

**MECHANICS OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS**  
**B.E, VI Semester, Mechanical Engineering**  
**[As per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) scheme]**

Course Code	17ME652	CIE Marks	40
Number of Lecture Hours/Week	03	SEE Marks	60
Total Number of Lecture Hours	40( 8Hours per Module)	Exam Hours	03

Credits – 03

**Course Objectives:**

- To acquire basic understanding of composites and its manufacturing
- To develop an understanding of the linear elastic analysis of composite materials, which include concepts such as anisotropic material behavior and the analysis of laminated plates.
- Provides a methodology for stress analysis and progressive failure analysis of laminated composite structures for aerospace, automobile, marine and other engineering applications
- The students will undertake a design project involving application of fiber reinforced laminates.

**Module - 1**

**Introduction to composite materials:** Definition and classification of composite materials: Polymer Matrix Composites, Metal Matrix Composites, Ceramic Matrix Composites, Carbon-Carbon Composites. Reinforcements and Matrix Materials.

**Manufacturing Techniques of Composites:**

**Fiber Reinforced Plastic (FRP) Processing:** Layup and curing, fabricating process, open and closed mould process, Hand layup techniques; structural laminate bag molding, production procedures for bag molding; filament winding, pultrusion, pulforming, thermo-forming, injection molding, blow molding.

**Fabrication Process for Metal Matrix Composites (MMC's):** Powder metallurgy technique, liquid metallurgy technique, special fabrication techniques.

**Module - 2**

**Micromechanics of Composites:** Density, Mechanical Properties; Prediction of Elastic Constants, Micromechanical Approach, Halpin-Tsai Equations, Transverse Stresses. Thermal Properties; Expression for Thermal Expansion Coefficients of Composites, Expression for Thermal Conductivity of Composites. Mechanics of Load Transfer from Matrix to Fiber; Load transfer in Particulate Composites.

**Module - 3**

**Macromechanics of Composites:** Elastic Constants of an Isotropic Material, Elastic Constants of a Lamina, Relationship between Engineering Constants and Reduced Stiffnesses and Compliances, Variation of Lamina Properties with Orientation, Analysis of Laminated Composites, Stresses and Strains in Laminate Composites, Inter-laminar Stresses and Edge Effects. Numerical Problems.

**Module - 4**

**Monotonic Strength and Fracture:** Tensile and Compressive strength of Unidirectional Fiber Composites. Fracture Modes in Composites; Single and Multiple Fracture, Debonding, Fiber Pullout and Delamination Fracture. Strength of an Orthotropic Lamina; Maximum Stress Theory, Maximum Strain Criterion, Tsai-Hill Criterion, Tsi -Wu tensor theory. Comparison of Failure Theories.

### Module - 5

**Failure Analysis and Design of Laminates:** Special cases of Laminates; Symmetric Laminates, Cross-ply laminates, Angle ply Laminates, antisymmetric Laminates, Balanced Laminate. Failure Criterion for a Laminate. Design of a Laminated Composite. Numerical Problems.

#### Course outcomes:


- To identify the properties of fiber and matrix materials used in commercial composites, as well as some common manufacturing techniques.
- To predict the failure strength of a laminated composite plate
- Understand the linear elasticity with emphasis on the difference between isotropic and anisotropic material behaviour.
- Acquire the knowledge for the analysis, design, optimization and test simulation of advanced composite structures and Components.

#### TEXT BOOKS:

1. Autar K. Kaw, Mechanics of Composite materials, CRC Taylor & Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed, 2005
2. Composite Material Science and Engineering, Krishan K. Chawla, Springer, 3e, 2012
3. Robert M. Jones, Mechanics of Composite Materials, Taylor & Francis, 1999.

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1. MadhijitMukhopadhyay, Mechanics of Composite Materials & Structures, Universities Press,2004
2. Michael W, Hyer, Stress analysis of fiber Reinforced Composite Materials, Mc-Graw Hill International, 2009
3. Fibre Reinforced Composites, P.C. Mallik, Marcel Decker, 1993
4. Hand Book of Composites, P.C. Mallik, Marcel Decker, 1993

  
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