

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title	Creep, Fatigue and Fracture
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Textbook(s)	Fracture Mechanics: fundamentals and applications by T.L. Anderson, 3rd edition Fracture Mechanics: an introduction by E.E. Gdoutos, 2nd edition Metal Fatigue in Engineering by R.I. Stephens, A. Fatemi, R.R. Stephens, and H.O. Fuchs Multiaxial Fatigue by D.F. Socie and G.B. Marquis, 1st edition

COURSE OUTLINE

Topic	Week
Introduction Brittle and Ductile fracture Fracture Mechanics Approach to Design Ductile-Brittle Transition Modes of Fracture Failure Mixed-Mode Fracture Concept of Fatigue Crack Growth	1
Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics (LEFM) Atomic View of Fracture Griffith Energy Balance During Crack Growth Energy Release Rate Crack Instability and the R Curves Compliance	2
Singular Elasticity Problems (Wedge, Half-Plane, Contact, Dislocation, Crack) Michell-Based Solution	3
Williams-Asymptotic Solution for the Notched and Cracked Bodies T-Stress Concept	4
Calculation of Coefficients of Singular and Non-Singular Terms Over-Deterministic (FEOD) Method Displacement Extrapolation Method	5
Finite Element Modeling and Cohesive Zone Model Singular Elements at the Crack Tip Extended Finite Element Method (XFEM)	6
Fracture Criteria Fracture Locus and Crack Branching Angle in Mixed-Mode Fracture Maximum Tangential Stress (MTS) Criterion	7
Maximum Energy Release Rate (MERR) Criterion Strain Energy Density (SED) Criterion Generalized (Modified) MTS Criterion/T-Stress Effect on Mixed-Mode Fracture	8
Small Scale Yielding Crack Tip Plastic Zone Thickness Effect and Plane Strain Fracture Toughness First-Order Uniaxial Stress Criterion Second-Order Uniaxial Stress Criterion: The Irwin Approach	9

Dugdale Criterion	
First-Order Multiaxial Yield Criterion	
ELASTIC PLASTIC FRACTURE MECHANICS (EPFM)	
Fracture Toughness Testing	10
ASTM Standard E399	
Test Procedure for Plane Strain Fracture Toughness	
Elastic-Plastic Fracture Mechanics(EPFM)	
J-Integral as the Nonlinear Energy Release Rate	11
J as a Path Independent Line Integral	
Crack Tip Opening Displacement (CTOD)	
Fatigue Failure	
Basic Concepts	
Life Prediction	
LCF and HCF Damages	12
Strain-Based Fatigue Models	
Cyclic Stress-Strain Curve	
Coffin-Manson Law	
Influence of Mean Stress	
Stress-Based Fatigue Models	
Stress-life and Basquin's Law	
Fracture Mechanics-Based Fatigue Models	13
Paris-Erdoğan Law	
Other Rate Relations	
Fatigue Extension via Overload and Stop-Hole Techniques	
Multi-Axial Fatigue	14
Critical Plane Observations	
Recent Models	
Cyclic Plasticity	15
Non-Proportional Fatigue Models	
Creep	
Effects of Stress and Temperature on Creep	
Creep mechanisms	16
Power-Law Creep	
Larson-Miller parameter	