

Module Title:	Mechanics of Materials
Language of Instruction:	English
Credits:	5
NFQ Level:	7
Module Delivered In	2 programme(s)
Module Aim:	To provide the student with an understanding of the mechanisms of failure of materials under load. To provide the student with an understanding of the displacement of structures under load.
Learning Outcomes	
<i>On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to:</i>	
LO1	Describe stress at a point within a material.
LO2	Predict the behaviour and/or failure of mechanical systems subjected to loads.
LO3	Apply models of stress and strain to representative systems in order to determine relationships between loads and the corresponding deflection.
LO4	Develop finite element models of simple structures to solve for load, deflection and stress.
LO5	Quantify, by calculation and experimental measurement, the characteristic response of mechanical systems.
Pre-requisite learning	
Module Recommendations	
<i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.</i>	
No recommendations listed	
Incompatible Modules	
<i>These are modules which have learning outcomes that are too similar to the learning outcomes of this module.</i>	
No incompatible modules listed	
Co-requisite Modules	
No Co-requisite modules listed	
Requirements	
<i>This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is mandatory before enrolment in this module is allowed.</i>	
No requirements listed	

Module Content & Assessment
Indicative Content
Stress strain relations.

Plane stress Mohr's stress circle Three dimensional stress.

Failure Criteria

Rankine, Tresca & von Mises Failure criteria. Stress concentrations.

Slope & deflection of beams

Integration method, Macaulay functions.

Finite Element Method

Introduction to stiffness matrices. Finite elements, Co-ordinates systems Types of elements. Manual analysis of simple structures.

Assessment Breakdown

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Continuous Assessment	10.00%
Practical	30.00%
End of Module Formal Examination	60.00%

Continuous Assessment

Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Examination	Class Test	1,2,3	10.00	Week 6

No Project

Practical

Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Practical/Skills Evaluation	Labs: Deflection of Beams, Statically indeterminate beams. Lab report and assessment	3,5	15.00	Week 8
Practical/Skills Evaluation	Computer Competencies Assignment	3,4	15.00	End-of-Semester

End of Module Formal Examination

Assessment Type	Assessment Description	Outcome addressed	% of total	Assessment Date
Formal Exam	Terminal Examination	1,2,3,4	60.00	End-of-Semester

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Module Workload

Workload: Full Time		
<i>Workload Type</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Average Weekly Learner Workload</i>
Lecture	12 Weeks per Stage	4.00
Laboratory	12 Weeks per Stage	1.00
Independent Learning	15 Weeks per Stage	4.33
Total Hours		125.00

Module Delivered In

Programme Code	Programme	Semester	Delivery
CW_EMMEC_B	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Mechanical Engineering	5	Mandatory
CW_EEMEC_D	Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering	5	Mandatory