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Lecture times, days and location: 6th Period (12:50-1:40 pm) MWF, CSE 118
Office Hours: 1:50 - 2:40pm MWF
Assessment Method:
- Midterms (Oct 2 and Nov 13) 50% (in class)
- Lab Reports 15%
- Term Paper (due Dec 4) 20%
- Presentation (Nov 20-Dec4) 10%
- Lecture Notes Corrections (Dec25) 5%

Course Contents: This is an advanced graduate level course. Students are expected to have sound knowledge of Mechanics of Materials, Basics of Material Science, Elasticity, Continuum mechanics and Fracture Mechanics. Although the initial topics follow the contents of few chapters in the textbook, the latter part of the course covers numerous topics of topical interest in the field. It will include dynamic characterization of ceramics, hydrogels and emerging materials.

The basic topics covered are:
- Elastic Waves
- Plastic Waves
- Shock Waves
- Experimental Techniques
- Material Constitutive Behavior at High Strain Rates
- Shear Banding
- Microstructural Changes at High Strain rates
- Dynamic deformation and Fracture of Metals and Ceramics
- Response of Soft Materials, Biological Materials and Foams
- Applications

Term paper: Student groups (2-3) must choose a topic on High Strain Rate Behavior of Materials that is not covered in class. The group must review background, literature search, theory, technique, application, relevant schematics and an assessment of the direction in which the field is progressing. Appropriate references must be provided. The topic must be chosen by Sept 10th and approved by the Instructor. Report is due on Dec 10. A 10 minute presentation is made during the regular class anytime in the last three weeks (pick your time ahead).

I will also be providing lecture notes for few topics on Ceramics. Students are expected to go over the notes and provide feedback on all aspects of the notes such as flow of content, typos, mislabeled statements, references, incomplete content, difficulty in understanding, etc.

Grading Scale:
- A 90-100%;
- A- 82-90%;
- B+ 75-82%;
- B 70-75%;
- B- 65-70%;
- C+ 61-65%;
- C 56-61%;
- C- 51-56%;
- D+ <50%

Make-up Exam Policy: No make-up exams unless there is a documentable extreme medical emergency. No credit will be given for a missed exam/lab.

Honesty Policy: All students must adhere to the UF’s academic honesty rules and understanding that failure to comply with this commitment will result in disciplinary action. Every student must be honest in all work submitted and exams taken during this course.