

# Aerospace Composites, Mechanics of Composite Materials

EAS 4240 Class # 11861, EAS 5242 Class # 18836

Class Periods: MWF, period 4, 10:40 – 11:30

Location: NEB 201

Academic Term: Spring 2024

## ***Instructor:***

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NEB 251

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## ***Teaching Assistant/Peer Mentor/Supervised Teaching Student:***

Teaching assistant office hours are held on zoom. Professor Ifju's office hours are in his office (NEB 251)

## **Composites Course**

Jessica Collins, zoom link,

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/5296347536?pwd=a1plWXPbRblNpdkpNV2tPTmhwallsUT09>

Jose Chavez, zoom link,

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/2807159477?pwd=Ny8vaWJHSVI2bXR4b0N1S2dkcitFUT09>

## **Aerospace Structures Course**

Tao Dobbins, zoom link, <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/4973623061>




Joshua Bays, zoom link, <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/99761594699>

## **Teaching, Office Hours and Course Schedules:**

Period	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	8:30 – 9:20	Dr. Ifju		Dr. Ifju		Dr. Ifju
3	9:35 – 10:25					
4	10:40 – 11:30	<b>Composites Class</b>		<b>Composites Class</b>		<b>Composites Class</b>
5	11:45 – 12:35			Josh		
6	12:50 – 1:40		Jessica	Jessica		
7	1:55 – 2:45	<b>Aero Struct. Class</b>	Jessica Josh	<b>Aero Struct. Class</b>		<b>Aero Struct. Class</b>
8	3:00 – 3:50	Jessica	Jessica	Jose		
9	4:05 – 4:55	Jose Tao		Jose Tao		
	5:00 – 6:00	Jose		Jose		

**Course Schedule:**

SPRING SEMESTER 2024						
	S	M	T	W	T	F
Jan.		Holiday 1	2	3	4	Registration 5
	7	8	9	10	11	12
	14	15	16	17	18	19
	21	22	23	24	25	26
	28	29	30	31		
Feb.					1	2
	4	5	6	7	8	9
	11	12	13	14	15	16
	18	19	20	21	22	23
	25	26	27	28	29	
Mar.					1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8
	10	11	12	13	14	15
	17	18	19	20	21	22
	24	25	26	27	28	29
	31					
Apr.		1	2	3	4	5
	7	8	9	10	11	12
	14	15	16	17	18	19
	21	22	23	24	25	26
	28	29	30			
May				1	2	3
	Comm. 5	Grades Due 6	Deg. Cert. 7			
					Commencement 4	

-  Homework Due
-  Midterm Exam
-  Final Exam

Aero Composites Final  
Thursday, May 2  
7:30 am – 9:30 pm

**Course Objectives:**

The objectives are to provide an intermediate level coverage of the stress analysis of laminated composite plates. It stresses fundamental mechanics of materials principals to the study of anisotropic layered materials. Classical laminate theory is developed from theory through practical implementation. Additionally, the basic micro-mechanics of heterogeneous material systems is developed to determine the equivalent homogenized properties. Failure theories of composites are studied as well as thermal and moisture effects that lead to stress and applied to the lamina and the laminate. A survey of composite fabrication methods, common composite constituents, special considerations for experimental characterization and nondestructive evaluation is also covered. Upon completion of this course, students are expected to understand basic composite vocabulary, laminate theory and micromechanics. Additional reinforcement of linear algebra and calculus are provided.

***Pre-requisites:***

EGM 3520 Mechanics of Materials.

***Textbook:***

Not required, recommended, Principles of Composite Material Mechanics (Third Edition or Fourth Addition) by R.F. Gibson, CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL (ISBN 978-1-4398-5005-3).

***Course Topics:***

- Introduction including constituents, applications
- Introduction to manufacturing processes
- Composite fabrication lab
- Lamina stress-strain relationships
- Micromechanics for effective mechanical properties of continuous fiber-reinforced lamina
- Micromechanics for effective hygrothermal properties of continuous fiber-reinforced lamina
- Strength of continuously fiber-reinforced lamina
- Analysis of lamina hygrothermal behavior
- Analysis of laminates for in-plane loading
- Analysis of laminates for bending moments
- Analysis of laminates for hygrothermal effects
- Strength of laminates with mechanical loading
- Special considerations for mechanical testing of composites and their constituents
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***Relation to program outcomes (ABET):***

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Coverage*</b>
1. An ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics	High
2. An ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors	Medium
3. An ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences	Low
4. An ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts	Low
5. An ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives	Low
6. An ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions	Low
7. An ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies	Medium

***Attendance Policy, Class Expectations, and Make-Up Policy:***

Regular class attendance is expected either in-person or via zoom recordings. Late HW and makeup exams are only allowed for students with documented circumstances consistent with UF policy. Students must contact the instructor as soon as possible to provide documentation and request a make-up exam. Excused absences must be consistent with university policies in the undergraduate catalog and require appropriate documentation. For more information on UF policies see <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>  
[Links to an external site.](#)

***Evaluation of Grades:***

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Percentage of Final Grade</b>
Homework	30 each	25%
Midterm Exam 1	100	25%
Midterm Exam 2	100	25%
Final Exam	100	25%

- Homework will be assigned on a weekly basis during the semester and will typically be due on Wednesdays.
- Exam 1 will be in-class or on Honorlock. Exam 2 and the Final Exam will be take-home exams. The Final exam will be handed in during exam week.

<b>Percent</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Grade Points</b>
92 - 100	A	4.00
90.0 – 91.9	A-	3.67
87 - 89.9	B+	3.33
83 - 86.9	B	3.00
80.0 - 82.9	B-	2.67
77 - 79.9	C+	2.33
73 - 76.9	C	2.00
70.0 - 72.9	C-	1.67
67 - 69.9	D+	1.33
63 - 66.9	D	1.00
60.0 – 62.9	D-	0.67
0 - 59.9	E	0.00

***Course Schedule:***

***Students Requiring Accommodations:***

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>  
[Links to an external site.](#) It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

***Course Evaluation:***

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/Links to an external site.Links to an external site.> Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/Links to an external site.Links to an external site.> Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/Links to an external site.Links to an external site.>

***In-Class Recording:***

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

***University Honesty Policy:***

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Conduct Code (<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/>)[Links to an external site.Links to an external site.](#) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

### ***Commitment to a Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment:***

The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering values broad diversity within our community and is committed to individual and group empowerment, inclusion, and the elimination of discrimination. It is expected that every person in this class will treat one another with dignity and respect regardless of gender, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, and culture.

If you feel like your performance in class is being impacted by discrimination or harassment of any kind, please contact your instructor or any of the following:

- Your academic advisor or Graduate Program Coordinator
- Jennifer Nappo, Director of Human Resources, 352-392-0904, [jpennacc@ufl.edu](mailto:jpennacc@ufl.edu)
- Pamela Dickrell, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, 352-392-2177, [pld@ufl.edu](mailto:pld@ufl.edu)
- Toshikazu Nishida, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, 352-392-0943, [nishida@eng.ufl.edu](mailto:nishida@eng.ufl.edu)

### ***Software Use:***

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

### ***Student Privacy:***

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see: <https://registrar.ufl.edu/ferpa.html>[Links to an external site.](#)[Links to an external site.](#)

### ***Campus Resources:***

#### ***Health and Wellness***

#### **U Matter, We Care:**

Your well-being is important to the University of Florida. The U Matter, We Care initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352-392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.

**Counseling and Wellness Center:** <https://counseling.ufl.edu>[Links to an external site.](#)[Links to an external site.](#), and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

#### **Sexual Discrimination, Harassment, Assault, or Violence**

If you or a friend has been subjected to sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, or violence contact the [Office of Title IX Compliance](#)[Links to an external site.](#)[Links to an external site.](#), located at Yon Hall Room 427, 1908 Stadium Road, (352) 273-1094, [title-ix@ufl.edu](mailto:title-ix@ufl.edu)

#### **Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)**

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

**University Police Department** at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies),  
or <http://www.police.ufl.edu/Links to an external site.>

## **COVID-19**

- You are expected to wear approved face coverings at all times during class and within buildings even if you are vaccinated.
- If you are sick, stay home and self-quarantine. Please visit the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website about next steps, retake the questionnaire and schedule your test for no sooner than 24 hours after your symptoms began. Please call your primary care provider if you are ill and need immediate care or the UF Student Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 (or email [covid@shcc.ufl.edu](mailto:covid@shcc.ufl.edu)) to be evaluated for testing and to receive further instructions about returning to campus.
- If you are withheld from campus by the Department of Health through Screen, Test & Protect, you are not permitted to use any on campus facilities. Students attempting to attend campus activities when withheld from campus will be referred to the Dean of Students Office.
- UF Health Screen, Test & Protect offers guidance when you are sick, have been exposed to someone who has tested positive or have tested positive yourself. Visit the [UF Health Screen, Test & Protect website](#) for more information.
- Please continue to follow healthy habits, including best practices like frequent hand washing. Following these practices is our responsibility as Gators.

## ***Academic Resources***

**E-learning technical support**, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu. <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>

**Career Resource Center**, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling; <https://career.ufl.edu>

**Library Support**, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>

Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

**Teaching Center**, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. <https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>

**Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall**, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. <https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>

**Student Complaints Campus**: <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>; <https://care.dso.ufl.edu/>

**On-Line Students Complaints**: <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process/>