



Module Specification

Mechanisms and Structures

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Mechanisms and Structures

Module code: UBLFQ9-30-1

Level: Level 4

For implementation from: 2020-21

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Environment & Technology

Department: FET Dept of Architecture & Built Environ

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Frenchay Campus

Field: Architecture and the Built Environment

Module type: Standard

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See learning objectives.

Outline syllabus: This module is an introduction to mechanical engineering principles through applied mathematics, analytical reasoning, observation & physical

prototyping.

Introduction to Engineering.

Design Engineering product case studies.

Core Maths Skills.

Force, Moment and Equilibrium.

Mechanisms, Machines, work, energy and power, Springs and Pressure.

Direct Stress & Strain, Shear Stress and Torsion, Cantilevers & Beams, Truss frames.

The syllabus may also include some of the following topics:

Friction, Electricity, Ergonomics, Graphical methods, Centre of gravity and balance, Buckling.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: Teaching and Learning Strategy for this module is 'lectorial' based learning in which a topic lecture will introduce the students to the assigned or coming up exercises and/or project which supports and frames their acquisition of topic specific knowledge and skills.

The exercises and projects are designed to facilitate competency acquisition through the didactic and applied learning, building knowledge through the introduction of new subject matter and reinvestment of gained knowledge and skills. The tutorial portion (3 hours) of the studio is designed for the learner to have access to tutorial support, work in the close proximity of classmates and to self-assess his/her progress through the exercises and/or projects.

Exercise and Project work outside of scheduled hours is an essential component to the successful completion of the assigned work with an average time investment of 6+ hours per week. Students will be expected to come prepared for the module sessions with in-process or completed work and supplies.

At times though the run students will be required to pre-read on topics and selected materials, research and orally present on the topic.

Projects and course work is assessed through viva (oral presentations) “pinup” and project demonstrations in front of the students peers and tutors.

Feedback will be in the form of direct verbal and/or written. Marking criteria and assessment format will be clearly indicated on the Project Brief made accessible to the students at the beginning of each project.

Knowledge and Skills reinvestment from parallel running modules are assessable criteria and essential for progression through the curriculum.

Additional tutorial support is offered through individual appointments with the module tutors and through PAL.

Module Learning outcomes:

MO1 Consideration and apply the appropriate mathematical and engineering principles to a particular design problem

MO2 Apply a systematic approach to problem solving using appropriate design tools and techniques

MO3 Evaluate technical risks and address risk in design methodology

MO4 Apply analytical skills in relation to designed objects including the ability to undertake visual analysis and to analyse designed objects in relation to their context

MO5 Apply creative and logical thinking processes as well as design methodologies to the creation of design solutions

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 132 hours

Face-to-face learning = 96 hours

Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ublfq9-30-1.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ublfq9-30-1.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessment strategy in this standard module is based upon evaluations of the process and the outcomes of the completed projects and a written exam.

Summative Assessment: Projects are evaluated on subject specific criteria clearly stated on each project brief at the outset of each project:

Projects are evaluated in both peer critiques (controlled condition evaluations) and direct submissions. These presentation critiques are held during term time and during the examination period. Typical presentations are 5 to 15 minutes in duration including the formal presentation and feedback from peers and tutors. (B)

Examination on design and analysis of mechanical structures (2 hours) (A)

An overall mark percentage of professionalism is allotted to assess aspects of participation and engagement (B)

Formative Assessment: Regular “in-process” critiques and one-to-one tutoring is given throughout the development process of the projects.

Feedback: Peer and tutor feedback is provided during the development process of the projects, during the project critiques.

Assessment components:

Project - Component B (First Sit)

Description: Project 2: Structural Design and Analysis (42 Hours)

Weighting: 38 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Project - Component B (First Sit)

Description: Project 1: Kinetic Design and Analysis (42 Hours)

Weighting: 37 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Examination (Online) - Component A (First Sit)

Description: Online Examination (2 hours)

Weighting: 25 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO4, MO5

Project - Component B (Resit)

Description: Comprehensive project

Weighting: 75 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Examination (Online) - Component A (Resit)

Description: Online Examination (2 hours)

Weighting: 25 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study: