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University of Notre Dame
AME 30331-Section 1, Fluid Mechanics (Fall 2026)

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROFESSOR INFORMATION

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CLASS TIME and LOCATION

Time: M/W/F 11:30 am – 12:20 pm, 8/24 to 12/09
Location: Fitzpatrick Hall of Engineering 356A

TA INFORMATION

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COURSE INFORMATION

An introductory course in fluid mechanics. The course includes eight chapters: 1) Fluid Properties, 2) Hydrostatics, 3) Fluid Dynamics including Bernoulli's equation, 4) Fluid Kinematics, 5) Conservation laws in integral form, 6) Conservation laws in differential form, including Navier-Stokes equation, and potential flow, 7) Dimensional analysis, 8) Internal flows, external flows, and turbulence. Upon successful completion of the course, the students will have the fundamental knowledge and problem-solving skills needed to understand, analyze, and design fluid systems.
Credit: 3 graduate hours
Reference textbooks: Andrew L. Gerhart, John I. Hochstein, and Philip M. Gerhart, "Munson, Young and Okiishi's Fundamentals of Fluid Mechanics", Wiley Publishing, 8th Edition.
Prerequisite: AME 20222 (Mechanics II) and 20231 (Thermodynamics) and (MATH 20580, 24580 or 20610).

TENTATIVE SCHEDULES

Week 1 TA1	**08/24** (Overview) **08/26** (Chapter 1 – Fluid Definition; Units and Dimensions) **08/28** (Chapter 1 – Units and Dimensions)
Week 2 TA1	**08/31** (Chapter 1 – Fluid Properties, HM1) **09/02** (Chapter 1 – Fluid Properties) **09/04** (Chapter 2 – Pascal's Law)
Week 3 TA1	**09/07** (Chapter 2 – General Equation of Motion, HM1 Deadline) **09/09** (Chapter 2 – Forces on Submerged Objects, HW2) **09/11** (Chapter 2 – Buoyancy; Chapter 2 Example Problems)
Week 4 TA1	**09/14** (Chapter 3 – Streamline; Derive Bernoulli Equation) **09/16** (Chapter 3 – Bernoulli Examples and Experiments, HW2D, HM3) **09/18** (Chapter 3 – Chapter 3 Example Problems)
Week 5 TA1	**09/21** (Chapter 1-3 Concept Review) **09/23** (Review for Midterm Exam 1, HM3D) **09/25** (Midterm Exam 1)
Week 6	**09/28** (Chapter 4 – Eulerian and Lagrangian Methods; Streamline, Pathline, Streakline)

TA2	**09/30** (Chapter 4 – Acceleration Field, HW4) **10/02** (Chapter 4 – System and Control Volume; Reynolds Transport Theorem)
Week 7 TA2	**10/05** (Chapter 5 – Control Volume Continuity Equation) **10/07** (Chapter 5 – Control Volume Momentum Equation, HW4D, HW5) **10/09** (Chapter 5 – Control Volume Energy Equation; Extended Bernoulli Equation)
Week 8 TA2	**10/12** (Chapter 5 Example Problems) **10/14** (Chapter 6 – Differential Continuity Equation; Element Deformations, HW5D) **10/16** (Chapter 6 – Differential Momentum Equation: Navier-Stokes Equation)
Week 9	Midterm break
Week 10 TA2	**10/26** (Chapter 6 – Overview of Modern Methods, Navier-Stokes Example, HW6) **10/28** (Chapter 6 – Potential Flow) **10/30** (Chapter 6 – Stream Functions)
Week 11 TA2	**11/02** (Chapter 4-6 Concept Review, HW6D) **11/04** (Review for Midterm Exam 2) **11/06** (Midterm Exam 2)
Week 12 TA3	**11/09** (Numerical Methods and CFD*) **11/11** (Chapter 7 – Dimensional Analysis, HW7) **11/13** (Chapter 7 – Buckingham Pi Theorem)
Week 13 TA3	**11/16** (Chapter 7 – The Principles of Similarity; Chapter 7 Example Problems) **11/18** (Non-Newtonian Fluids*, Capillarity and Droplets*, HW7D) **11/20** (Chapter 6 Example Problems)
Week 14 TA3	**11/23** (Class canceled), Thanksgiving holiday
Week 15 TA3	**11/30** (Chapter 8 – Internal Flow, HM8), **12/02** (Chapter 8 – Turbulence; External Flow: Drag, Lift, and Boundary Layer) **12/04** (Chapter 8 – Friction and Pressure Drag Force; Chapter 8 Example Problems)
Week 16 TA3	**12/07** (Concept Review of Chapter 7, 8; Chapter 8 Example Problems, HM8D) **12/09** (Review for Final Exam)
Week 17	**12/14 (**Final Exam: 4:15 P.M. - 6:15 P.M., DeBartolo Hall 155)

*Optional contents that will not be included in the HW, Midterms, and Final Exam.
*Homework will be posted 10 A.M., and the deadline is 11:59 P.M.

GRADINGS
1) Homework (30%, from six highest scored HW assignments)
2) Midterm Exam I (20%)
3) Midterm Exam II (20%)
4) Final Exam (30%)

OTHER POLICIES
Generative AI Policy: You can use generative AI for assignments, but not the exams.

Midterm and Exam policies: Each exam will cover cumulative materials up to the exam date. However, emphasis will be given to the more recent materials. Midterms and Final Exams will be closed book/note, but you are allowed to bring in a one-page, double-sided cheat sheet. During exam, only scientific

calculators will be permitted. Using any other electronics including cell phone, smart watch, or computers is strictly prohibited. Failure to follow these rules will result in exam confiscation.

Homework policies: As solutions will be posted immediately after the deadline, late submission will not be accepted. The two lowest-scored homework assignments do not count into your final homework scores. We use Gradescope for homework submission and grading.

Policy on conflicts or emergencies:

(1) For time conflicts with other events (*e.g.* another scheduled exam), or an official University of Notre Dame activity, please show official documentation about the conflict at least one week before the homework/quiz/exam due date. The due date will be extended if the excuses are legitimate.

(2) If you will not be able to make it to the exam due to serious illness or other emergent personal crisis that are not described in (1), please send an email to the instructor (jma9@nd.edu) at your earliest convenience, and submit a statement from the professionals that are authorized to evaluate your situation (e.g. doctors, police officers). The statement needs to clearly explain that you are not physically capable of attending exams on time. The due date will be extended if the excuses are legitimate.

Honor code: The University's Honor Code reminds our community of our shared purpose both within the institute of academia and as members of a broader humanity; the statement also outlines policy violation procedures. The Honor Code will be strictly applied as described in The Academic Code of Honor Handbook. Students will not give or receive aid on exams. This includes, but is not limited to, viewing the exams of others, sharing answers with others, and using books or notes while taking the exam. *Plagiarism is unacceptable* and will result in a zero grade for all persons involved, and will result in serious academic repercussions.

Disability and accommodation: It is the policy and practice of The University of Notre Dame to provide reasonable accommodations for students with properly documented disabilities. Students who have questions about Sara Bea Disability Services or who have, or think they may have, a disability are invited to contact Sara Bea Disability Services for a confidential discussion in the Sara Bea Center for Students with Disabilities or by phone at 574-631-7157. Additional information about Sara Bea Disability Services and the process for requesting accommodations can be found at sarabeadisabilityservices.nd.edu.

Privacy practices in this course: Course materials (lecture notes, slides, assignments, problem sets, etc.) are for use in this course only. You may not upload them to external sites, share with students outside of this course, or post them for public commentary without my written permission.

HOMEWORK/EXAM FORMAT GUIDELINE

Problem solutions should meet a few professional standards. Each problem solution should better contain the following basic elements:

Find: state briefly the question to be answered and identify what is to be found.

Given: present the given information in concise form. Maybe include a sketch of the system that shows any control volumes to be used in analysis. Label all forces, velocities.

Assume: state all important assumptions. *e.g.*, steady state, irrotational, etc.

Basic laws: given all basic principles, in general form, and show how the simplifying assumption reduce the problem to a solvable form.

Solution: try to carry all solutions out in symbolic form before substituting in numerical values. Check all terms have the same unites in a consistent set (*e.g.* SI).