AE/ME 6760: Acoustics I

Credit Hours: 3-0-3

Prerequisites: Math 2403 or MATH 2413 or MATH 24X3 or equivalent

Catalog Description: Fundamental principles governing the generation, propagation,

reflection, and transmission of sound waves in fluids.

Textbooks: Allan D. Pierce, Acoustics: Introduction to Physical Principles and

Applications, 1st Edition, Springer-Verlag, 1989 (an Acoustical Society

publication).

Goals: The goal of this course is to expose students to an in-depth

understanding of the fundamental principles governing the generation, propagation, reflection, and transmission of sound waves in fluids.

Topics: • Fundamentals

• Governing equations

• Sound speed

• Energy, intensity

• Coherent and incoherent sound sources

• Acoustic power

• Plane, spherical sound waves

• Spectral analysis, decibels, frequency weighting

• Reflection and Transmission of sound waves

• Acoustic impedance

reflection/transmission between two fluids

reflection at an impedance boundary

• standing wave tube

• radiation from a vibrating infinite plate

• transmission through a wall, a layer

Ideal sources

• pulsating sphere, translating sphere

monopoles, dipoles, quadrupoles

• multipole expansions, spherical harmonics