SIO 214A, Fluid Mechanics, Syllabus – Fall Q 2017

section 907951, 4 units

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Class meetings: Tu/Th 09:30-11:50, Problem Session: Tu 14:00-15:20
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Course Summary:
A survey of classical problems in fluid mechanics and approximate techniques of analysis. Topics include kinematics, conservation equations, laminar flows, stability of laminar flows, and turbulent flow through a series of problem vignettes. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Expectations:
Participation in class and problem sessions is critical as we expect you to become proficient at problem solving and intuitive reasoning. While many of the assignments, mini-labs, and participation are not directly graded, a lack of engagement and understanding will be evident during the final exam. Grades will be based on homework (not graded but must participate in problem sessions, turn in homework, and make your own corrections, 20%), mid-term (20%), and an oral final exam (60%).

Ethics:
For most regular homework assignments we encourage you to discuss with and work with your peers. Sometimes the best way to learn something is to try to explain it to someone else or to see the question from another's perspective. Yet, at times, it is important for you to reflect on what you personally have learned and test your own knowledge boundaries. It is at these times that we may ask you to work independently and to not discuss the assignment or problems with anyone. This may be during a take-home exam or in preparation for your final oral exam. We trust that as students pursuing a graduate degree you will follow proper ethical conduct as academic integrity is expected throughout your career. If at any point, you are unsure of the expectations for a particular assignment, please ask. We will maintain a strict policy of ethical conduct throughout the course. No exceptions.

References:
A fifth edition, with one more coauthor Dowling is now available online at http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/book/9780123821003. Even a 6th edition is now available, but we will refer to fourth (KC4) and fifth (KC5) editions.

Other Fluids texts
Introduction to Fluid Mechanics, G. K. Batchelor (GKB), Cambridge University Press
Lectures on Geophysical Fluid Dynamics, R. Salmon (RS), 1998, Oxford University Press.

Some classical texts that are valuable for specific topics


Math reference
Methods of Mathematical Physics, P. M. Morse and H. Feshbach (MF I, MF II), 1953 McGraw-Hill.

**APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE**
Week 1-2: Introduction, mathematics refresher, kinematics
Week 2-3: Conservation laws
Week 4: Boussinesq, Bernoulli, hydrostatics
Week 4 - 6: Problem vignettes (Plane-Couette flow, wind driven flow on a lake, lubrication problem, Stokes first and second problems, Blazius boundary layer)
Week 6-8: Vorticity, potential flows, flow around bluff bodies, lift/drag
Week 8-9: Problem vignettes (gravity current, horizontal convection, Raleigh Bernard, instability, etc.)
Week 10: Conservation of Energy and Hydraulics
Week 11: Reynolds experiment, turbulence, course review