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## Vehicle engineering 420 (MVE 420)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">BEng Mechanical Engineering</a> <a href="#">BEng Mechanical Engineering Engage</a>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	3 lectures per week, 1 practical per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	English
<b>Academic organisation</b>	Mechanical and Aeronautical En
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

Tyres: Construction, forces and moments, side force generation, rolling resistance, dynamic characteristics, tractive effort, slip, soft soil characteristics. Vehicle performance: equations of motion, supply and demand, forces acting on the vehicle, prediction of top speed, acceleration, braking, gradient ability and fuel consumption. Vehicle suspension systems: suspension concepts, kinematics, dynamic characteristics. Ride comfort: springs, dampers, suspension models, human response to vibration. Handling: steering systems, low-speed handling, steady-state handling, dynamic handling, under/oversteer, handling tests.

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