IME 404: PLANT LAYOUT AND
MATERIAL HANDLING

Winter 2001

Catalog Description: This course is designed to give the students a comprehensive understanding of the issues involved in the design of an industrial production system. It will cover the problems in plant location, product analysis, process design, equipment selection, materials handling, and plant layout. NOT FOR ENGINEERING CREDIT. Prerequisites: IME 305, IME 326, and senior standing.

Textbook:

References: A list of references and periodicals is attached.

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Long Term Behaviors:
In the future, students completing this course can:
1. Be used to coordinate the location and design of a complex new facility of any kind.
2. Be used to find solutions to any problems resulting from the movement of materials, people, and information in manufacturing and service-related facilities.
3. Be used to improve the efficiency of any manufacturing or service system.

Prerequisites by Topics:
1. Work methods design and flow charts (IME 305).
2. Forecasting and scheduling procedures (IME 326).
3. A working knowledge of WORD, EXCEL, and AUTOCAD software.

Course Objectives:
At the end of the semester, the student should:
1. Become very familiar in the use of all the tools and techniques needed to plan, analyze, and design new or modify existing manufacturing and service facilities (a, c, d, e, f, k).
2. Be able to use current methodology to evaluate and design material handling and storage systems (a, c, e, f, k).
3. Become familiar with the procedures to plan and conduct a market analysis (b, i, j).
4. Be able to conduct a financial analysis for a newly designed/modified facility for economic justification (b).
5. Be able to prepare a written project report for a newly designed/modified facility (e, f, g).

Letters in parentheses at the end of each objective refer to the TAC of ABET 2001 criteria.
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Laboratory Schedule:

Report 1: Product, Manufacturing, and Flow Analysis (due Monday, 1-29)
1. Parts list
2. Production routing sheets for each "make" part
3. Flow Process chart for each "make" part
4. Assembly chart for product
5. Operation process chart
6. Material and parts requirement list
7. Package design
8. Unit load design

Report 2: Machine & Space Requirements (due Monday, 2-12)
1. Machine requirements:
   a) Computations of machine requirements
   b) Area and cost of production equipment
2. Receiving and shipping areas
3. Storage analysis
4. Plant services space requirements
5. Total space requirements
6. Organization chart

Report 3: Preliminary Layout (due Monday, 3-5)
1. From-To chart
2. Activity Relationship chart
3. Worksheet for activity relationship chart
4. Nodal Diagram
5. Initial departmental layout
6. Final departmental layout
7. Plot plan
8. Material handling system design
9. Material handling equipment list

Report 4: Financial Analysis (due Monday, 3-12)
1. Plant cost: land, building, and production equipment
2. Material cost
3. Personnel cost
4. Office equipment cost
5. Material handling equipment cost
6. Profit and loss statement

Report 5: Final Project Report (due Monday, 4-2)
The final report will contain all the material from the earlier reports. It will also contain a write up on the entire project and the detailed layouts drawn to scale for:
1. Production departments showing all equipment
2. Storage design: receiving, shipping, storage, and warehouse
3. Office areas showing all work stations
4. Service areas
5. Final plant layout.

**Laboratory Project Procedure:**

The instructor will divide the class into several groups. Each group will be given detailed information on a product, and they are to plan, design, and layout the manufacturing facilities to produce this product. The final report will include layouts of the manufacturing areas, service areas, and office areas, and a financial analysis for the company. Each group will submit a total of five reports (the contents of each report are shown above) on the due dates indicated.

**Evaluation Distribution:**

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**Grading Scale:**

The following grading scale will be used in my class:

- **A** (91 – 100)  
- **BA** (88 – 90), **B** (81 – 87), **CB** (78 – 80), **C** (71 – 77), **DC** (68 – 70), **D** (60 – 67), **E** (below 60).

Attendance at all examinations is mandatory and no make-up exams will be given. All examinations will be graded on a numerical scale. At the end of the semester, the grades will be added up for all the examinations and the lab (with the appropriate weights) and then converted to a letter scale to determine the final course grade.

**Performance Criteria:**

Objective 1. Know how to correctly use the various tools and techniques used in the designing of manufacturing and service facilities [I, II, III, 1, 2, 3, 5]

Objective 2. Become familiar with the various types of material handling and storage equipment and be able to evaluate and design material handling systems [II, III, 3]

Objective 3. Know the basic procedures for conducting a market analysis [I].

Objective 4. Conduct a detailed financial justification for newly designed/modified facilities [II, 4].

Objective 5. Be able to prepare a detailed project report [1, 2, 3, 4, 5].

2Numbers in brackets refer to the method of evaluation as listed in the previous section (Roman numerals refer to examination numbers and Arabic numerals refer to laboratory report numbers).
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List of References and Periodicals

REFERENCES


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1. Modern Materials Handling
2. Material Handling Engineering