Objective
The objective of the course is to cover the following advanced topics in structural dynamics:
- Virtual work principle, finite element method and Hamilton’s principle for establishing the equations of motion for multi-degree-of-freedom systems;
- Raleigh-Ritz and Stodola methods for evaluating the natural frequencies and mode shapes of MDOF systems with distributed mass and stiffness;
- Solutions of the equation of motion in the time and frequency domains;
- Forced random vibration of MDOF systems

Prerequisites
None.

Corequisites
None.

Antirequisites
None.

Contact Hours
2 lecture hours per week

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Textbook
None.

Selected References

Lecture Notes
Lecture notes prepared by Dr. Zhou will be disseminated during the lectures.
Laboratory
NA

Units
SI units will be used in lectures, assignments and examinations

Specific Learning Objectives:

1. Virtual work principle for establishing the equations of motion
   a. Single-degree-of-freedom systems
   b. Multi-degree-of-freedom systems
      i. Localized mass and localized stiffness
      ii. Localized mass and distributed stiffness
      iii. Distributed mass and localized stiffness
      iv. Distributed mass and distributed stiffness
      v. Impact of axial load and rotational mass

2. Finite element method for establish the EOM
   a. Assembly of stiffness and mass matrices and load vector
   b. Coordinate transformation

3. Hamilton’s principle for EOM
   a. Conservative and non-conservative forces and Hamilton’s principle
   b. Apply Hamilton’s principle to derive EOM for a Bernoulli beam and a Timoshenko beam

4. Solutions of EOM for SDOF systems
   a. Damped forced vibration with impulse forcing, sinusoidal forcing, periodic non-sinusoidal forcing
      i. Unit impulse response function and complex frequency transfer function
      ii. Fourier transform
   b. Time-domain and frequency-domain solutions for response due to random loading

5. Solutions of EOM for MDOF systems
   a. Standard Eigenvalue analysis
   b. Rayleigh quotient
   c. Rayleigh-Ritz method for evaluating the natural frequencies and mode shapes
   d. Stodola method for evaluating the natural frequencies and mode shapes
e. Forced random vibration of MDOF systems
   i. Earthquake loads
   ii. Wind loads

Assignments
Three assignments during the term. Students must turn in one solution to each assignment to Ms. Laurence by the specified due date. The penalty for late submission is 10% per day late.

Examinations
One 3-hour **Open Book** Final Examination.

Evaluation
The final grade is computed as follows:

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English
In accordance with Senate and Faculty Policy, students may be penalized up to 10% of the marks on all assignments, tests and examinations for the improper use of English. Additionally, poorly written work with the exception of final examinations may be returned without grading. If resubmission of the work is permitted, it may be graded with marks deducted for poor English and/or late submission.

Scholastic Offence
Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic_discipline_grad.pdf

Consultation
Students are encouraged to discuss problems with their teaching assistant and/or instructor in tutorial sessions. Other individual consultation can be arranged by appointment with the instructor.