Module Specification

Aerospace Thermofluids

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Aerospace Thermofluids

Module code: UFMFQU-15-1

Level: Level 4

For implementation from: 2026-27

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

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: Fluid dynamics and thermodynamics are fundamental to the understanding of aerospace vehicle design, structure and performance. Understanding aerodynamics, propulsion, structural integrity, hydraulics all require a sound understanding of the principles of thermofluids.

The module is designed to provide a solid foundation of knowledge, with practical exercises that reinforce theory and will enable the extension to specialist knowledge

in future years. Theory is underpinned by experiment and observation so that students can properly understand the mechanisms at work.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: The aim of this module is to introduce the fundamental concepts in fluid dynamics, thermodynamics and heat transfer for aerospace scientific methods and applications.

Outline syllabus: Topics covered are likely to include, but not limited to:

Conservation principles of mass, momentum and energy including continuity, fluid momentum, Bernoulli's principle, work, heat and energy
Key Concepts and laws of thermodynamics
Non-Flow Energy Equation (NFEE) and Steady Flow Energy Equation (SFEE)
Gas Processes and Gas Laws
Hydrostatics
Dimensional Analysis
Incompressible and viscous flow including laminar and turbulent flow
Flow measurements including measurement systems and uncertainty analysis
Heat Engines and Thermodynamic Cycles
Introduction to heat transfer including conduction, convection, radiation

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The method of teaching and learning is designed so that students can quickly consolidate theoretical principles through exercises and laboratory experiments.

Lectures and lectorial sessions are used to convey concepts and principles which are then backed up by tutorials, self-paced sessions and hands-on laboratory experiments.

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

MO1 Explain fluid mechanics and thermodynamics principles in introductory aerospace design scenarios.

MO2 Demonstrate fundamental knowledge on analysis of fluid mechanics and thermodynamics to assess simple flows.

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 110 hours

Staff-guided learning = 40 hours

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at readinglists.uwe.ac.uk via the following link https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html?lang=en-GB

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessment strategy is designed to encourage regular engagement with the acquisition of skills and knowledge which is motivated through in class learning, tutorial session and observation of experiment and assessed through invigilated exam.

The end of module examination assesses that students have a sound understanding of concepts and principles that are required for studies in aerodynamics, aerospace structures and propulsion systems encountered later in the programme. The examination will include analysis and reflection of experimental data from laboratory sessions.

The resit assessment will have the same format as the first sit assessment.

Assessment tasks:

Examination (First Sit)
Description: On-campus exam, invigilated
Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes
Group work: No
Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Examination (Resit)
Description: On-campus exam, invigilated
Weighting: 100 %
Final assessment: Yes
Group work: No
Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

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

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

Aerospace Engineering [Frenchay] BEng (Hons) 2026-27

Aerospace Engineering with Pilot Studies [Frenchay] BEng (Hons) 2026-27

Aerospace Engineering {Apprenticeship-UWE} [UCW] BEng (Hons) 2026-27

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