

**Department of Materials Science and Engineering  
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland**

**1. ENMA 410 – Materials for Energy I**

- 2. Credits and contact hours – 3 credits.** The University of Maryland follows the Maryland Higher Education Commission's policies on "contact hours;" specifically, one semester hour of credit will be awarded for a minimum of 15 hours, of 50 minutes each of actual class time, exclusive of registration, study days, and holidays.

**Schedule:** meets two 75 minute periods per week

**3. Instructor's or course coordinator's name: Prof. Eric Wachsman**

**4. Text book, title, author and year: no required textbook.**

**a. Other supplemental materials:**

*Fundamentals of Materials for Energy and Environmental Sustainability*

Edited by David Ginley and David Cahen, Cambridge University Press:

*Advanced Batteries, Materials Science Aspects*, Robert A Huggins, Springer

*Fuel Cell Fundamentals*. Ryan O'Hare, Suk-Won Cha, Whitney Colella, and Fritz Prinz, Wiley. Additional reading and lecture materials will be distributed.

**5. Specific course information**

- a. Brief description of the content of the course (catalog description):** The goal is to demonstrate the role of materials in solving one of the most critical socio-economic issues of our time, affordable and sustainable energy. There will be a discussion of U.S. and global energy and related environmental issues. Topics covered include: fuel cells and batteries (electrochemical energy conversion and storage); catalysts and membrane separations (fossil fuel and biomass energy conversion); and nuclear fuels.
- b. Pre-requisites or co-requisites:** ENMA 300 and permission of the department.
- c. Indicate whether a required, elective, or selected elective (as per Table 5-1) course in the program:** ENMA 410 is an elective course for Materials Science and Engineering majors.

**6. Specific goals for the course:**

- a. Specific outcomes of instruction:** Student learns about role of materials in energy conversion and storage technologies

**b. Explicitly indicate which of the student outcomes listed in Criterion 3 or any other outcomes are addressed in this course.**

ABET A: Ability to apply mathematics, science and engineering principles. to design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs.

ABET E: Ability to identify, formulate and solve engineering problems.

ABET J: Knowledge of contemporary issues.

**7. Brief list of topics to be covered.**

1. Introduction to Energy: Resources; Efficiency and demand.
2. Environmental impacts: Climate change and air pollution; the energy-water nexus.
3. Electrochemical energy storage: Introduction to batteries and capacitors; Ionic transport; Electrolytes; Anodes; Cathodes.
4. Electrochemical energy conversion: Introduction to fuel cells; SOFC electrolytes; SOFC anodes and cathodes; SOFC interconnects and seals; PEMFC electrolytes; PEMFC anodes and cathodes.
5. Membrane separations: Introduction to membranes; Porous membranes; Dense membranes.
6. Catalytic conversion: Introduction to catalysis; Oxide catalysts; Noble metal catalysts; Membrane reactors.
7. Nuclear fuels.