

Syllabus (ME 231)

Basic information

Course title: Statics

Course code: ME 231

Lecturer: [Assist. Prof. Saeed LOTFAN](#)

ECTS credits: 5

GTU credits: 3 ()

Year, Semester: 2, Fall

Level of course: First Cycle (Undergraduate)

Type of course: Compulsory

Language of instruction: English

Mode of delivery: Face to face

Pre- and co-requisites: none

Professional practice: No

Purpose of the course: This course teaches fundamental engineering science and mathematical principles required for a proper understanding of mechanics. Students will learn to use vector methods and free body diagram development as tools to logically approach and solve engineering mechanics problems. In this course the student will develop engineering problem solving methods through fundamental introductory topics in mechanics including: particle and rigid body equilibrium in 2D and 3D force systems, appropriate support reactions, moments of forces, equivalent systems, distributed forces, center of gravity, trusses, frames, internal forces (including shear and bending moment diagrams), moment of inertia, parallel axis theorem, mass moment of inertia. Upon completion of this course students are expected to understand how to analyze practical engineering structures under force and moment systems and have a strong foundation of the engineering mechanics principles and methods needed for both use as qualified engineers and for secondary courses in mechanics.

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Be able to solve problems which require the ability to analyze systems of forces in static equilibrium.

Contribution to Program Outcomes

1. Ability to identify, formulate and solve complex engineering problems; ability to select and apply appropriate analysis and modeling methods for this purpose.
2. Ability to select and use modern techniques and tools necessary for the analysis and solution of complex problems encountered in engineering practice; ability to use information technologies effectively.
3. An ability to design and conduct experiments, collect data, analyze and interpret results for the study of complex engineering problems or discipline-specific research topics.
4. Analytical thinking ability, ability to transform ideas into practice, ability to design, ability to think in three dimensions.

Method of assessment

1. Written exam
 2. Homework assignment
2. Posses ability to work professionally in both thermal and mechanical systems areas including the design and realization of such systems.

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4. Information about the effects of engineering practices on health, environment and safety in universal and social dimensions and the problems of the age reflected in the field of engineering; awareness of the legal consequences of engineering solutions.
5. Analytical thinking ability, ability to transform ideas into practice, ability to design, ability to think in three dimensions.
6. The ability to work professionally by preparing and managing projects in the fields of mechanical, thermal systems or automatic control.

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3. To become skillful with the mathematical and graphical techniques of vector analysis in mechanical engineering.

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Contents

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Week 2: Cartesian Vectors and their addition and subtraction, Position Vectors / Force Vectors

Week 3: Equilibrium of a Particle / Force System Resultants 1

Week 4: Force System Resultants 2 / Equilibrium of Rigid Body in 2D

Week 5: Equilibrium of Rigid Body in 3D / Structural Analysis

Week 6: Frames and Machines / Internal Forces

Week 7: Midterm-1,
Internal Forces, Shear and Moment Equations and Diagrams

Week 8: Cables / Friction

Week 9: Applications of Friction / Center of Gravity and Centroids

Week 10: Fluid Statics / Moments of Inertia

Week 11: Max and Min moments / Mass moments of Inertia

Week 12: Midterm-2,
Mass moments of Inertia

Week 13: Virtual Work

Week 14: Solving Review Problems

Week 15*: Review

Week 16*: Final Exam

Textbooks and materials: R. C. Hibbeler, Engineering Mechanics Statics, Thirteenth Edition, Pearson Prentice Hall. [ISBN-10: 0132915545]

- Recommended readings:**
1. Beer, Johnston, Cornwell, Sanghi; Vector Mechanics for Engineers: Statics and Dynamics, 10th Edition, McGraw Hill.
 2. Anthony Bedford and Wallace Fowler, Engineering Mechanics, Statics and Dynamics, 3rd Edition, Prentice Hall, 2002 (or later editions)
 3. Boresi, A.P., and Schmidt, R.J., Engineering Mechanics: Statics and Dynamics, Brooks/Cole Publishing Company, Boston, 2001.
 4. Hibbeler, R.C., Engineering Mechanics: Statics and Dynamics, Eighth Edition, Prentice-Hall, Inc., New Jersey, 1998.
 5. McGill, D.J., and King, W.W., Engineering Mechanics: Statics and Dynamics, Third Edition, PWS Publishing Company, Boston, 1995.
 6. Merriam, J.L., and Kraige, L.G., Engineering Mechanics: Statics and Dynamics, Fourth Edition, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1997.
 7. Pytel, A., and Kiusalaas, J., Engineering Mechanics: Statics and Dynamics, Second Edition, Brooks/Cole Publishing Company, Boston, 1999.
 8. Riley, W.F., and Sturges, L.D., Engineering Mechanics: Statics and Dynamics, Second Edition, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1996.

* Between 15th and 16th weeks is there a free week for students to prepare for final exam.

Assessment

| Method of assessment | Week number | Weight (%) |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Mid-terms: | 7, 12 | 40 |
| Other in-term studies: | - | - |
| Project: | 14 | 10 |
| Homework: | 1-14 | 10 |
| Quiz: | 1-14 | 10 |
| Final exam: | 16 | 30 |
| Total weight: | | 100 (%) |

Workload

| Activity | Duration (Hours per week) | Total number of weeks | Total hours in term |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Courses (Face-to-face teaching): | 3 | 14 | 42 |
| Own studies outside class: | 4 | 14 | 56 |
| Practice, Recitation: | - | - | - |
| Homework: | - | - | - |
| Term project: | - | - | - |
| Term project presentation: | - | - | - |
| Quiz: | - | - | - |
| Own study for mid-term exam: | 8 | 2 | 16 |
| Mid-term: | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Personal studies for final exam: | 7 | 1 | 7 |
| Final exam: | - | - | - |
| Total workload: | | | 125 |
| Total ECTS credits: | | | 5* |

* ECTS credit is calculated by dividing total workload by 25.

(1 ECTS = 25 work hours)

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| General information: | 2-2-0 = 3 GTU credits, 5 ECTS credits, Th: 09:30-12:20, (Face-to-Face at Harita Amfi 1) |
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Topics covered and Schedule:

| Week | Date | Topic | |
|------|---------|--|----|
| 1 | Sep. 26 | Introduction, Syllabus, Review, Units. Fundamental Principles, Newton's Laws / Force Vectors | |
| 2 | Oct. 3 | Cartesian Vectors and their addition and subtraction, Position Vectors / Force Vectors | |
| 3 | Oct. 10 | Equilibrium of a Particle / Force System Resultants 1 | |
| 4 | Oct. 17 | Force System Resultants 1 / Equilibrium of Rigid Body in 2D | |
| 5 | Oct. 24 | Equilibrium of Rigid Body in 3D / Structural Analysis | |
| 6 | Oct. 31 | Frames and Machines / Internal Forces | |
| 7 | Nov. 7 | Internal Forces, Shear and Moment Equations and Diagrams | M1 |
| 8 | Nov. 14 | Cables / Friction | |
| 9 | Nov. 21 | Applications of Friction / Center of Gravity and Centroids | |
| 10 | Nov. 28 | Build Statics / Moments of Inertia | |
| 11 | Dec. 5 | Max and Min moments / Mass moments of Inertia | |
| 12 | Dec. 12 | Mass moments of Inertia | M2 |
| 13 | Dec. 19 | Virtual Work | |
| 14 | Dec. 26 | Solving Review Problems | |
| 15 | Jan. 2 | Review | |
| 16 | Jan. 9 | Final Exam | F |

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| 3 | Oct. 19 | Equilibrium of a Particle, Free body diagrams, Coplanar force systems | |
| 4 | Oct. 26 | Three-Dimensional Force Systems | |
| 5 | Nov. 2 | Three-Dimensional Force Systems -Continue Moment of a Force (Vector) | |
| 6 | Nov. 9 | Moment of a Force (Scalar), Cross Product | |
| 7 | Nov. 16 | Internal Forces, Shear and Moment Equations and Diagrams | M1 |
| 8 | Nov. 23 | Relations Between Shear and Moment | |
| 9 | Nov. 30 | Center of Gravity, Center of Mass and the Centroid of a Body | |
| 10 | Dec. 7 | Equilibrium of a Rigid Body FBD's, Equations of Equilibrium Two- and Three-Force Members | |
| 11 | Dec. 14 | 3-D FBD's, Equilibrium Equations, Constrains and Statical Determinacy | |
| 12 | Dec. 21 | Simple Trusses, The Method of Joints Sections | M2 |
| 13 | Dec. 28 | Zero-Force Members | |
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