

<b>Module Code</b>	CEU44A15
<b>Module Name</b>	4A15 Hydraulics & Hydrology
<b>ECTS Weighting<sup>1</sup></b>	5 ECTS
<b>Semester taught</b>	Semester 1
<b>Module Coordinator/s</b>	Aonghus McNabola

**Module Learning Outcomes with reference to the Graduate Attributes and how they are developed in discipline**

On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

1. Predict the performance of hydraulic prototypes from hydraulic models.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of open channel flow in relation to natural channels.
3. Categorise turbines and design the hydraulic aspects of a small-scale hydro-electric scheme.
4. Calculate the forces on sediment on the bed of a river and to design river bank slope protection measures.
5. Analyse river hydrographs and relate the river response to rainfall data.
6. Interpret the results from a network of rain gauges and synthesise the data for use in a hydrological study of a river catchment.
7. Evaluate the translation and attenuation of a flood hydrograph down a river channel using hydrologic flood routing techniques.
8. Demonstrate an understanding of and formulate design solutions for problems involving unsteady flows.
9. Predict the transformation of waves using linear wave theory

**Graduate Attributes: levels of attainment**

To act responsibly - Enhanced

To think independently - Enhanced

To develop continuously - Enhanced

To communicate effectively - Enhanced

## Module Content

This is a one semester module. It explains the use of dimensional analysis in predicting the performance of prototypes from model studies and in the analysis of significant variables in hydraulic experiments. The module reviews the important relationship of open channel flow in natural channels and uses these relationships to study the water profiles to be expected in various design situations. The module explains the concepts behind hydraulic turbines and categorises turbines in relation to the specific head and usage. The design of small-scale hydro schemes is also formulated. The module develops design methods for river protection measures by analysing the stability of sediment on the river-bed. The hydrology section of the course begins by describing how to quantify the water mass balance on a catchment by rainfall and evaporation measurement and analysis. The measurement of flow in rivers is then explained by various gauging methods before the concept of a hydrograph is detailed. The design technique of the Unit Hydrograph is then developed before finally explaining different methods which can be used to route a flood down through a river channel. The module also examines the behaviour of sea-water waves using linear wave theory, predicting their speed, power and energy among other factors. Students will be able to apply this theory to the design of coastal structures or wave energy devices. Finally, the module examines analysis of engineering problems involving unsteady flow, such as pressure transient in pipelines and quasi-steady flow problems.

### Module content

- **Dimensional analysis and similarity**  
Indicial method and Buckingham's theory  
Prediction of the performance of prototypes from models  
Simplification of experimental studies.
- **Open channel flow in Natural Channels**  
Velocity Distributions in Natural Channels  
Flow in Compound Channels  
Conveyance
- **Turbines and hydro schemes**  
Engineering characteristics of turbines  
Analytical methods of predicting the performance of turbines
- **River protection**  
Analysis of forces on sediment in rivers  
Analytical methods of designing river protection systems
- **Hydrology**  
Precipitation measurement and analysis  
Evaporation measurement and calculation

River gauging and flow measurement  
Hydrograph analysis  
Unit Hydrograph  
Flood routing.

- **Unsteady Flow**  
Types of unsteady flow  
Pressure Transients  
Surge Towers  
Quasi-steady flow
- **Linear Wave Theory**  
Wave transformation processes  
Wave Energy

### Teaching and Learning Methods

This module is taught by a combination of face to face lectures, laboratory classes and tutorials.

<b>Assessment Details<sup>2</sup></b> <b>Please include the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Assessment Component</b></li> <li>• <b>Assessment description</b></li> <li>• <b>Learning Outcome(s) addressed</b></li> <li>• <b>% of total</b></li> <li>• <b>Assessment due date</b></li> </ul>	Assessment Component	Assessment Description	LO Addressed	% of total	
		Examination	2 hour written examination	LO1-9	75%
		Coursework	4 laboratories	LO1-9	25%

#### Reassessment Requirements

100% written examination

#### Contact Hours and Indicative Student Workload<sup>2</sup>

**Contact hours:** 27 lectures, 4 lab sessions

**Independent Study (preparation for course and review of materials):** 30 hrs

**Independent Study (preparation for assessment, incl. completion of assessment):** 60 hrs

#### Recommended Reading List

*Hydraulics in civil and environmental engineering* - Chadwick & Morfett (E & FN Spon)

*Hydrology in practice* – Shaw (Chapman & Hall)

*Engineering Hydrology* – Wilson (Scholium International)

*Mechanics of Fluids* – Massey (Taylor & Francis)

#### Module Pre-requisite

#### Module Co-requisite

#### Module Website

<https://www.tcd.ie/Engineering/undergraduate/baiyear4/modules/4A4.pdf>

**Are other Schools/Departments involved in the delivery of this module? If yes, please provide details.**

#### Module Approval Date

#### Approved by

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