



MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Soil Mechanics		
Module Code	UBGMUQ-15-2	Level	Level 5
For implementation from	2018-19		
UWE Credit Rating	15	ECTS Credit Rating	7.5
Faculty	Faculty of Environment & Technology	Field	Geography and Environmental Management
Department	FET Dept of Geography & Environmental Mgmt		
Contributes towards			
Module type:	Standard		
Pre-requisites	Engineering Principles for Civil Engineering 2018-19, Mathematics for Civil and Environmental Engineering 2018-19		
Excluded Combinations	None		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Description
<p>Overview: In this module you will be introduced to the fundamentals of soil mechanics including the properties and behaviour of soils.</p> <p>Educational Aims: See Learning Outcomes.</p> <p>Outline Syllabus: You will cover: Soil as a three-phase material. Soil description, classification and properties. Laboratory and in situ tests to determine the properties of soils. The principle of horizontal and vertical effective stress. Strength of soils (Tresca and Mohr-Coulomb failure criteria). Compaction, compression and consolidation. Permeability of soils. Seepage and flow nets</p>

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Teaching and Learning Methods: This module is taught through a combination of lectures, laboratory practicals and tutorials. The tutorial will involve the discussion of solutions to problems set as part of directed independent learning.

Part 3: Assessment

The learning outcomes require application of theory in the analysis of soil mechanics problems, this is assessed through an unseen written examination. More involved work of interpretation and analysis of test data will be assessed through a report based on practical work.

Component A – Examination (2 hours). Learning outcomes 2 - 6.
A written examination.

Component B – Report (1000 words). Learning outcomes 1.
A laboratory report documenting and interpreting individual laboratory practical work completed during term time; and analysing and interpreting data provided from other tests. The provided data can be generated uniquely for each student.

Formative feedback will be provided in the laboratory sessions and through discussion of solutions to problems in the tutorial sessions.

First Sit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Report - Component B		25 %	Report (1000 words)
Examination - Component A	✓	75 %	Examination (2 hours)
Resit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Report - Component B		25 %	Report (1000 words)
Examination - Component A	✓	75 %	Examination (2 hours)

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Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods		
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module students will be able to:	
	Module Learning Outcomes	
	MO1	Interpret and analyse data from laboratory and in-situ soil tests to derive appropriate parameters for geotechnical design
	MO2	Calculate vertical, horizontal and principal, total and effective stresses in soils
	MO3	Calculate the drained and undrained strength of cohesive and cohesionless soils
	MO4	Describe the mechanisms of compression, consolidation and compaction in soils
	MO5	Calculate the compaction and consolidation of soils
	MO6	Calculate seepage using flow nets
Contact Hours	Contact Hours	
	Independent Study Hours:	
	Independent study/self-guided study	114
	Total Independent Study Hours:	114
	Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:	
	Face-to-face learning	36
	Total Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:	36
	Hours to be allocated	150
	Allocated Hours	150
	Reading List	<p>The reading list for this module can be accessed via the following link:</p> <p>https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ubgmuq-15-2.html</p>