

**Syllabus of Course ME-CEE 426-1**  
**Room – Searle 3220** (unless otherwise notified)  
**Tue/Thu – 3:30-4:50pm**

**Advanced Finite Element Methods I**  
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DAY/DATE	SUBJECT
Thu 1/5	<b>Chapter 1. Introduction</b> Nonlinearity in mechanics
Tue 1/10	<b>Chapter 2. Total and Updated Lagrangian finite elements</b> Total Lagrangian (2.1 thru 2.5).
Thu 1/12	Updated Lagrangian (2.6 thru 2.8). Numerical integration. Shape functions Summary (2.13)
Tue 1/17	Intro to solution methods (2.12) and programming
Thu 1/19	<b>Chapter 3. Continuum mechanics for engineering analysis</b> Deformation and motion (3.1, 3.2). Strain measures (3.3). Stress measures (3.4).
Tue 1/24	Governing equations (3.5). Lagrangian governing equations (3.6). Polar decomposition and frame invariance (3.7).
Thu 1/26	<b>Chapter 5. Constitutive material models</b> Stress-strain curve (5.1, 5.2). Elasticity (5.3).
Tue 1/31	Hyperelasticity (5.4).
Thu 2/2	1D plasticity (5.5), Stress update algorithms (5.9)
Tue 2/7	Multiaxial plasticity (5.6) and J2 plasticity
Thu 2/9	Review session
Tue 2/14	<b>Midterm</b>
Thu 2/16	Computer lab / applications class
Tue 2/21	<b>Chapter 6. Solution methods and stability</b> Explicit methods (6.1, 6.2).
Thu 2/23	Stability and continuation methods (6.5). Numerical stability (6.6).
Tue 2/28	Implicit time integration (6.3). Linearization (6.4).
Thu 3/2	Computational fracture and damage mechanics
Tue 3/7	<b>Chapter 11. XFEM for modeling fracture parameters</b>
Thu 3/9	Final project presentations or poster session
Wed 3/15	Final project reports due by 9 pm

**Prerequisites:** ME/CEE 327 or equivalent.

**Text Book:** Ted Belytschko, Wing Kam Liu, Brian Moran (2014). Nonlinear Finite Elements for Continua and Structures. *John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.* [2014 edition]

**Computer Labs:** MATLAB/Python project and Abaqus/LS-Dyna/Ansys FEA projects

**Homework:** Due 1 week after day assigned. Computer assignment due 2 weeks after day assigned. Abaqus assignment due 3 weeks after day assigned.

**Office Hours:** Mark Fleming –Th. 2:30-3:30pm; or by appointment

**Grading:** Homework 25%. Computer labs 25%, Midterm 25%, Final project 25%

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