

Module Code	MEU33B03
Module Name	3B3 MECHANICS OF SOLIDS
ECTS Weighting	5 ECTS
Semester taught	Semester 2
Module Coordinator/s	Assistant Professor Mark Ahearne Assistant Professor Shuo Yin
Module Learning Outcomes with reference to the Graduate Attributes and how they are developed in discipline	<p>On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:</p> <p>LO1. Comprehend the fundamentals of stress/strain analysis and apply them with confidence to the calculation of loads and deformations in simple structures</p> <p>LO2. Recognise the relationships between commonly used material properties, and recall their value for typical materials used in mechanical engineering structures (e.g., steel, aluminium)</p> <p>LO3. Analyse and examine a physical problem and reformulate it in a frame (e.g., a differential equation or eigenvalue problem) for which he/she has developed the mathematical tools</p> <p>LO4. Develop free-body diagrams which form the basis of many formulations in mechanics, to separate more complex loaded structures into combinations of elemental sections</p> <p>LO5. Critically evaluate and judge the validity of a method of analysis in a solid mechanics problem in terms of its assumptions and simplifications</p> <p>Graduate Attributes: levels of attainment</p> <p>To act responsibly - Enhanced</p> <p>To think independently - Enhanced</p> <p>To develop continuously - Enhanced</p> <p>To communicate effectively - Enhanced</p>
Module Content	<p>This is a module on the fundamentals of stress analysis which is a central subject in the mechanical engineering discipline. Students learn how to determine the stresses and strains in typical mechanical components, such as beams and pressure vessels, as well as in structures under combined loads of torsion and bending. Buckling and stability of structures is also introduced. In addition to the development of modelling skills, the analysis also relies on mathematical techniques commonly used in advanced engineering such as solution of differential equations, Laplace transform and eigenvalue analysis. The subject introduces computing as a tool for the solution of more complex structural problems. However the emphasis is on acquiring theoretical and analytical skills as well as gaining physical insight in how to represent real-life complex structures and loads as a combination of simplified basic cases.</p> <p>This module completes the essential requirements of a mechanical engineer in the solids and structural mechanics area. It builds on earlier introductory (fundamental and applied) modules in mechanics, mathematics and numerical methods. Its main aim is to provide the theoretical basis for more advanced modules in solid mechanics, fluid mechanics, vibration and bioengineering. The module aims to build up the essential skills and confidence for becoming an expert user of commercial software</p>

	packages relying on finite element analysis, which will be used extensively in project work after the third year.				
Teaching and Learning Methods	<p>Lectures: The teaching strategy follows a single well established text book. This subject has been well developed for teaching at this level so student accessibility and consistency of notation is easily established.</p> <p>Tutorials: Tutorials follow a series of question sheets, with problems similar to exam questions. The solutions for these are available online and are released gradually as the module progresses. The tutorials are given to class groupings and are informal. Tutorials are attended by teaching assistants and occasionally by the lecturers, to provide formative feedback (e.g., on the micro-project work). No assessment of tutorial performance is noted.</p>				
Assessment Details Please include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment Component • Assessment description • Learning Outcome(s) addressed • % of total • Assessment due date 	Assessment Component	Assessment Description	LO Addressed	% of total	Week due
	Written exam	End of semester examination	1-5	80	Exam period
	Assignment	Micro-project poster	1-5	20	Week 31
Reassessment Requirements	Written examination				
Contact Hours and Indicative Student Workload Error! Bookmark not defined.	Contact hours: 40 (30 lectures, 10 tutorials)				
	Independent Study (preparation for course and review of materials): 30				
	Independent Study (preparation for assessment, incl. completion of assessment): 45				
Recommended Reading List	James M. Gere, Mechanics of Materials				
Module Pre-requisite	1E7 Mechanics (or equivalent) and 2E4 Solids and Structures (or equivalent)				
Module Co-requisite	Not applicable				
Module Website	https://www.tcd.ie/media/tcd/engineering/pdfs/current-students/MEU33B03.pdf				
Are other Schools/Departments involved in the delivery of this module?	No				
Module Approval Date					
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Academic Start Year					
Academic Year of Date					