

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information							
Module Title	Vehicle Design Fundamentals						
Module Code	UFMFXS-15-3		Level	Level 6			
For implementation from	2022-	23					
UWE Credit Rating	15		ECTS Credit Rating	7.5			
Faculty	Faculty of Environment & Technology		Field	Engineering, Design and Mathematics			
Department	FET [FET Dept of Engineering Design & Mathematics					
Module Type:	Stand	Standard					
Pre-requisites		None					
Excluded Combinations		None					
Co-requisites		None					
Module Entry Requirements		None					
PSRB Requirements		None					

Part 2: Description

Overview: The premise of the module is that students will work in groups on a project commissioned by a fictional manufacturing company to design and "theoretically" develop a small Formula-style car. The prototype race car is to be evaluated for its potential as a production item as well as a drivable solution and the adoption of clever problem solving to meet the complex design requirements.

Educational Aims: The module provides a system-based approach to the design of an automotive vehicle against a complex regulations and rules.

For this purpose the module will adopt, FSAE, FSUK and FSG rules and regulation for the student formal car design

Outline Syllabus: The module will cover:

Automotive design requirements abstraction and embodiment

Powertrain selection; IC, hybrid, electric. Chassis and suspension embodiment

Control and low voltage systems (ECU; autonomous systems; LV circuits)

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Impact attenuation, body work and aerodynamic assistance. Design set-up and testing.

Teaching and Learning Methods: Scheduled learning includes lectures, Computer practicals, laboratory experiments, design lectorials and demonstrations.

Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, assignment preparation and completion etc.

Part 3: Assessment

Component A

Group Executive Design Briefing, for a GROUP mark, to discuss how the automotive design solution was planned, conducted, reflecting how the engineers have connected with the groups involved in reaching the client's needs. This will be a briefing with a Question and Answer session taking around 20 minutes.

The group work mark will be moderated using the EDM Group Working Policy.

Component B

The students are required to produce an INDIVIDUAL written assignment submitted at the end of the module. The assignment is designed to assess the students' design theory, regulation/ standards and technical understanding and application of the various automotive technologies for a given component/system on the vehicle, integrations and the selection criteria and process in manifesting a solution for a given customer. (Maximum 2000 words + computer-aided design and analysis documents.

Resit Strategy

Component A: Requires the student to give an individual briefing based on a tutor-specified scenario.

Component B: Provides the student with the opportunity to rework the final report (2000 words)

Risk of plagiarism will be mitigated by the individualised variables and data being issued to student groups with the assignment brief.

First Sit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Presentation - Component A	✓	40 %	12 minute GROUP design Briefing.
Report - Component B		60 %	2000 design report + CAE and CAD files, design calculations in Matlab or Excel form
Resit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Presentation - Component A	✓	40 %	12 minute Individual Briefing
Report - Component B		60 %	Individual report (2000 words) + supportive documentation

	Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes:

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	Module Learning Outcomes					
	Evaluate and apply understanding of the trends, legislation and regulations governing an automotive design problem to generate user requirements[]					
	Interpret experimental and computational data to assess the validity of solutions and make clear design recommendations[]					
	Demonstrate techniques for solving and analysing problems relating to a vehicle's, chassis, suspension, powertrain and transmissions against design requirements[] Evaluation and select automotive components (mechanical, electrical and control) based on an understanding of their performance characteristics and regulatory requirements []					
Contact Hours	Independent Study Hours:					
	Independent study/self-guided study	11	4			
	Total Independent Study Hours:	11	4			
	Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:					
	Lectorials	36				
	Total Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:		36			
	Hours to be allocated 1		0			
	Allocated Hours	150				
	The reading list for this module can be accessed via the following link:					

Part 5: Contributes Towards			
This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:			