

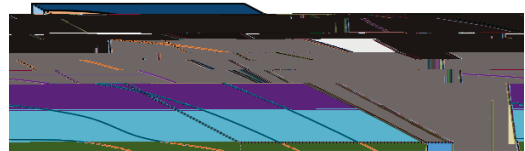


# Molecular Thermodynamics and Kinetics

## New Core Course in *Fluids*

ASEN 5519 – Molecular Thermodynamics and Kinetics – Tu,Th 4:00-5:15 pm, N250

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The objective of this course is to provide an entry point into the microscopic manifestations of chemistry and chemical change for engineering graduate students who have not done previous learning that would prepare them for research or employment in areas where an understanding of molecular-

This course will thus be an introduction to chemical theories of chemical reactions. The focus will be on gas-phase and gas-surface kinetic theory of gases will be covered at a basic level. There will be an introduction to quantum mechanics and statistical mechanics, and the course will draw on these descriptions of matter to help understand the magnitudes of chemical reaction rates

which vary with macroscopic parameters such as temperature, and molecular parameters, such as molecular structure, and energy quantum states. The course will show how elementary reaction rates are broken down into state-to-state rates, where potential energy surfaces control the outcome of reactions. By considering these reactions at the molecular level, students will gain an appreciation for the differences between chemical reactions under non-equilibrium vs. equilibrium conditions.

