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| New Course Code and Title | MS7110 History of Materials | | |
| Course Coordinator | Asst Prof Tan Kwan Wee | | |
| Details of course | Rationale for Introducing this course | | |
| | Technological innovations underlying engineering fields are driven by the field of material sciences. This course provides a historical perspective of the development of art, construction and technology from antiquity to the present day with an introduction to state-of-the-art technological innovations of various materials. | | |
| | The evolution of materials through the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages will be contextualised with the benefit of modern understanding with a scientific foundation. Material systems (polymers, metals, ceramics, and composites) are developed sequentially to provide a framework to explain the fundamental, physical origins of observable and important macro and micro-scale properties. | | |
| | Issues surrounding long-term sustainability with respect to materials, including scarcity, recycling and pollution as well as the future of materials will be discussed. | | |
| | Aims and Objective | | |
| | The aim of this course is to provide a historical perspective and introduce central concepts in the selection, design and testing of materials that will underpin the Master program. | | |
| | At the end of this course the students will be able to: <div><div>1. Understand the range and uses of materials from the past to current day.</div><div>2. Appreciate past contributions to present day materials science and trace its development.</div><div>3. Develop a foundational understanding of Materials Science and Materials Engineering.</div><div>4. Develop an understanding of the potentials and limitations of materials.</div></div> | | |
| | Course Syllabus Refer to page 2 to 3 | | |
| Assessment (Individual Assessment) | Assessment Point | 2 | |
| | Mode of Assessment and Weighting | CA 1: case study 1 CA 2: case study 2 | 40% 60% |
| | Instructions | | |
| | Mapping of Assessment | CA 1 – module 1 to 3 CA 2 – module 1 to 6 | |
| To be offered with effect from | Semester 1 , Academic Year 2019/2020 | | |

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| (state Academic Year and Semester) | |
| Cross Listing (if applicable) | N/A |
| Prerequisites (if applicable) | NIL |
| Mode of Teaching & Learning (Lectures, regular tests, Q&A, problem-based learning) | Lectures, Videos, tutorials, authentic texts, peer discussion. |
| Basic Reading List Compulsory Reading – NIL | Supplementary Reading <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sass, Stephen L. (2011). The Substance of Civilization Materials and Human History from the Stone Age to the Age of Silicon 2. Hunter-Duvar, John (2010). The stone, bronze and iron ages: a popular treatise on early archaeology (https://archive.org/stream/cihm_08455/cihm_08455_djvu.txt) 3. Bryson, B. (2003). A short history of nearly everything. New York : Broadway Books, 2003 (https://archive.org/stream/AShortHistoryofNearlyEverything_201706/AShortHistoryofNearlyEverything_djvu.txt) 4. Ball, Philip (1999). Made to Measure: New Materials for the 21st Century (NTU library) 5. Callister, W. D., & Rethwisch, D. G. (2014). Materials Science and Engineering. 9th Ed. SI version. Hoboken, NJ : John Wiley & Sons |
| Hours of Contact/Academic Units | 13 hr/ 1 AU |

Course Syllabus

The following are a list of tentative topics that will be covered:

MODULE 1: INTRODUCTION TO MATERIALS AND HUMANN HISTORY

Lecture 1: Why do Materials Matter?

Supplementary: Core Concepts

MODULE 2: CERAMICS

Lecture 1: It all Begins with Clay!

Lecture 2: Transformation of Clay into Ceramics

- Media Recording: Dragon Kiln, Asian Civilisations Museum

Lecture 3: The Art and Science of Historic Ceramics

Lecture 4: Glass is a Ceramic

- Media Recording: Asian Civilisations Museum

Lecture 5: From Pots to Space Shuttles – Advanced/Technical Ceramics

MODULE 3: METALS

- **Lecture 1:** Historical Metal Processing and Applications
 - Media Recording: Asian Civilisations Museum
- **Lecture 2:** State of the Art Technologies with Metals
 - Media Recording: Rolls Royce Corp Labs; Singapore Centre for 3D Printing
- **Lecture 3:** Case Study: Liberty Ship Failure in 1940s and other historic materials failures and State of the art Failure Analysis Lab
 - Media Recordings: Rolls Royce Seletar- Failure Analysis Lab

MODULE 4: POLYMERS

- **Lecture 1:** Natural Polymers: Gutta percha and rubber
 - Media Recording: NUS Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum
- **Lecture 2:** Synthetic Polymers and Processing: Roll to Roll, Fiber Extrusion
 - Media Recording:
- **Lecture 3:** State-of-the-Art and Advanced Applications

MODULE 5: COMPOSITES

- **Lecture 1:** Natural Composites: Nacre, Wood, Paper
 - Media Recording: NUS Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum
- **Lecture 2:** Synthetic Composites – Processing and Applications

- Media Recording: Interview with Associate Professor Sridhar Idapalapati; Interview with Assistant Professor Hortense Le Ferrand
- **Lecture 3:** State of the Art Synthetics Lab and 3D Bioprinting
 - Media Recording: Interview with Associate Professor Yeong Wai Yee

MODULE 6: SUSTAINABILITY

- **Lecture 1:** Sustainable Building Materials and Infrastructure
- **Lecture 2:** 3D Printing Technology
 - Media Recording: Singapore Centre for 3D Printing
- **Lecture 3:** Biomimetic Materials
 - Media Recording: NUS Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum
- **Lecture 4:** Environmental Concerns, Pollution, Societal Issues and Future of Materials