



Module Specification

Dynamics Modelling and Simulation

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Dynamics Modelling and Simulation

Module code: UFMFMS-30-1

Level: Level 4

For implementation from: 2025-26

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

College: College of Arts, Technology and Environment

School: CATE School of Engineering

Partner institutions: None

Field: Engineering, Design and Mathematics

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: This module will cover fundamentals of dynamics and modelling, with the underpinning mathematical methods and software tools supporting the content being taught concurrently. The philosophy is to teach the mathematical methods in an engineering context to increase motivation and confidence in application. A variety of applications will be used to provide engineering context.

Reflective practice is encouraged throughout the module where students are working

in groups to allow them to share and discuss any aspects or challenges that the module may bring to light. The module takes the students through a journey of examples and applications based around a single platform example, where learning is reinforced with numerical modelling, laboratory based activities and interactive quizzes, allowing the students to practise their mathematics and challenge their understanding.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: Successful completion of this module will establish a solid technical foundation for engineering analysis, modelling and programming met at higher levels in the degree.

Outline syllabus: Uniform acceleration equations (SUVAT) incorporating the mathematical topics of linear, quadratic, exponential and trigonometric functions and using software tools to visualise data, applying conditional statements and piecewise functions. Applications may include projectile motion, tanks, missiles, sports balls, parachute jumps.

Displacement, velocity and acceleration – rate of change incorporating the mathematical topics of basic calculus: differentiation and integration, notation. This will extend to non-uniform acceleration incorporating the mathematical topics of numerical methods (including numerical integration), series and functions of several variables. Programming procedures (for, while).

Vectors and coordinate systems – incorporating the mathematical topics of trigonometry, vectors, matrices. Programming basics (numbers, arithmetic, variables, vectors, matrices). The applications include mechanisms (four bar linkages, crank slider).

Newton's Laws (particles and rigid body). Incorporating the mathematical topics of summation, vectors, application of integration (centre of mass).

Work and energy (linear and rotational), incorporating the mathematical topics of application of integration (moment of inertia).

Momentum and force impulse, Torque and centrifugal force – incorporating the mathematical topics of applications of differentiation and integration (moment of inertia)

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: This module will combine lectures, lectorials, class-based interactive workshops, technical workshops to allow the students to experience working on real engineering challenges. The module prioritises time spent using numerical modelling tools as well as laboratories in order to demonstrate the importance of both approaches to solving problems and allowing the students to develop skills to work in a safe and professional manner with their peers.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Describe and explain key scientific principles, mathematical models and methodology through the proficient use of relevant methods tools and notations.

MO2 Demonstrate understanding of the applications and technologies of dynamics modelling and simulation.

MO3 Apply engineering principles and mathematical methods, utilising appropriate qualitative and computational methods, to analyse and solve key dynamics, modelling and engineering simulation problems and processes and implement appropriate action.

MO4 Accurately identify, classify and describe the performance of dynamics systems through the use of both analytical methods and simulation techniques.

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 228 hours

Face-to-face learning = 72 hours

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

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessment strategy is designed to support the development of students who will typically enter the course with experience of solving mathematical problems without context using pen and paper methods to a position where they will be able to solve engineering problems using mathematical methods implemented through computer based technology.

Throughout the year formative and summative e-assessments will be used to provide regular feedback to students. The timing of these assessments will allow students to work on any areas that need to be strengthened.

The integration of mathematical and computing knowledge to solve engineering problems continues as the module progresses. The final assessment will be a computer based timed written assignment where students demonstrate their ability to create computer based solutions to engineering problems that require a mathematical approach. Students will be provided with a number of outline scenarios prior to the assessment although the exact detail of the questions will be unseen.

Resit:

Resit assessment will be the same as the first sit.

Assessment tasks:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Scenario-based involving use of modelling software (24 hour coursework) Time constrained task.

Weighting: 75 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Portfolio (First Sit)

Description: Sequence of tests throughout academic year for formative as well as summative assessment "assessment for learning".

Weighting: 25 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO3

Portfolio (Resit)

Description: Referral similar to first sit, except series of tests will be combined into one test with questions taken from previous tests.

Weighting: 25 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO3

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Written assignment-24 hours Time constrained task

Weighting: 75 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Aerospace Engineering {Foundation} [Frenchay] BEng (Hons) 2024-25

Aerospace Engineering with Pilot Studies {Foundation} [Frenchay] BEng (Hons)
2024-25

Mechanical Engineering {Foundation} [Frenchay] BEng (Hons) 2024-25

Mechanical Engineering [Frenchay] BEng (Hons) 2024-25

Mechanical Engineering [Frenchay] MEng 2024-25

Automotive Engineering {Foundation} [Frenchay] BEng (Hons) 2024-25

Automotive Engineering {Foundation} [Frenchay] BEng (Hons) 2024-25

Aerospace Engineering {Foundation} [Frenchay] BEng (Hons) 2024-25

Aerospace Engineering with Pilot Studies {Foundation} [Frenchay] BEng (Hons)
2024-25

Aerospace Engineering {Apprenticeship-UCW} [UCW] BEng (Hons) 2025-26

Aerospace Engineering {Apprenticeship-UCW} [UCW] BEng (Hons) 2025-26

Aerospace Engineering [Frenchay] BEng (Hons) 2025-26

Automotive Engineering [Frenchay] BEng (Hons) 2025-26

Aerospace Engineering [Frenchay] MEng 2025-26

Aerospace Engineering with Pilot Studies [Frenchay] MEng 2025-26

Mechanical Engineering with Manufacturing {Apprenticeship-UWE} [UCW] BEng
(Hons) 2025-26

Mechanical Engineering [Frenchay] BEng (Hons) 2025-26

Mechanical Engineering [Frenchay] MEng 2025-26

Mechanical Engineering {Apprenticeship-UCW} [UCW] FdSc 2025-26

Mechanical Engineering {Apprenticeship-GlosColl} [GlosColl] FdSc 2025-26

Aerospace Engineering with Pilot Studies [Frenchay] BEng (Hons) 2025-26

Aerospace Engineering {Apprenticeship-UWE} [UCW] BEng (Hons) 2025-26

Building Services Engineering [Frenchay] BEng (Hons) 2025-26

Building Services Engineering {Apprenticeship-UWE} [Frenchay] BEng (Hons) 2024-
25

Aerospace Engineering [Frenchay] MEng 2025-26

Aerospace Engineering with Pilot Studies [Frenchay] MEng 2025-26

Aerospace Engineering with Pilot Studies [Frenchay] MEng 2025-26

Aerospace Engineering [Frenchay] MEng 2025-26

Mechanical Engineering with Manufacturing {Apprenticeship-UCW} [UCW] BEng
(Hons) 2025-26