PURDUE UNIVERSITY. FORT WAYNE

Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering

Course ME 48000 – Finite Element Analysis

Cross-listed Course CE 48000 – Finite Element Analysis

Type of Course Elective (Group 1) for ME program

Catalog Description Introduction to the finite-element method through applications to

problems in elasticity and heat transfer. Emphasis on one-and two-

dimensional problems. Computer implementation.

Credits 3

Contact Hours 3

Prerequisite Courses None

Corequisite Courses ME 32100 and ME 36900

Prerequisites by Topics Fundamental principles of heat transfer, application of principles of

strength of materials to the design of typical mechanical components, differential equations, matrices, linear equations, and programming

experience.

Textbook Saeed Moaveni, Finite Element Analysis: Theory and Application with

ANSYS, Prentice Hall, New Jersey, current edition.

Course Objectives To provide students with an introduction to Finite Element Analysis

and to help the students use this method and commercial software package to solve problems in heat transfer, mechanics of materials

and machine design.

Course Outcomes Students who successfully complete this course will have

demonstrated an ability to:

1. Perform finite element formulations for simple engineering

problems. **(1,2)**

2. Write simple computer code to apply finite element method.

(1,2)

3. Use commercial finite element software and understand its

structure. (1,2,6)

4. Use finite element method to design engineering components

and solve engineering problems. (2,6)

5. Write formal technical report and convey engineering message

efficiently. (4,7)

Lecture Topics

- 1. Introduction to FEA
- 2. FEA formulations and solution of linear algebraic equations
- 3. Truss, beam and frame
- 4. 1-D elements
- 5. 1-D problems in heat transfer and solid mechanics
- 6. 2-D elements
- 7. 2-D problems in heat transfer, solid mechanics and fluid mechanics
- 8. Introduction to ANSYS and Lab sessions with ANSYS

Computer Usage High

Laboratory Experience None

Design Experience Low

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