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Computer applications in civil engineering 420 (SCA 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Module credits	16.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	BEng Civil Engineering BEng Civil Engineering ENGAGE
Prerequisites	(SHC 410), (SIN 411), (SIN 413), (SGM 323), (SVC 412)
Contact time	2 practicals per week, 2 tutorials per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Civil Engineering
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

In this module commercially available computer packages will be used to develop models based on Finite Elements, Finite Differences and other approaches. Limitations and simple checks to ensure consistency of commonly used design software packages will be illustrated. Basic principles and techniques will be discussed and the effect of aspects such as meshing, element choice, boundary conditions and material properties will be investigated. Applications within the various fields of Civil Engineering will be considered. Results obtained from models will be compared to actual experimental results. This module will contain groupwork and multi-disciplinary problems will be solved.

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