SIO 214A, FLUID MECHANICS, SYLLABUS – FALL Q 2018

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Class meetings: 02 October** – 06 December 2018, Tu/Th 09:30-11:50, Problem Session: TBD!

** NOTE that classes start on Thursday, 27 September, however we are NOT having class that day. Rather we will start on 02 October, and make up the missed class within the first couple of weeks.

Location: Spiess Hall 330
Office hours: TBD! MESOM 363, or email me to set up an appointment
Website: https://scripps.ucsd.edu/labs/sgiddings/teaching/introduction-to-fluid-mechanics-2018/

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 I 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 oral exam as the content and problem solving approaches build upon each other throughout the quarter. Thus completing the assignments and participating in class and mini-labs is critical to success. Grades will be based on homework & participation (not graded but must participate in problem sessions, turn in homework, and make your own corrections, 20%), a take-home mid-term (20%), and an oral final exam (60%). Note that while the homework will not receive detailed grading, all homework is assigned a numeric value and missing questions will be penalized relative to the total for that assignment. Furthermore, late homework will be penalized with a significant grade reduction for that particular assignment and late mid-terms will not be accepted.

Ethics:
For most regular homework assignments I 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 I may ask you to work independently and to not discuss the assignment or problems with anyone, for example during a take-home exam or in preparation for your final oral exam. I 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. I will maintain a strict policy of ethical conduct throughout the course and follow the appropriate UCSD Academic Integrity process if any violations occur. 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

**Some classical texts that are valuable for specific topics**

**Math reference**

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**APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE**

Week 1-2: Introduction, mathematics refresher, kinematics

Week 2-3: Conservation laws

Week 4: Boussinesq, Bernoulli, hydrostatics

Week 4 - 6: Problem vignettes (Poiseuille-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