

# ENVE 121 Biological Unit Processes

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Time and Place: Lectures, MWF: 3:10 pm – 4 pm, MSE Hall 003  
Discussion, F: 8:10 am – 9 am, Watkins Hall 1111

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Office Hour: Thursday 2 pm – 4 pm  
Other times by appointment

Textbook: Wastewater Engineering: Treatment and Reuse, Metcalf & Eddy (McGraw-Hill, 2003)

Reference: Environmental Biotechnology: Principles and Applications, Rittmann and McCarty (McGraw-Hill, 2001)  
Water Reuse, Metcalf & Eddy and AECOM (McGraw-Hill, 2007)  
Biological Wastewater Treatment, Grady, Daigger and Lim (Marcel Dekker, 1999)

## Course Objectives:

- (1) To become familiar with important biological treatment processes used in environmental engineering;
- (2) To understand the fundamental principles and approaches used to develop their design and predict their performances;
- (3) To understand aerobic and anaerobic degradation of organic compounds in liquid streams and destruction of solids, nitrogen removal, phosphorus removal and toxic organic degradation;
- (4) To examine and design suspended growth and attached growth processes;
- (5) To address residuals handling by anaerobic digestion;
- (6) To apply the principles developed and demonstrated in the course to municipal, industrial and hazardous waste problems.

Grading: Weekly homework assignments (25%)  
Quizzes (15%)  
Midterm exams (20%)  
Final exam (35%)  
Attendance (5%)

| <b>Session</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Topics</b>   | <b>Reading</b>       |
|----------------|-------------|---|----------------------|
| 1              | 3/31        | Introduction; wastewater engineering, treatment history | chapt 1              |
| 2              | 4/2         | Wastewater constituents                                 | chapt 1, 2           |
| 3              | 4/4         | Calculations on wastewater parameters                   | chapt 2              |
| 4              | 4/4         | Wastewater biological treatment, process analysis       | chapt 2-8, 7-1       |
| 5              | 4/7         | Microbial metabolism                                    | chapt 7-3, 7-4       |
| 6              | 4/9         | Microbial metabolism                                    | chapt 7-3, 7-4       |
| 7              | 4/11        | Discussion; introduction to process analysis            | chapt 4              |
| 8              | 4/11        | Microbial metabolism                                    | chapt 7-3, 7-4       |
| 9              | 4/14        | Microbial growth kinetics                               | chapt 7-5            |
| 10             | 4/16        | Suspended growth processes                              | chapt 7-6            |
| 11             | 4/18        | Discussion  | chapt 7-6            |
| 12             | 4/18        | Activated sludge processes                              | chapt 8-1,7-8        |
| 13             | 4/21        | Activated sludge processes                              | chapt 7-9,7-10       |
| 14             | 4/23        | Activated sludge processes                              |                      |
| 15             | 4/25        | Discussion  | chapt 7              |
| 16             | 4/25        | Wastewater characterization                             | chapt 8-2            |
| 17             | 4/28        | Fundamentals of BOD removal                             | chapt 8-3            |
| 18             | 4/30        | Fundamentals of nitrification                           | chapt 8-3,8-4        |
| 19             | 5/2         | Discussion  | chapt 8-5            |
| 20             | 5/2         | Midterm exam #1   | chapt 8-5            |
| 21             | 5/5         | Nitrogen removal  | chapt 8-5            |
| 22             | 5/7         | Biological phosphorous removal                          | chapt 8-6            |
| 23             | 5/9         | Discussion  | chapt 8              |
| 24             | 5/9         | Biological phosphorous removal                          | chapt 8-6            |
| 25             | 5/12        | Biological selectors                                    | chapt 8-7            |
| 26             | 5/14        | Secondary clarification design                          | chapt 8-7            |
| 27             | 5/16        | Discussion  | chapt 8              |
| 28             | 5/16        | Membrane biological reactors                            | chapt 8-8            |
| 29             | 5/19        | Summary and practice: tertiary treatment                | chapt 8              |
| 30             | 5/21        | Attached growth processes                               | chapt 7-7,9-1,9-2    |
| 31             | 5/23        | Discussion  | chapt 9-2,9-3,9-4    |
| 32             | 5/23        | Attached growth processes                               | chapt 9-2,9-3,9-4    |
| 33             | 5/26        | No class, Memorial Day                                  |                      |
| 34             | 5/28        | Anaerobic processes                                     | chapt 10-1,10-2      |
| 35             | 5/30        | Anaerobic processes                                     | chapt 7-12,10-1,10-2 |
| 36             | 5/30        | Anaerobic suspended growth processes                    | chapt 10-3           |
| 37             | 6/2         | Anaerobic attached growth processes                     | chapt 10-5           |
| 38             | 6/4         | Anaerobic digestion                                     | chapt 14-9           |
| 39             | 6/6         | Discussion, final review                                | chapt 1,2,4,7,8,9,10 |
| 40             | 6/6         | Final review  | chapt 1,2,4,7,8,9,10 |
|                | 6/9         | Final Exam, 3 pm – 6 pm                                 |                      |