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LEARNING GUIDE

SUBJECT

43000445 - Computational Mechanics

DEGREE PROGRAMME

04AM - Master Universitario Ingeniería de Estructuras, Cimentaciones y Materiales

ACADEMIC YEAR & SEMESTER

2020/21 - Semester 2

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1. Description

1.1. Subject details

Name of the subject	43000445 - Computational Mechanics
No of credits	4.5 ECTS
Type	Optional
Academic year of the programme	First year
Semester of tuition	Semester 2
Tuition period	February-June
Tuition languages	English
Degree programme	04AM - Master Universitario Ingeniería de Estructuras, Cimentaciones y Materiales
Centre	04 - Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingenieros de Caminos, Canales y Puertos
Academic year	2020-21

2. Faculty

2.1. Faculty members with subject teaching role

Name and surname	Office/Room	Email	Tutoring hours *
Juan Carlos Garcia Orden (Subject coordinator)	ETSI Caminos	juancarlos.garcia@upm.es	Tu - 11:00 - 13:00 W - 11:00 - 13:00 F - 11:00 - 13:00

* The tutoring schedule is indicative and subject to possible changes. Please check tutoring times with the faculty member in charge.

3. Prior knowledge recommended to take the subject

3.1. Recommended (passed) subjects

The subject - recommended (passed), are not defined.

3.2. Other recommended learning outcomes

- Some programming experience in any high-level language is highly desirable. Specifically, programming skills with Matlab/Octave are very valuable, since most of the proposed exercises will demand programming in this environment.

4. Skills and learning outcomes *

4.1. Skills to be learned

CB6 - Poseer y comprender conocimientos que aporten una base u oportunidad de ser originales en el desarrollo y/o aplicación de ideas, a menudo en un contexto de investigación

CB9 - Que los estudiantes sepan comunicar sus conclusiones y los conocimientos y razones últimas que las sustentan a públicos especializados y no especializados de un modo claro y sin ambigüedades

CE13 - - Capacidad para el ejercicio profesional de alta especialización o para la investigación predoctoral mediante la utilización de recursos de modelización predictiva en Análisis y diseño estructural en régimen dinámico y/o no lineal.

CG1 - Polivalencia para extender a ámbitos afines las competencias generales adquiridas en el ámbito temático del título.

CG4 - Capacidad de comunicación académica de contenido técnico y científico, oral y escrita en lengua inglesa.

CT3 - Compromiso y capacidad de aplicación de los estándares de deontología en investigación y ejercicio profesional avanzado

4.2. Learning outcomes

RA36 - Conoce y sabe aplicar los métodos de resolución de ecuaciones no lineales

RA20 - Conoce las causas de no linealidad geométrica en estructuras y los métodos de cálculo en los distintos niveles.

RA24 - Conoce los métodos numéricos para resolver los cálculos estructurales no lineales.

RA33 - Conoce y sabe aplicar los fenómenos no lineales en cálculo de estructuras

RA13 - Sintetiza e integra con polivalencia y autonomía las competencias específica de formación científico-técnica para iniciación en I+D+i, para la alta especialización y para la investigación doctoral.

RA9 - Participa en debates en lengua inglesa

RA8 - Utiliza con eficacia recursos de modelización predictiva en una o más de las materias del módulo

RA2 - Presenta comunicaciones orales, escritas y gráficas, estructurada y argumentadamente, en lengua española e inglesa

RA4 - Utiliza con eficacia recursos de información y comunicación

RA1 - Utiliza con eficacia, autonomía y polivalencia recursos de modelización predictiva en la temática de la materia

RA23 - Conoce la influencia de las diversas causas de no linealidad en el análisis dinámico de estructuras y los métodos de cálculo aplicables.

* The Learning Guides should reflect the Skills and Learning Outcomes in the same way as indicated in the Degree Verification Memory. For this reason, they have not been translated into English and appear in Spanish.

5. Brief description of the subject and syllabus

5.1. Brief description of the subject

The main objective of this course is to present the main numerical methods applied to computational mechanics and their corresponding mathematical analysis. At the end of the course a student should have become familiar with the most important algorithms and must know how to choose the most suitable for certain common problems of structural engineering. Concrete objectives are:

1. Acquire the necessary knowledge of programming in Matlab / Octave that allows to apply the different methods studied for the solution of mechanical problems
2. To know the basic concepts related to the numerical techniques for the solution of structural problems.
3. To know and to program the most common algorithms for the numerical solution of linear and nonlinear static problems
4. To know and to program the most common algorithms for the numerical solution of nonlinear dynamical problems

5.2. Syllabus

1. Introduction to Matlab/Octave
2. Basic concepts on numerical methods. Floating-point representation of real numbers. Roundoff errors
3. Statics of solids and structures
 - 3.1. Nonlinear static problems. Systems of non-linear algebraic equations
 - 3.2. Linear static problems. Systems of linear algebraic equations
 - 3.2.1. Small-medium size models. Direct methods
 - 3.2.2. Large models. Iterative methods
4. Nonlinear dynamics of solids and structures
 - 4.1. General concepts about the numerical solution of systems of nonlinear ordinary differential equations. Direct integration methods.

- 4.2. One-step methods
- 4.3. Multi-step methods
- 4.4. Structural methods
- 4.5. Geometric methods

6. Schedule

6.1. Subject schedule*

Week	Face-to-face classroom activities	Face-to-face laboratory activities	Distant / On-line	Assessment activities
1	<p>Presentation Duration: 01:00 Lecture</p> <p>Tema 1. Introduction to Matlab/Octave (I) Duration: 02:00 Lecture</p>		<p>Presentation Duration: 01:00 Lecture</p> <p>Tema 1. Introduction to Matlab/Octave (I) Duration: 02:00 Lecture</p>	
2	<p>Tema 1. Introduction to Matlab/Octave (II) Duration: 01:00 Lecture</p> <p>Tema 2. Basic concepts about numerical methods. Floating point representation of real numbers. Roundoff errors Duration: 02:00 Lecture</p>		<p>Tema 1. Introduction to Matlab/Octave (II) Duration: 01:00 Lecture</p> <p>Tema 2. Basic concepts about numerical methods. Floating point representation of real numbers. Roundoff errors Duration: 02:00 Lecture</p>	
3	<p>Tema 3.1. Nonlinear static problems (I) Duration: 02:00 Lecture</p>		<p>Tema 3.1. Nonlinear static problems (I) Duration: 02:00 Lecture</p>	<p>Oral presentations, Unit 1 Individual presentation Continuous assessment Not Presential Duration: 01:00</p>
4	<p>Tema 3.1. Nonlinear static problems (II) Duration: 02:00 Lecture</p>		<p>Tema 3.1. Nonlinear static problems (II) Duration: 02:00 Lecture</p>	<p>Oral presentations, Unit 2 Individual presentation Continuous assessment Not Presential Duration: 01:00</p>
5	<p>Tema 3.1. Nonlinear static problems (III) Duration: 03:00 Lecture</p>		<p>Tema 3.1. Nonlinear static problems (III) Duration: 03:00 Lecture</p>	
6	<p>Tema 3.2.1. Linear static problems (I). Small-medium size models. Direct methods Duration: 02:00 Lecture</p>		<p>Tema 3.2.1. Linear static problems (I). Small-medium size models. Direct methods Duration: 02:00 Lecture</p>	<p>Oral presentations, Unit 3.1 Individual presentation Continuous assessment Not Presential Duration: 01:00</p>
7	<p>Tema 3.2.1. Linear static problems (II). Precision Duration: 03:00 Lecture</p>		<p>Tema 3.2.1. Linear static problems (II). Precision Duration: 03:00 Lecture</p>	
8	<p>Tema 3.2.2. Linear static problems (III). Large models. Iterative methods. Duration: 03:00 Lecture</p>		<p>Tema 3.2.2. Linear static problems (III). Large models. Iterative methods. Duration: 03:00 Lecture</p>	

9	Tema 3.2.2. Linear static problems (iv). Large models. Iterative methods Duration: 02:00 Lecture		Tema 3.2.2. Linear static problems (iv). Large models. Iterative methods Duration: 02:00 Lecture	Oral presentations, Unit 3.2.1. Individual presentation Continuous assessment Not Presential Duration: 01:00
10	Tema 4.1. Nonlinear dynamics. General concepts Duration: 03:00 Lecture		Tema 4.1. Nonlinear dynamics. General concepts Duration: 03:00 Lecture	
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12	Tema 4.2. Nonlinear dynamics. One-step methods Duration: 02:00 Lecture		Tema 4.2. Nonlinear dynamics. One-step methods Duration: 02:00 Lecture	Oral presentations, Unit 3.2.2 Individual presentation Continuous assessment Not Presential Duration: 01:00
13	Tema 4.3. Nonlinear dynamics. Multi-step methods Duration: 03:00 Lecture		Tema 4.3. Nonlinear dynamics. Multi-step methods Duration: 03:00 Lecture	
14	Tema 4.4. Nonlinear dynamics. Structural methods (I) Duration: 02:00 Lecture		Tema 4.4. Nonlinear dynamics. Structural methods (I) Duration: 02:00 Lecture	Oral presentations, Units 4.1, 4.2 Individual presentation Continuous assessment Not Presential Duration: 01:00
15	Tema 4.4. Nonlinear dynamics. Structural methods (II) Duration: 02:00 Lecture Tema 4.5. Geometric methods (I) Duration: 01:00 Lecture		Tema 4.4. Nonlinear dynamics. Structural methods (II) Duration: 02:00 Lecture Tema 4.5. Geometric methods (I) Duration: 01:00 Lecture	
16	Tema 4.5. Geometric methods (II) Duration: 02:00 Lecture		Tema 4.5. Geometric methods (II) Duration: 02:00 Lecture	Oral presentations, Units 4.3, 4.4 Individual presentation Continuous assessment Not Presential Duration: 01:00
17				Final exam Problem-solving test Final examination Not Presential Duration: 03:00

Depending on the programme study plan, total values will be calculated according to the ECTS credit unit as 26/27 hours of student face-to-face contact and independent study time.

* The schedule is based on an a priori planning of the subject; it might be modified during the academic year, especially considering the COVID19 evolution.

7. Activities and assessment criteria

7.1. Assessment activities

7.1.1. Continuous assessment

Week	Description	Modality	Type	Duration	Weight	Minimum grade	Evaluated skills
3	Oral presentations, Unit 1	Individual presentation	No Presential	01:00	0%	/ 10	CB6 CB9 CT3 CE13 CG1 CG4
4	Oral presentations, Unit 2	Individual presentation	No Presential	01:00	10.83%	/ 10	CB6 CB9 CT3 CE13 CG1 CG4
6	Oral presentations, Unit 3.1	Individual presentation	No Presential	01:00	10.83%	/ 10	CB6 CB9 CT3 CE13 CG1 CG4
9	Oral presentations, Unit 3.2.1.	Individual presentation	No Presential	01:00	10.83%	/ 10	CB6 CB9 CT3 CE13 CG1 CG4
12	Oral presentations, Unit 3.2.2	Individual presentation	No Presential	01:00	10.83%	/ 10	CB6 CB9 CT3 CE13 CG1 CG4
14	Oral presentations, Units 4.1, 4.2	Individual presentation	No Presential	01:00	10.83%	/ 10	CB6 CB9 CT3 CE13 CG1 CG4

16	Oral presentations, Units 4.3, 4.4	Individual presentation	No Presential	01:00	10.83%	/ 10	CB6 CB9 CT3 CE13 CG1 CG4
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7.1.2. Final examination

Week	Description	Modality	Type	Duration	Weight	Minimum grade	Evaluated skills
17	Final exam	Problem-solving test	No Presential	03:00	100%	/ 10	CB6 CB9 CT3 CE13 CG1 CG4

7.1.3. Referred (re-sit) examination

No se ha definido la evaluación extraordinaria.

7.2. Assessment criteria

Students will be evaluated, by default, through continuous evaluation. The student wishing to give up the continuous evaluation and to opt for the evaluation by final exam (formed by one or more evaluation activities of the course), must write through the platform Moodle to the coordinator of the course before the seventh week.

Seven sheets of exercises are proposed throughout the course. Typically every sheet has a deadline of two-three weeks. They have to elaborate a written report containing a description of the solution, the main results and its discussion, and load it to Moodle. During the class which is right after the deadline, different students are drawn to the front of the classroom to present their results, and their work is open for discussion. The exercises are evaluated and the grades posted in Moodle. Based on the comments made at the presentation, students may modify or complete their exercises and the initial grades may be increased proportionally to the correctness of the additions and the time of the new delivery.

The non-presential procedure for the assessment of the assignments is the same as the presential one because it is carried out in the same exact manner as explained before, substituting the face-to face presentation in the classroom by the face-to-face presentation through video conference.

The grade of the course through continuous evaluation will be determined according to two elements: 1) Attendance and participation (35% of the grade); 2) Exercises and problems proposed and presented throughout the course (65% of the grade).

The evaluation will check if the students have acquired the competences of the course. Therefore, the final exam will use the same types of evaluation techniques used in the continuous evaluation (EX), and will be carried out at the final dates and times approved by the Academic Board for the current course and semester, except those activities of evaluation of learning results of difficult qualification in a final exam. In this case, these evaluation activities may be carried out throughout the course. In the non-presential mode, 4-5 problems, covering the subjects of the full course, will be delivered to the students at Moodle at the time scheduled in advance. They have to solve them during the exam at home, mainly with the material available from the course, programming the corresponding algorithms that are sent along with representative plots of the results to Moodle before a deadline of 3 hours. The grade is obtained from just from the problems solved during the exam. A minimum of 5 is necessary to pass the course

The evaluation in the extraordinary call will be made exclusively through the final exam procedure.

8. Teaching resources

8.1. Teaching resources for the subject

Name	Type	Notes
García Orden, J.C. "Computational Mechanics"	Bibliography	Course notes
Página web de la asignatura	Web resource	https://moodle.upm.es/titulaciones/oficiales/course/view.php?id=4366
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