

Western University
Department of Mechanical & Materials Engineering

MME 3360B - Finite Element Methods in Mechanical Engineering

COURSE OUTLINE – 2018-2019

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: Linear finite element analysis using the direct equilibrium method and the principle of minimum potential energy. Focus on structural mechanics using spring element, bar elements, 2D trusses elements, beam elements, two-dimensional plane stress/strain elements, axisymmetric elements, shell elements and solid element. Concepts of heat transfer and thermal stress also introduced.

COURSE INFORMATION:

Instructor: P. Kurowski; Ph.D., P.Eng.
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Lectures: Tu: 3:30-4:30PM (SEB2100), W: 2:30-3:30PM (HSB236),
F: 30-3:30PM (HSB-35)

Tutorials: F 3:30-5:30PM (HSB-35)

Labs: M 6:30-8:30PM (ACEB2415), W: 6:30-8:30PM (ACEB2415),
F: 12:30-2:30PM (ACEB2415)

PREREQUISITES: ES 1036A/B or Computer Science 1026A/B, Applied Mathematics 2270A/B, MME 2202A/B or CEE 2202A/B, MME 2204A/B, MME 2259A/B or MSE 2202A/B.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course, or have special written permission from your Dean to enroll, you will be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

ANTIREQUISITES: CEE 3384A/B.

ACCREDITATION UNITS: Engineering Science = 100%

TOPICS:

- General steps in the FEM
- Direct stiffness method to solve finite element problems
- Formulation and application of spring, bar, truss and beam elements
- Applications of solid, shell, beam, and 2D elements
- Types of analyses: static linear, static nonlinear, modal, linear buckling, thermal

LEARNING OUTCOMES: Upon successful completion of course work, students will:

- Understand the fundamentals of FEM
- Demonstrate FEM modeling techniques including the identification of common modeling errors
- Solve posed design problems using FEM implemented in a commercial program
- Implement and manage FEM as a design tool

CONTACT HOURS: 3 lecture hours, 2 tutorial hours, 2 laboratory hours, half course

TEXT: *Required:* “Engineering Analysis with SOLIDWORKS Simulation 2018”
P. Kurowski SDC Publications, ISBN: 978-1-63057-153-5
Recommended: A First Course in the Finite Element Method
D.L. Logan, Brooks/Cole Thompson Learning

REFERENCES: Assigned readings

COMPUTING: The SOLIDWORKS Simulation 2018 software will be made available to registered students for the duration of the course; it can be installed on students' computers free of charge. This software is also available on lab computers.

EVALUATION: The final grade is computed as follows:

Three assignments 7% each 21% 4th week, 6th week, 11th week

Certification test SOLIDWORKS Simulation 7% 14th week

Midterm examination 22% Mar. 6, 2019

Closed book

Calculators of any type allowed

Final examination 50%

Closed book

Calculators of any type allowed

If a student is excused from writing a midterm for legitimate reasons, and with the approval of the Department Chair, the weighting of the final examination can be adjusted accordingly.

If a minimum mark of 50% is not obtained on the final examination, the student cannot receive a final mark greater than 48%.

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.

ATTENDANCE: Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course, will be reported to the Dean (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course.

USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Turn off all sound for pagers and cell phones. Students may use laptops, tablet computers, or smart phones *only* to access the course OWL site during lectures and tutorials. Use of *nonprogrammable* calculators *only* is permitted during quizzes and examinations. No other electronic devices may be used at any time during lectures, labs, tutorials, or examinations.

CHEATING: University policy states that cheating, including plagiarism, is a scholastic offense. The commission of a scholastic offence is attended by academic penalties which might include expulsion from the program. If you are caught cheating, there will be no second warning. (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

SSD: Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if any other arrangements can make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.

NOTE: The above topics and outline are subject to adjustments and changes as needed. Students who have failed an Engineering course (ie.<50%) must repeat all components of the course. No special permissions will be granted enabling a student to retain laboratory, assignment or test marks from previous years. Previously completed assignments and laboratories cannot be resubmitted for grading by the student in subsequent years.

***INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS UNABLE TO WRITE TESTS
OR EXAMINATIONS OR SUBMIT ASSIGNMENTS AS SCHEDULED***

If, on medical or compassionate grounds, you are unable to write term tests or final examinations or complete course work by the due date, you should follow the instructions listed below. You should understand that academic accommodation will not be granted automatically on request. You must demonstrate to your department (or the Undergraduate Services office if you are in first year) that there are compelling medical or compassionate grounds that can be documented before academic accommodation will be considered. Different regulations apply to term tests, final examinations and late assignments. Read the instructions carefully. (see the 2018 Western [Academic Calendar](#)).

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS & PROCEDURES

1. All first year students will report to the Undergraduate Services Office, SEB 2097, for all instances.
2. If you are an upper year student and you are missing a test/assignment/lab or examination that is worth LESS THAN 10% of your mark, you should report to your department office to request relief. If your course work is MORE THAN 10% of your final grade, you will report to the Undergraduate Services Office, SEB 2097.
3. Check the course outline to see if the instructor has a policy for missed tests, examinations, late assignments or attendance.
4. Documentation must be provided as soon as possible. If no one is available in your department office or the Undergraduate Services Office, leave a message clearly stating your name & student number and reason for your call. The department telephone numbers are given at the end of these instructions.
5. If you decide to write a test or an examination you should be prepared to accept the mark you earn. Rewriting tests or examinations or having the value of a test or examination reweighted on a retroactive basis is not permitted.

B. TERM TESTS

1. If you are in first year and you are unable to write a term test, contact the Undergraduate Services Office, SEB 2097 PRIOR to the scheduled date of the test.
2. If you are an upper year student and you are unable to write a term test, inform your instructor PRIOR to the scheduled date of the test. If the instructor is not available, leave a message for him/her at the department office. If the test is worth LESS THAN 10% of your mark, you should report to your department office to request relief. If the test is worth MORE THAN 10% of your final grade you will report to the Undergraduate Services Office, SEB 2097 to request relief.
3. Be prepared to provide supporting documentation to the Department Chair and/or the Undergraduate Services Office (see next page for information on documentation).
4. Discuss with the instructor if and when the test can be rescheduled. **N.B.** The approval of the Chair or the Undergraduate Services Office is required when rescheduling term tests.

C. FINAL EXAMINATIONS

1. If you are unable to write a final examination, contact the Undergraduate Services Office PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED EXAMINATION TIME to request permission to write a Special Final Examination. If no one is available in the Undergraduate Services Office, leave a message clearly stating your name & student number (please spell your full name).
2. Be prepared to provide the Undergraduate Services Office with supporting documentation (see next page for information on documentation) the next day, or as soon as possible (in cases where students are hospitalized). The following circumstances are not considered grounds for missing a final examination or requesting special examinations: common cold, sleeping in, misreading timetable and travel arrangements.
3. In order to receive permission to write a special examination, you must obtain the approval of the Chair of the Department **and** the Associate Dean and in order to apply you must sign a "Recommendation for a Special Examination Form" available in the Undergraduate Services Office. The Undergraduate Services Office will then notify the course instructor(s) and reschedule the examination on your behalf.

PLEASE NOTE: It is the student's responsibility to check the date, time and location of the Special Examination.

D. LATE ASSIGNMENTS

1. Advise the instructor if you are having problems completing the assignment on time (**prior** to the due date of the assignment).
2. Be prepared to provide documentation if requested by the instructor (see reverse side for information on documentation).
3. If you are granted an extension, establish a due date. The approval of the Chair of your Department (or the Associate Dean if you are in first year) is not required if assignments will be completed prior to the last day of classes.
4.
 - i) Extensions beyond the end of classes must have the consent of the instructor, the department Chair and the Associate Dean. Documentation is mandatory.
 - ii) A Recommendation of Incomplete Form must be filled out indicating the work to be completed and the date by which it is due. This form must be signed by the student, the instructor, the department Chair and the Associate Dean.

E. SHORT ABSENCES

If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outlines for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate.

F. EXTENDED ABSENCES

If you are absent more than one week or if you get too far behind to catch up, you should consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses. (Note drop deadlines listed below). You may want to seek advice from the academic counsellor in your Department or the counsellors in the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year.

G. DOCUMENTATION

If you consulted an off-campus doctor or Student Health Services regarding your illness or personal problem, **you must provide the doctor with a Student Medical Certificate** to complete at the time of your visit and then bring it to the Department (or the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year). **This note must contain the following information: severity of illness, effect on academic studies and duration of absence. Regular doctor's notes will not be accepted; only the Student Medical Certificate will be accepted.**

In Case of Serious Illness of a Family Member: Provide a Student Medical Certificate to your family member's physician to complete and bring it to the Department (or the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year).

In Case of a Death: Obtain a copy of the death certificate or the notice provided by the funeral director's office. You must include your relationship to the deceased and bring it to the Department (or the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year).

For Other Extenuating Circumstances: If you are not sure what documentation to provide, ask the Departmental Office (or the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year) for direction.

Note: Forged notes and certificates will be dealt with severely. To submit a forged document is a scholastic offence (see below).

H. ACADEMIC CONCERNS

1. You need to know if your instructors have a policy on late penalties, missed tests, etc. This information may be included on the course outlines. If not, ask your instructor(s).
2. **You should also be aware of attendance requirements in some courses. You can be debarred from writing the final examination if your attendance is not satisfactory.**
3. If you are in academic difficulty, check out the minimum requirements for progression in the calendar. If in doubt, see your academic counsellor.

Calendar References: Check these regulations in your 2016 Western Academic Calendar available at www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca.

[Absences Due to Illness](#)
[Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities](#)
[Academic Accommodations for Religious Holidays](#)
[Course Withdrawals](#)
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[Scheduling of Term Assignments](#)
[Scholastic Offences](#)
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[Engineering Academic Regulations](#)

Note: These instructions apply to all students registered in the Faculty of Engineering regardless of whether the courses are offered by the Faculty of Engineering or other faculties in the University.

Add Deadlines:

First term half course (i.e. "A" or "F") September 14, 2018
Full courses and full-year half course (i.e. "E", "Y" or no suffix) September 14, 2018
Second term half course (i.e. "B" or "G") January 15, 2019

Drop Deadlines:

First term half course (i.e. "A" or "F"): November 12, 2018
Full courses and full-year half courses (i.e. "E", "Y" or no suffix): November 30, 2018
Second term half or second term full course (i.e. "B" or "G"): March 7, 2019

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Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering:	SEB	3005	Tel: (519) 661-2139	E-mail: civil@uwo.ca
Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Software Engineering Mechatronics Engineering	TEB	279	Tel: (519) 661-3758	E-mail: eceugrad@uwo.ca
Dept. of Mechanical and Materials Engineering:	SEB	3002	Tel: (519) 661-4122	E-mail: mmeundergraduate@uwo.ca