

System Analysis for Sustainable Design and Lifecycle Decisions

ENV 6932 - Spec Prob in Env Engr

Credit Hours: 3

Class Periods:

T | Period 2-3 (8:30 - 10:25 am)

R | Period 3 (9:35 - 10:25 am)

Location: Face-to-face and zoom are both available, also lectures will be recorded and shared
BLK 0315

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/4711699763>

Academic Term: Fall 2022

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Teaching Assistant/Peer Mentor/Supervised Teaching Student: N/A

Please contact the instructor for any assistance.

Course Description

The course is designed for graduate students who are interested in furthering their knowledge in decision-making methods with applications in sustainable systems design and lifecycle engineering. The main goal of this course is to equip students with the analytical tools and decision-making techniques needed for creating sustainable systems. The course educates students with several quantitative methods and further discusses practical aspects of sustainability engineering and encourages them to look at the systems around them more carefully and think about opportunities to improve, reuse, replacement, and reduction of the environmental impacts of the processes, systems, and behaviors.

Various analytical topics, including System Dynamics Simulation, Multi-Attribute Utility Theory, Discrete Choice Analysis, Axiomatic Design, Robust System Design, and Life Cycle Assessment, will be discussed. In addition to analytical tools, the course covers different sustainability applications and challenges. The applications presented in this class are from the levels of the product life cycle, machine, and systems, as well as the overall supply chain perspective.

Further, the course discusses the principles of sustainable lifecycle engineering including (1) lower usage of materials and energy (2) substitution of non-renewable with renewable input materials (3) reducing unwanted outputs/waste (4) closing the loop (convert outputs to inputs through recycling, recovery, reuse) (5) re-engineering the structure of the commerce through revised supply chain structure and introduction of product-service systems.

Course Pre-Requisites / Co-Requisites: N/A

Course Objectives

After completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Utilize principles of sustainable lifecycle engineering
- Apply analytical tools in the design and analysis of sustainable systems

- Evaluate the performance of engineered systems using sustainability metrics
- Understand the role of technology in addressing sustainability challenges

Materials and Supply Fees

No materials and supply fees.

Required Textbooks and Software

No required textbooks.

Recommended Materials

- Green Manufacturing: Fundamentals and Applications (Green Energy and Technology), David A. Dornfeld (Editor), Springer, 2013
- Decision-based Design: Integrating Consumer Preferences into Engineering Design, Chen, W., Hoyle, C. and Wassenaar, H-J., Springer, 2012.
- Business Dynamics, System Thinking and Modeling for a Complex World, Sterman, John, 2000.

Course Schedule

Two types of topics will be covered: (1) analytical methods, and (2) applications in sustainable lifecycle engineering.

Notes: The schedule is tentative as the pace dictates. The HW and assignment dates may change with advance notice on Canvas.

Week 1-2:	Simulation Modeling; (Reading Assignment 1)
Week 3:	Axiomatic Design; (HW1 term paper)
Week 4:	Design Structure Matrix, Quality Function Deployment; (HW2 Individual)
Week 5:	Statistical Methods and Robust System Design; (Reading Assignment 2)
Week 6-7:	Decision Analysis and Multiattribute Utility Theory; (HW3 term paper)
Week 8:	Consumer Preference Modeling; (HW4 Individual)
Week 9:	Life Cycle Assessment Methods; (HW5 term paper)
Week 10:	Principles of Sustainability; (Reading Assignment 3)
Week 11:	Design for Reuse, Remanufacturing, Repair and Recycle; (HW6 Individual)
Week 12:	Artificial Intelligence and Circular Economy; Exam Review, Exam
Week 13:	Sustainability and Smart Cities; Thanksgiving break (HW7 term paper)
Week 14:	Rethinking of Technology, Intelligent Assets, Blockchain; (Reading Assignment 4)
Week 14:	Green Supply Chain; Packaging: A Look at Transportation;
Week 15:	Closed-loop Production and Green Energy Supply; Term paper presentations (HW8 term paper)

Attendance Policy, Class Expectations, and Make-Up Policy

Attendance is not required. The lectures are offered face-to-face as well as synchronously on zoom and will be recorded. To schedule a make-up for an excused, missed assignments, please contact the instructor through email. Requirements for make-up assignments are consistent with the university policies.

Excused absences must be consistent with university policies in the Graduate Catalog (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/graduate/regulations>) and require appropriate documentation. Additional information can be found here: <https://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/graduate/regulations/>

Evaluation of Grades

Assignment	Total Points	Percentage of Final Grade
Individual Homework Assignments (3)	100 each	20%
Reading Assignments (4-5)	100 each	15%
Exam	100	10%
Term Paper Assignments for a team of 2-3 students (5)	100 each	50%
Term Paper Presentation	100	5%
		100%

Grading Policy

Percent	Grade	Grade Points
95.0 - 100	A	4.00
90.0 - 94.9	A-	3.67
85.0 - 89.9	B+	3.33
80.0 - 84.9	B	3.00
75.0 - 79.9	B-	2.67
70.0 - 74.9	C+	2.33
65.0 - 69.9	C	2.00
60.0 - 64.9	C-	1.67
55.0 - 59.9	D+	1.33
50.0 - 54.9	D	1.00
45.0 - 49.9	D-	0.67
0 - 44.9	E	0.00

More information on UF grading policy may be found at:

[UF Graduate Catalog](#)

[Grades and Grading Policies](#)

Term Paper Specifications/policies

A team of 2-3 students will work on each term paper.

Each team paper should have an original contribution.

The term paper should include the following sections: (1) problem definition (2) literature review (3) Method (4) Method Evaluation/Application (5) Results and Conclusion

Each paper should include a literature review of at least 20 prior studies.

Each paper should include a section describing the problem definition and a section describing the method suggested for solving that problem.

An ideal paper should be an integration of both method development and application.

Term paper page limit: 8-12 pages

Team members will evaluate themselves during the semester, and your grade is a function of your team members' evaluation

The followings are some suggested areas that your paper can belong:

- *Metrics for Green Manufacturing*
- *Energy and Waste Management*
- *Green Transportation*
- *Life-Cycle Decision Making*
- *Closed-Loop Supply Chain*
- *Design for End of Life Recovery*

- *Product-Service Systems*
- *Thermal and Energy Systems*
- *Life Cycle Assessment*
- *Reuse, Remanufacture, Recycle, Repair, Recondition, Reduce*
- *Remarketing of Refurbished Products*
- *Sustainable Design: Methods and Applications*

Term Paper Deadline (tentative)

The first draft of the papers (including the literature review and the model development) is due on Tuesday, October 25th (tentative).

Final papers (including results and design application) are due on Tuesday, December 6th.

Term-paper Presentations: The last week of classes.

Individual Homework Assignment Policies

- One individual homework assignment every three or four weeks, total of 3 assignments in the semester. They are typically assigned on Tuesday and are due the following Tuesday.
- The homework assignments will be posted on CANVAS, and they are due before the next lecture starts the following week.
- Individual work
- Late assignments are not accepted—one letter grade per day late.
- Requests for correcting possible grading errors must be submitted to the instructor within one week after the work is returned with a written explanation of the correction request; no corrections are possible afterward.
- The tentative schedule for the exam is Tuesday, Nov 15, 2022.
- Acknowledge all resources used. Plagiarism is not acceptable. Identical homework submission (applied to individual homework assignments, not paper) receive zero. You should protect your own work, including individual assignments, term paper, and exam all the time.

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/>. 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/>. 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/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

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 Honor Code (<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. 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
- Curtis Taylor, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, 352-392-2177, taylor@eng.ufl.edu
- Toshikazu Nishida, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, 352-392-0943, 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>

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 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>, 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**, located at Yon Hall Room 427, 1908 Stadium Road, (352) 273-1094, 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/>.

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 Connections 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: <https://distance.ufl.edu/state-authorization-status/#student-complaint>.