasov, Boltzmann and Fokker-Planck equations; relation of fluid and kinetic descriptions. Electron and ion acoustic plasma waves, Landau damping.

N. Loureiro, I. Hutchinson

22.612[J] Introduction to Plasma Physics II

Same subject as 8.614[J]

Prereq: 22.611[J]

G (Spring)

Not offered regularly; consult department

3-0-9 units

Follow-up to 22.611[J] provides in-depth coverage of several fundamental topics in plasma physics, selected for their wide relevance and applicability, from fusion to space- and astro-physics. Covers both kinetic and fluid instabilities: two-stream, Weibel, magnetorotational, parametric, ion-temperature-gradient, and pressure-anisotropy-driven instabilities (mirror, firehose). Also covers advanced fluid models, and drift-kinetic and gyrokinetic equations. Special attention to dynamo theory, magnetic reconnection, MHD turbulence, kinetic turbulence, and shocks.

N. Loureiro

22.615 MHD Theory of Fusion Systems

Prereq: 22.611[J]

Acad Year 2025-2026: G (Spring)

Acad Year 2026-2027: Not offered

3-0-9 units

Discussion of MHD equilibria in cylindrical, toroidal, and noncircular configurations. MHD stability theory including the Energy Principle, interchange instability, ballooning modes, second region of stability, and external kink modes. Description of current configurations of fusion interest.

N. Louriéro

22.617 Plasma Turbulence and Transport

Prereq: Permission of instructor

G (Spring)

Not offered regularly; consult department

3-0-9 units

Introduces plasma turbulence and turbulent transport, with a focus on fusion plasmas. Covers theory of mechanisms for turbulence in confined plasmas, fluid and kinetic equations, and linear and nonlinear gyrokinetic equations; transport due to stochastic magnetic fields, magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) turbulence, and drift wave turbulence; and suppression of turbulence, structure formation, intermittency, and stability thresholds. Emphasis on comparing experiment and theory. Discusses experimental techniques, simulations of plasma turbulence, and predictive turbulence-transport models.

Staff

22.62 Fusion Energy

Prereq: 22.611[J]

G (Spring)

3-0-9 units

Basic nuclear physics and plasma physics for controlled fusion. Fusion cross sections and consequent conditions required for ignition and energy production. Principles of magnetic and inertial confinement. Description of magnetic confinement devices: tokamaks, stellarators and RFPs, their design and operation. Elementary plasma stability considerations and the limits imposed. Plasma heating by neutral beams and RF. Outline design of the ITER "burning plasma" experiment and a magnetic confinement reactor.

J. Hare

22.63 Engineering Principles for Fusion Reactors

Prereq: Permission of instructor

Acad Year 2025-2026: G (Fall)

Acad Year 2026-2027: Not offered

3-0-9 units

Fusion reactor design considerations: ignition devices, engineering test facilities, and safety/environmental concerns. Magnet principles: resistive and superconducting magnets; cryogenic features. Blanket and first wall design: liquid and solid breeders, heat removal, and structural considerations. Heating devices: radio frequency and neutral beam.

D. Whyte, Z. Hartwig

22.64[J] Ionized Gases

Same subject as 16.55[J]

Prereq: 8.02 or permission of instructor

Acad Year 2025-2026: Not offered

Acad Year 2026-2027: G (Fall)

3-0-9 units

See description under subject 16.55[J].

C. Guerra Garcia

22.67[J] Principles of Plasma Diagnostics

Same subject as 8.670[J]

Prereq: 22.611[J]

Acad Year 2025-2026: Not offered

Acad Year 2026-2027: G (Fall)

4-4-4 units

Introduction to the physical processes used to measure the properties of plasmas, especially fusion plasmas. Measurements of magnetic and electric fields, particle flux, refractive index, emission and scattering of electromagnetic waves and heavy particles; their use to deduce plasma parameters such as particle density, pressure, temperature, and velocity, and hence the plasma confinement properties. Discussion of practical examples and assessments of the accuracy and reliability of different techniques.

J. Hare, A. White

Nuclear Materials

22.71[J] Modern Physical Metallurgy

Same subject as 3.40[J]

Subject meets with 3.14

Prereq: (3.20 and 3.22) or permission of instructor

G (Fall)

3-0-9 units

See description under subject 3.40[J].

R. Freitas

22.72 Corrosion: The Environmental Degradation of Materials

Subject meets with 22.072

Prereq: None

G (Fall)

Not offered regularly; consult department

3-0-9 units

Applies thermodynamics and kinetics of electrode reactions to aqueous corrosion of metals and alloys. Application of advanced computational and modeling techniques to evaluation of materials selection and susceptibility of metal/alloy systems to environmental degradation in aqueous systems. Discusses materials degradation problems in marine environments, oil and gas production, and energy conversion and generation systems, including fossil and nuclear.

Staff

22.73[J] Defects in Materials

Same subject as 3.33[J]

Prereq: 3.21 and 3.22

G (Spring)

3-0-9 units

See description under subject 3.33[J].

J. Li

22.74[J] Radiation Damage and Effects in Nuclear Materials

Same subject as 3.31[J]

Subject meets with 22.074

Prereq: 3.21, 22.14, or permission of instructor

Acad Year 2025-2026: G (Fall)

Acad Year 2026-2027: Not offered

3-0-9 units

Studies the origins and effects of radiation damage in structural materials for nuclear applications. Radiation damage topics include formation of point defects, defect diffusion, defect reaction kinetics and accumulation, and differences in defect microstructures due to the type of radiation (ion, proton, neutron). Radiation effects topics include detrimental changes to mechanical properties, phase stability, corrosion properties, and differences in fission and fusion systems. Term project required. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

M. Short, B. Yildiz

22.75[J] Properties of Solid Surfaces

Same subject as 3.30[J]

Prereq: 3.20, 3.21, or permission of instructor

G (Spring)

3-0-9 units

Covers fundamental principles needed to understand and measure the microscopic properties of the surfaces of solids, with connections to structure, electronic, chemical, magnetic and mechanical properties. Reviews the theoretical aspects of surface behavior, including stability of surfaces, restructuring, and reconstruction. Examines the interaction of the surfaces with the environment, including absorption of atoms and molecules, chemical reactions and material growth, and interaction of surfaces with other point defects within the solids (space charges in semiconductors). Discusses principles of important tools for the characterization of surfaces, such as surface electron and x-ray diffraction, electron spectroscopies (Auger and x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy), scanning tunneling, and force microscopy.

B. Yildiz

22.76[J] Ionics and Its Applications

Same subject as 3.55[J]

Prereq: None

G (Fall)

Not offered regularly; consult department

3-0-9 units

Discusses valence states of ions and how ions and charge move in liquid and solid states. Introduces molten salt systems and how they are used in nuclear energy and processing. Addresses corrosion and the environmental degradation of structural materials. Examines the applications of ionics and electrochemistry in industrial processing, computing, new energy technologies, and recycling and waste treatment.

J. Li, B. Yildiz

22.78[1] Nuclear Energy and the Environment: Waste, Effluents, and Accidents

Same subject as 1.878[1]

Subject meets with 1.098[1], 22.078[1]

Prereq: Permission of instructor

G (Spring)

3-0-9 units

Introduces the essential knowledge for understanding nuclear waste management. Includes material flow sheets for nuclear fuel cycle, waste characteristics, sources of radioactive wastes, compositions, radioactivity and heat generation, chemical processing technologies, geochemistry, waste disposal technologies, environmental regulations and the safety assessment of waste disposal. Covers different types of wastes: uranium mining waste, low-level radioactive waste, high-level radioactive waste and fusion waste. Provides the quantitative methods to compare the environmental impact of different nuclear and other energy-associated waste. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

H. Wainwright

Systems, Policy, and Economics**22.811[1] Sustainable Energy**

Same subject as 1.818[1], 2.65[1], 10.391[1], 11.371[1]

Subject meets with 2.650[1], 10.291[1], 22.081[1]

Prereq: Permission of instructor

G (Fall)

3-1-8 units

Assessment of current and potential future energy systems. Covers resources, extraction, conversion, and end-use technologies, with emphasis on meeting 21st-century regional and global energy needs in a sustainable manner. Examines various energy technologies in each fuel cycle stage for fossil (oil, gas, synthetic), nuclear (fission and fusion) and renewable (solar, biomass, wind, hydro, and geothermal) energy types, along with storage, transmission, and conservation issues. Emphasizes analysis of energy propositions within an engineering, economic and social context. Students taking graduate version complete additional assignments.

M. W. Golay

22.814[1] Nuclear Weapons and International Security

Same subject as 17.474[1]

Prereq: None

G (Spring)

4-0-8 units

Examines the historical, political, and technical contexts for nuclear policy making, including the development of nuclear weapons by states, the evolution of nuclear strategy, the role nuclear weapons play in international politics, the risks posed by nuclear arsenals, and the policies and strategies in place to mitigate those risks. Equal emphasis is given to political and technical considerations affecting national choices. Considers the issues surrounding new non-proliferation strategies, nuclear security, and next steps for arms control. Enrollment limited to 15; preference given to doctoral students in Courses 17 and 22.

V. Narang

General**22.90 Nuclear Science and Engineering Laboratory**

Subject meets with 22.09

Prereq: Permission of instructor

G (Spring)

1-5-9 units

See description under subject 22.09.

A. Danagoulian, G. Kohse

22.901 Independent Project in Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prereq: Permission of instructor

G (Fall, Spring, Summer)

Units arranged

Can be repeated for credit.

For graduate students who wish to conduct a one-term project of theoretical or experimental nature in the field of nuclear engineering, in close cooperation with individual staff members. Topics and hours arranged to fit students' requirements. Projects require prior approval.

J. Li

22.911 Seminar in Nuclear Science and Engineering I

Prereq: None

G (Fall)

2-0-1 units

Can be repeated for credit.

Provides instruction in aspects of effective oral presentations and exposure to technical communication skills useful for professional conferences and scientific meetings. Focuses on presenting research for scientifically knowledgeable audiences. Culminates in a technical talk at a department-wide seminar series.

*E. Reinfeld***22.912 Seminar in Nuclear Science and Engineering II**

Prereq: None

G (Spring)

2-0-1 units

Can be repeated for credit.

Provides instruction in aspects of effective visual and oral presentation and exposure to technical communication skills useful in academic and professional settings. Focuses on presenting research content in visual format as well as high level scientific communication. Culminates in a presentation at a department-wide event.

*E. Reinfeld***22.913 Professional Perspective in Nuclear Science and Engineering (22.95)**

Prereq: None

G (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)

0-1-0 units

Can be repeated for credit.

Required for Course 22 doctoral students to gain professional perspective in research experiences, academic experiences, teaching experiences, and industry experiences in nuclear science and engineering. Professional perspective options include: internships (in industry, government or academia), academic paper publications resulting from research, formal presentation of research at a conference or other professional venue, training for a career in academia, or entrepreneurial engagement. For an internship experience, an offer of employment from a company or organization is required prior to enrollment; employers must document work accomplished. A written report is required upon completion.

Proposals are subject to departmental approval. Consult the NSE Academic Office for details on procedures and restrictions. Limited to NSE students completing their professional perspective requirement.

*Consult NSE Academic Office***22.921 Nuclear Power Plant Dynamics and Control**

Prereq: None

G (IAP)

Not offered regularly; consult department

1-0-2 units

Introduction to reactor dynamics, including subcritical multiplication, critical operation in absence of thermal feedback effects and effects of xenon, fuel and moderator temperature, etc. Derivation of point kinetics and dynamic period equations. Techniques for reactor control including signal validation, supervisory algorithms, model-based trajectory tracking, and rule-based control. Overview of light-water reactor start-up. Lectures and demonstrations with use of the MIT Research Reactor. Open to undergraduates with permission of instructor.

*J. A. Bernard***22.93 Teaching and Technical Communication Experience in Nuclear Science & Engineering**

Prereq: Permission of department

G (Fall, Spring, Summer)

Units arranged [P/D/F]

Can be repeated for credit.

For qualified graduate students interested in teaching as a career or other technical communication intensive careers. Classroom, laboratory, or tutorial teaching under the supervision of a faculty member or instructor. Students selected by interview. Credits for this subject may not be used toward master's or engineer's degrees. Enrollment limited by availability of suitable teaching assignments and NSE communication lab capacity.

*Consult NSE Academic Office***22.94 Research in Nuclear Science and Engineering**

Prereq: None

G (IAP)

Not offered regularly; consult department

Units arranged [P/D/F]

Can be repeated for credit.

For academic research activities in Nuclear Science and Engineering for students who have not completed the NSE doctoral qualifying exam. Hours arranged with and approved by the research advisor. Units may not be used towards advanced degree requirements.

J. Li

22.S902-22.S905 Special Subject in Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prereq: Permission of instructor

G (Spring)

Units arranged

Can be repeated for credit.

Seminar or lecture on a topic in nuclear science and engineering that is not covered in the regular curriculum. 22.S905 is graded P/D/F.

J. Li

22.S906 Special Subject in Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prereq: None

G (Fall, Spring)

Units arranged

Can be repeated for credit.

Seminar or lecture on a topic in nuclear science and engineering that is not covered in the regular curriculum.

J. Li

22.S907 Special Subject in Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prereq: None

G (Spring)

Units arranged

Can be repeated for credit.

Seminar or lecture on a topic in nuclear science and engineering that is not covered in the regular curriculum.

J. Li

22.S908 Special Subject in Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prereq: None

G (Spring)

Units arranged

Can be repeated for credit.

Seminar or lecture on a topic in nuclear science and engineering that is not covered in the regular curriculum.

J. Li

22.S909 Special Subject in Nuclear Science and Engineering

Prereq: None

G (Fall)

Not offered regularly; consult department

Units arranged [P/D/F]

Can be repeated for credit.

Seminar or lecture on a topic in nuclear science and engineering that is not covered in the regular curriculum.

J. Li

22.THG Graduate Thesis

Prereq: Permission of instructor

G (Fall, IAP, Spring, Summer)

Units arranged

Can be repeated for credit.

Program of research, leading to the writing of an SM, NE, PhD, or ScD thesis; to be arranged by the student and an appropriate MIT faculty member. Consult department graduate office.

J. Li