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## 1. INTRODUCTION

As part of the postgraduate programme in the Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering, engineering students may register for the BEngHons, MEng and PhD degrees in Mechanical Engineering, or for the BScHons Applied Science Mechanics: Physical Asset Management degree. Candidates with BSc, BTech or equivalent qualifications may register for the BScHons Applied Science Mechanics or the BScHons Applied Science Mechanics: Physical Asset Management degrees. The latter two qualification allow the student to subsequently register for the MSc Applied Science Mechanics degree, which may be followed by the PhD Mechanics degree. Students who wish to register for modules for non-degree purposes may apply for Engineering Special Postgraduate (programme code 12280001). To do honours degree modules for non-degree purposes the student must meet the admission requirements for the BEngHons Mechanical Engineering degree (see [section 6.1](#)).

With this prospectus particulars pertaining to requirements, available modules and study arrangements are described in detail. The prospectus is however intended to provide information and must be read in conjunction with and subordinate to the [Yearbook of the University of Pretoria](#). Instead of using this link, one can also navigate to this by visiting <http://www.up.ac.za>, then select “Yearbooks” from the “Study” menu.

This prospectus is a dynamic document that may change as we approach the year 2020, or while the year 2020 progresses. Changes are recorded in a [register](#) on the last page. Students are encouraged to continually check the [postgraduate web page](#) of the department for the latest version of this brochure. In addition to the link above, the postgraduate web page can be reached via the departmental web page at <http://www.me.up.ac.za>; select “Postgraduate” from the “Study” menu.

### 1.1. Contact Information .

Further enquiries with regard to postgraduate studies may be directed to the following persons:

<b>Academic Arrangements (Department)</b>			
Registration Module changes Administration enquiries	Ms Ilka Meyer	012 420 2452 <a href="mailto:mechpostgrad@up.ac.za">mechpostgrad@up.ac.za</a>	
Coordinators for postgraduate studies; curriculum structure, all postgraduate degrees	Prof NJ Theron	012 420 3309 <a href="mailto:nico.theron@up.ac.za">nico.theron@up.ac.za</a>	
	Prof DN Wilke	012 420 2861 <a href="mailto:nico.wilke@up.ac.za">nico.wilke@up.ac.za</a>  Note: during some periods of the year, either Prof Theron or Prof Wilke may experience such email overload that they may not respond to emails. If this happens, students/applicants are advised to send queries to <a href="mailto:mechpostgrad@up.ac.za">mechpostgrad@up.ac.za</a>	
<b>General Administration (EBIT Student Administration, Eng I level 6)</b>			
Applications & general admin: Honours	Ms S Mgiba	012 420 5316	<a href="mailto:laurrine.mgiba@up.ac.za">laurrine.mgiba@up.ac.za</a>
Applications & general admin: Master's	Ms S Steenberg	012 420 5315	<a href="mailto:stefanie.steenberg@up.ac.za">stefanie.steenberg@up.ac.za</a>
Dissertations	Ms S Steenberg	012 420 5315	<a href="mailto:stefanie.steenberg@up.ac.za">stefanie.steenberg@up.ac.za</a>

Applications & general admin: PhD-s	Mr K Nkanyana	012 420 6735	<a href="mailto:kenneth.nkanyana@up.ac.za">kenneth.nkanyana@up.ac.za</a>
Theses	Mr K Nkanyana	012 420 6735	<a href="mailto:kenneth.nkanyana@up.ac.za">kenneth.nkanyana@up.ac.za</a>

Enquiries in connection with specific modules must, as far as possible, be directed to the lecturer concerned (see [section 13.2](#) or [13.3](#) for contact details). Any enquiries that cannot be answered by the lecturer may be e-mailed to [mechpostgrad@up.ac.za](mailto:mechpostgrad@up.ac.za).

Further information on the department and its research programmes can be obtained at the departmental web page at <http://www.me.up.ac.za>.

## 2. HONOURS DEGREES

The degree links included this section are to the degree descriptions in the University of Pretoria Year Book.

The Department awards the following taught honours degrees:

- the [BEngHons Mechanical Engineering](#) degree (degree code 12240052) follows on a BEng or a BScEng degree,
- the [BScHons Applied Science Mechanics](#) degree (degree code 12243006) follows on a BSc, a BTech degree or equivalent, and
- the [BScHons Applied Science Mechanics: Physical Asset Management](#) degree (degree code 12243037) follows on a BEng, BSc, BTech degree or equivalent.

For all honours degrees the candidate must successfully complete modules that total 128 SAQA credits (one credit represents 10 study hours). The minimum duration is one year of full time study. Except for one research module, all the postgraduate semester modules offered by the department carry a weight of 16 credits. Normally an after-hours student (i.e., a student who is working for an employer on a full time basis but also studies after-hours; previously called a part-time student) shall complete 64 module credits per annum so that the degree may be conferred after two years. This can however be accelerated.

The purpose of the honours degree is, on the one hand, to gain a deeper and more focussed knowledge and understanding of a field of specialization in engineering science, usually as preparation for master's research, but sometimes also in support of specific career goals in industry. On the other hand, the honours degree can also serve the purpose of broadening the student's knowledge of the engineering science in general, and depending on the selection of honours degree modules, both of these purposes may to some extent be served by a specific honours degree. The honours degree, and specifically the two BScHons Applied Science Mechanics degrees, **cannot** be used as an alternative route or as a support mechanism for registration, with the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA), as a professional engineer (PrEng). The recommended and correct route to registration is to complete a four year BEng degree (or equivalent) at a university that is accredited for this purpose in terms of the Washington Accord (see <http://www.ieagrements.org/accords/washington/>).

Postgraduate modules are presented in blocks or in periods, or sometimes something in between. Block presentation in its basic form entails three full contact days, typically presented at one month intervals. On the other hand, presentation in periods occurs in either 50 minute periods, weekly two hour periods, bi-weekly four hour periods or even a number of three hour periods. Some modules are presented in 6 half-day blocks rather than 3 full day blocks. Further details are shown in [table 1](#) and also in the time table in [section 13](#).

In addition to attending the formal contact days, students are expected to complete assignments. Satisfactory completion of these assignments and formal tests form part of the examination entrance requirements. According to the SAQA guidelines of one credit per 10 notional hours, it is expected that a student will typically do 160 hours of work to complete a 16 credit module, or 320 hours in the case of a 32 credit module.

Note that, with the exception of the compulsory modules of the BScHons Applied Science Mechanics and the BScHons Applied Science Mechanics: Physical asset management programmes (see [sections 2.2](#) and [2.3](#) respectively), a student may repeat any module only once. No supplementary or special examinations are granted at honours degree level (see the year book pages of all three honours degrees offered by the department ([12240052](#), [12243006](#) or [12243037](#)); item v under “Examinations and pass requirements”, under the “Programme information” tab). The General Regulation G.12.5 (see [General Regulations](#)) pertaining to undergraduate students who miss examinations due to unforeseen circumstances or illness, also apply to honours students with respect to all modules offered by the Department. A student who has missed an exam for a valid reason in terms of this regulation and would like to write the aegrotat exam needs to apply at student administration on level 6 of Engineering Building I.

### **2.1. Compulsory module: Research study**

In order to meet governmental requirements, all students who started with their honours degree in 2017 or later must do the 32 credit module [MSS 732 Research study 732](#). Students who have already committed to continue directly after the honours degree with a master’s degree and who have already made arrangements to have a master’s supervisor and project should do this module focussed on their intended master’s research project. This module is then to be used to do preparatory research for the master’s degree, for instance the literature study. This study must then be done under supervision of the intended master’s supervisor. Students who do not plan to continue with a master’s degree or who do not yet have a master’s degree topic will be allocated a topic and corresponding supervisor at the beginning of the semester in which he/she has registered for the module, with the preference of the student taken into account if possible.

A student may do this module in either the first or second semester or may also do it over a year (or two consecutive semesters). If a student selects to do this module over two consecutive semesters he/she needs to register for the module in the second of the two semesters in question. The module is assessed through a written project report, which is submitted to the supervisor as examiner by uploading the report to an assignment on the module clickUP page. The reports of all students are subjected to external examination. It is therefore essential that the student reports on all aspects of the project for which he/she would like to receive credit under this module.

### **2.2. Compulsory modules for the BScHons Applied Science Mechanics degree**

Candidates for the BScHons Applied Science Mechanics degree (degree code 12243006) must select and do any one of the following four 32 credit module combinations, which start them off on the specialization indicated:

1. The combination of
  - MSV 780     [Fatigue 780](#)     (16 credits)
  - MWN 780     [Numerical methods 780](#)     (16 credits)for the Structural Mechanics specialization.
  
2. The combination of
  - MSX 780     [Fluid mechanics 780](#)     (16 credits)
  - MWN 780     [Numerical methods 780](#)     (16 credits)

for the Thermoflow specialization.

3. The combination of
  - MLD 780     [Aerodynamics 780](#)                    (16 credits)
  - MLV 780     [Flight mechanics 780](#)                    (16 credits)for the Aeronautics specialization.
  
4. The combination of
  - MIP 780     [Maintenance Practice 780](#)                    (16 credits)
  - MIR 781     [Reliability Engineering 781](#)                    (16 credits)for the Maintenance specialization.

The modules listed as options above are all presented in the first semester of each year. **Both modules in a combination must be done simultaneously in the first semester of registration in the programme. These modules must be passed on the first attempt; otherwise the student's registration will be terminated. When this has happened, the student will not at a later time be re-admitted to the program.** In addition to these modules and the compulsory module [MSS Research study 732](#) (see [section 2.1](#)), BScHons Applied Science Mechanics students may choose the remaining 64 credits from the postgraduate modules offered by the department, subject to the normal prerequisites as well as the additional prerequisites listed in [table 1](#) below. Students will be allowed to register for first semester modules without having passed the prerequisite module listed in table 1 provided that the student is concurrently registered for the prerequisite module.

### **2.3. Details of the BScHons Applied Science Mechanics: Physical Asset Management degree**

The BScHons Applied Science Mechanics: Physical Asset Management degree (code 12243037) programme is not described in detail in this brochure, but in its own brochure instead, which in addition to this [link](#), is available on the [postgraduate web page](#) of the department. Those modules in this programme that are presented by the Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering are indeed described in this brochure, in [section 12](#), and are included in the time table in [section 13](#).

Note that this programme has, in addition to the compulsory MSS 732 Research study 732, four other 16 credit compulsory modules. Students need to pass two of these 16 credit compulsory modules in the first semester of study (on their first attempt), otherwise the student's registration and admission status will be cancelled.

## **3. MASTER'S DEGREES**

The degree links included this section are to the degree descriptions in the University of Pretoria Year Book.

The department awards two research based master's degrees, namely the [MEng Mechanical Engineering](#) degree (degree code 12250052), which follows on a [BEngHons Mechanical Engineering](#), and the [MSc Applied Science Mechanics](#) degree (code 12253064), which follows on a [BScHons Applied Science Mechanics](#) or a [BScHons Applied Science Mechanics:](#)



[Physical Asset Management](#). It is compulsory to complete the appropriate honours degree before admission to the master's degree will be considered.

Both master's degrees are awarded on the basis of 128 credits based on a dissertation and an examination covering the field of the dissertation.

Candidates must demonstrate a sound and fundamental knowledge in a specialised field of mechanical engineering science, which will normally have been formed by the focus of their honours degree course work. They will further be trained in the scientific method of work and thought processes, and have proven through supervised independent research, their ability to use scientific methods in scientific investigation.

The master's degree **cannot** be used as an alternative route or as a support mechanism for registration, with the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA), as a professional engineer (PrEng). The recommended and correct route to registration is to complete a four year BEng degree (or equivalent) at a university that is accredited for this purpose in terms of the Washington Accord.

All candidates for the master's degree must prepare and submit at least one article for publication in an ISI accredited journal (listed at <http://mjl.clarivate.com/index.html>), before submitting the dissertation. This article must be based on research done for the dissertation, and must be approved by the supervisor (see [Appendix 2](#)).

#### 4. DOCTORAL DEGREES

The degree links included this section are to the degree descriptions in the University of Pretoria Year Book.

The [PhD Mechanical Engineering](#) (code 12263042) and the [PhD Mechanics](#) (code 12263172) degrees are each awarded on grounds of a research thesis and an examination covering the field of the thesis. These two degrees follow on the [MEng Mechanical Engineering](#) and the [MSc Applied Science Mechanics](#) degrees, respectively. Generally the appropriate master's degree must be completed before admission to the doctoral degree will be considered.

Candidates for the doctoral degree must prove that they have an in-depth and fundamental but also wide ranging knowledge of a specialised field in science, are trained in the scientific method of work and thinking and have in particular demonstrated their ability to apply scientific methods in a scientific investigation through independent research, making an original contribution to science.

The doctoral degree **cannot** be used as an alternative route or as a support mechanism for registration, with the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA), as a professional engineer (PrEng). The recommended and correct route to registration is to complete a four year BEng degree (or equivalent) at a university that is accredited for this purpose in terms of the Washington Accord.

All candidates must prepare and submit at least three articles for publication in an ISI accredited journal (listed at <http://mjl.clarivate.com/index.html>). The research for these articles must be done in collaboration with the department. Before submitting the articles to the journals approval must be obtained from the supervisor (see [Appendix 2](#)).

## 5. ADMISSION TO POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

The procedure for admission of a student to the University of Pretoria is slightly different for South African citizen and for international applicants. International applicants are referred to [section 5.2](#) below.

### 5.1. Applicants who are South African citizens

Before registration, prospective postgraduate students from other universities and students who have discontinued their studies at the University of Pretoria for a year or longer, must apply, online, for admission to the University. To do so, please visit the Applications section of the University's web site at this [link](#) or at <http://www.up.ac.za>, then select "Apply" from the "Study" menu.

Please note that the closing dates for application shown on one of the sub-links of the above University of Pretoria web page do not apply to the programmes described in this brochure.

- For the BEngHons Mechanical Engineering degree, applications close more-or-less when classes start in either the first or the second semester, for applicants planning to start their programmes in that semester.
- For the BScHons Applied Science Mechanics and the BScHons Applied Science Mechanics: Physical Asset Management degrees, applications close on 15 January of each year, for South African citizen students planning to commence with these programmes in that year.
- There is no closing date for master's and PhD degree admission applications.

A student planning to commence with postgraduate studies without interruption directly after completion of another degree at the University of Pretoria does not need to apply for admission, although he/she is required to indicate his/her intention by completing an internal application, online from the student portal. Only after an internal application has been processed will the online registration system be set up correctly to allow registration.

### 5.2. International applicants

Before registration, prospective international postgraduate students must apply, online, for admission to the University. To do so, please visit the Applications section of the University's web site at this [link](#) or at <http://www.up.ac.za>, then select "Apply" from the "Study" menu.

Applications for all honours degrees close on 31 August of each year, for international students planning to commence with this in January of the following year. There is no closing date for master's and PhD degree applications.

Prospective international students are encouraged to also visit the University of Pretoria International Cooperation Division website at this [link](#) or at <http://www.up.ac.za>, then select "International Students" from the "Study" menu.

Current international students who plan to begin with a new programme, for instance to start with a master's degree after completing the honours, do not need to submit a formal application, but need to submit, online from the student portal, an internal application (see the last paragraph of [section 5.1](#) above), provided that the International Cooperation Division is consulted on this.

## 6. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### 6.1. BEngHons Mechanical Engineering

To be admitted to the BEngHons Mechanical Engineering programme, the candidate must hold a BEng degree (or equivalent) that is accredited by the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) for purposes of registration as professional engineer. A candidate who holds a degree in engineering that was awarded by a university outside South Africa, where the comparable registration authority of that country accredits this degree in a similar way, while that country is a signatory to the Washington Accord (see <http://www.ieagrements.org/accords/washington/>), may also be admitted to this programme. If the foreign country is not a signatory to the Washington Accord, the candidate will be considered for admission to this programme only if he/she, at his/her own cost, obtains clearance from ECSA that his/her degree would be deemed acceptable for the purposes of registration as professional engineer (or a candidate engineer) in the Republic of South Africa. More information may be obtained from ECSA's web site at this [link](#), or [www.ecsa.co.za](http://www.ecsa.co.za), then select "Evaluation of Qualifications" under the "Education & Accreditation" heading. Furthermore, after such clearance has been obtained from ECSA, the Head of the Department must authorize admission of the student to the BEngHons Mechanical Engineering programme.

### 6.2. BScHons Applied Science Mechanics

To be admitted to the BScHons Applied Science Mechanics programme, the candidate must hold an appropriate bachelor's degree. Only applicants with exceptionally good academic records will be admitted. Typical examples of appropriate bachelor's degrees are a BTech degree in Mechanical Engineering and a BSc degree in Mathematics, Applied Mathematics or Physics. A candidate, whose bachelor's degree in engineering does not meet the admission requirements for the BEngHons programme, may also be admitted to the BScHons Applied Science Mechanics programme.

An applicant holding a BTech degree will not be admitted to this programme unless he/she has passed just the BTech degree (i.e., not counting the National Diploma) with an average of 75 % or higher.

### 6.3. BScHons Applied Science Mechanics: Physical Asset Management

To be admitted to the BScHons Applied Science Mechanics: Physical Asset Management programme, the candidate must hold an appropriate bachelor's degree. Typical examples of appropriate bachelor's degrees are a BEng degree, a BTech degree in engineering or a related field and a BSc degree in Mathematics, Applied Mathematics or Physics. A candidate, whose bachelor's degree in engineering does not meet the admission requirements for the BEngHons programme, may also be admitted to the BScHons Applied Science Mechanics: Physical Asset Management programme.

Applicants who have completed a BEng / BSc Engineering degree will be automatically accepted when applying for admission. To be admitted, an applicant holding a BTech or a non-engineering BSc degree must have a minimum average of 65% calculated on the grades of all the final year modules (failed/passed).

### 6.3. MEng Mechanical Engineering

To be admitted to the MEng Mechanical Engineering programme, the candidate must hold a BEngHons degree (or equivalent), as well as meet the admission requirements for the

BEngHons Mechanical Engineering degree (see [section 6.1](#)). This means that, in the case of an applicant who has completed his/her first degree in engineering in a foreign country that is not a signatory to the Washington Accord, this first degree needs to be submitted to ECSA for clearance as described in section 6.1. Once clearance is obtained, the applicant's admission to the MEng Mechanical Engineering programme must also be authorized by the Head of the Department.

Meeting the above requirements, however, does not automatically secure admission to the MEng Mechanical Engineering programme. Admission is possible only for candidates with excellent academic records. Furthermore, admission will be granted only if the intended research fits in with the research foci of the Department and the supervision capacity exists, as decided by the Head of the Department.

#### **6.4. MSc Applied Science Mechanics**

To be admitted to the MSc Applied Science Mechanics programme, the candidate must hold a BScHons Applied Science Mechanics degree (or equivalent). Meeting this requirement, however, does not automatically secure admission to the MSc Applied Science Mechanics degree. Admission is possible only for candidates with excellent academic records. Furthermore, admission will be granted only if the intended research fits in with the research foci of the Department and the supervision capacity exists, as decided by the Head of the Department.

#### **6.5. PhD Mechanical Engineering**

To be admitted to the PhD Mechanical Engineering degree programme, the candidate must hold an MEng degree (or equivalent), as well as meet the admission requirements for the BEngHons Mechanical Engineering degree (see [section 6.1](#)). This means that, in the case of an applicant who has completed his/her first degree in engineering in a foreign country that is not a signatory to the Washington Accord, this first degree needs to be submitted to ECSA for clearance as described in section 6.1. Once clearance is obtained, the applicant's admission to the PhD Mechanical Engineering programme must also be authorized by the Head of the Department.

The MEng degree requirement implies that the master's degree must have been a research-based degree.

Having obtained the MEng degree (or equivalent) does not automatically secure admission to the PhD Mechanical Engineering degree. Admission is possible only for candidates with excellent academic records. Furthermore, admission will be granted only if the intended research fits in with the research foci of the Department and the supervision capacity exists, as decided by the Head of the Department.

#### **6.6. PhD Mechanics**

To be admitted to the PhD Mechanics degree programme, the candidate must hold an MSc Applied Science Mechanics degree (or equivalent). This means that the master's degree must have been a research-based degree.

Having obtained the MSc Applied Science Mechanics degree (or equivalent) does not automatically secure admission to the PhD Mechanics degree. Admission is possible only for candidates with excellent academic records. Furthermore, admission will be granted only if the intended research fits in with the research foci of the Department and the supervision capacity exists, as decided by the Head of the Department.

## 7. REGISTRATION

Most students register in the beginning of a year and this is then done online. Please note the details of the registration process in the sections below. Also note that a person can register only after he/she has been admitted to a programme (see [section 5](#)).

### 7.1. Online registration

The online registration opens on the day that the University reopens after the Christmas – New Year recess. Details of the online registration process are available to students on the University web page (at this [link](#), or at [www.up.ac.za](http://www.up.ac.za), then select “Students”, then select “Online Registration” from the “Postgraduate” menu).

If a student chooses to register for a module(s) offered by another Department (see [section 11.4](#)), this must be approved in writing (typically by email) by the other department as well as one of the coordinators for postgraduate studies (see [Contact Information](#)). In this case the student should first register on-line for all the other selected modules, then get the permission from the other department and then lastly request this approval by e-mail from Prof Theron or Prof Wilke, who will then, if he also approves, forward the message to the Student Administration with a request to add the module(s) to the student’s existing registration.

### 7.2. No credit for modules registered incorrectly

With online registration there is no longer a rigorous check that the student’s registration is in order. Each student therefore has the responsibility to ensure that he/she is registered for the correct modules that bear credit in the student’s programme of study and that no rules, specified in this brochure, the yearbook or otherwise, are contravened. A student will earn no credits for incorrectly registered modules, even if the student passed such modules.

It is especially important for students enrolled in one of the BScHons Applied Science Mechanics programmes to take note of this issue. If a BScHons Applied Science Mechanics student register for a module contrary to the prerequisite rules specified in [tables 1](#) or [2](#) and passes the modules in question, he/she may forfeit the credits so earned.

### 7.3. Problems with online registration

If a student experience problems with the online registration system, he/she should contact Ms Sibongile Mgiba at the EBIT Student Administration at Eng I level 6. Examples of such problems are:

- If the student submitted a late application he/she may not be able to register on-line.
- The online registration closes at some point in time in the first quarter. After that time Ms Mgiba will assist the student if he/she still needs to register.
- If the only module that a student plans to do in a certain year is offered by another department, the student cannot register on-line and should seek assistance from Ms Mgiba.

### 7.4. Registration fee

Before a student can register in an academic year, he/she needs to pay the appropriate registration fee. The registration fee is a first instalment on the tuition fee for the year. This fee can be paid into the University’s bank account, with the student number as reference. The bank account details are available on the University’s web site at this [link](#) or at [www.up.ac.za](http://www.up.ac.za),

then select “Fees and Funding” from the “Study” menu, then select “Read more” under “Fees”, then select “Click here” under “Bank details”. The payment of the registration fee can be waived if the student can provide the University with acceptable documentation showing that a sponsor will pay the tuition account.

### **7.5. General**

Students planning to complete the honours degree over more than one year should, during a specific calendar year, register only for those modules they plan to do during that year.

International students need to ensure that their study permits are valid before registration.

Students wishing to discontinue any module must not only inform the lecturer involved, but must also fill out the necessary forms at Student Administration. Students who have not formally discontinued modules by the dates specified by Student Administration will be held financially accountable.

Students may commence their studies in the BEngHons Mechanical Engineering programme in the second semester. This option is not available in the two BScHons Applied Science Mechanics programmes.

## **8. DURATION OF STUDY**

A student registered for the honours degree must complete his/her study within 2 years in the case of a full-time student and in the case of an after-hours student (previously called a part-time student, i.e., a student working on a full time basis and studying after-hours) within 3 years after first registration for the degree. For a master's and doctoral degree, 3 and 4 years are allowed, respectively.

If a master's or doctoral student does not obtain the degree for which he/she is registered within the allowed time period, his/her registration will be terminated unless the Dean, on recommendation of the Head of Department, can be convinced that the progress was satisfactory.

## **9. PLAGIARISM**

Students who commit plagiarism will lose all credits obtained in the plagiarised work. The matter shall also be referred to the Disciplinary Committee (Students) for a ruling. Plagiarism is regarded as a serious contravention of the University's rules and can lead to expulsion from the University. More detail is available on the departmental notice board (see [section 10.1](#)) and at the link below. It is expected that all students should familiarise themselves with the content of these documents.

<https://www.up.ac.za/students/article/2745913/what-is-plagiarism>

## 10. GENERAL

### 10.1. Communication between the Department and the student

The official notice board of the Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering is on the departmental web site, <http://www.me.up.ac.za>, select “Notices” under the “Study” menu or at the this [link](#).

Students are encouraged to browse through this notice board on a regular basis. The Department uses this notice board as a means of communication with students and it is the student’s responsibility to ensure that he/she takes note of all important notices that may appear on the notice board from time to time.

In addition to the notice board, the Department also uses the official postgraduate email list to send out email messages to all postgraduate students. This list is compiled in the beginning of each year from all the email addresses of departmental postgraduate students on the University’s student administration system. The list is updated every three months. Since this is an important communication channel, it is extremely important that each student ensures that the email address listed on the student administration system is current. This is especially important in the case where a master’s or PhD student has completed his/her research work, has moved off campus and has gotten a new email address, before fulfilling all requirements for his/her degree. The Department does not accept any responsibility for a student having missed an announcement or message due to not receiving such an announcement or message when this was sent by email to the student’s address of preference as indicated on the University’s student administration system, in the case of an individual email message, or otherwise to all students on the postgraduate list.

### 10.2. Examination time table

The examination time table for June and November will be finalized as early as possible during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters, respectively, except:

- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, in the case of the modules that are presented simultaneously with the BEng final year elective modules (see Note 2 in [section 13.1](#)). For these modules the examination time table is fixed only about one month before the examination.

The official examination time table for postgraduate modules, will be published on the departmental notice board (separately from the undergraduate examination time table) whenever this becomes available. Unlike the exam time table for undergraduate modules, the drafting of the time table for honours degree modules are the sole responsibility of the Department. Therefore no exam times for the modules for which students are registered will be listed on their student portals.

### 10.3. Prescribed text books

The prescribed text books for modules are loaded on the Nevada system during the semester preceding the one in which the modules are presented. The Nevada system can be reached from the library’s web site (once on the Nevada web site click on the “Students” link), or at <http://www.nevada-cloud.com/Students.aspx>. To find the prescribed book(s) for a module, once inside the Nevada web site, select “University of Pretoria” under the “Site” menu and then type in the module code, with a space between the three letters and the three numbers.

## 10.4. Cost of postgraduate studies

The cost of studies is published by the University on its web page at this [link](#), or go to <http://www.up.ac.za>, then select “Fees and Funding” from the “Study” menu, then “Read more” under “Fees”, then “Read more” under “Postgraduate Students”. The cost of a single 16 credit module is one eighth of the cost listed for the whole BEngHons degree (use the value on the lower end of the range), and that of a 32 credit module is one quarter. The registration fee is generally considered as a first payment of the tuition fees. Note that the bottom of this web page explains how a student can request a quotation for intended study from the student portal.

Note that for foreign students from countries that are not members of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the tuition fees of the honours degrees are double those published at the above link, as these students do not earn a subsidy from the SA government.

## 10.5. Funding of postgraduate studies

Funding for postgraduate studies may be obtained through research assistantships that are awarded by individual lecturers. Prospective students can apply for this type of funding from lecturers working in their fields of interest. New students coming to the University of Pretoria after having completed a qualification at another university need to submit the following with their funding application:

- A full Curriculum Vitae
- A full academic record from all tertiary institutions where the student has studied before
- Two reference letters.

## 11. CURRICULA

### 11.1. General arrangements

The following general arrangements apply to students registered for course modules:

- For each of the three honours degrees 128 credits are required.
- For an honours degree a maximum of 32 credits from approved modules offered by other departments, may be followed. This rule does however not apply to the interdisciplinary BScHons Applied Science Mechanics: Physical Asset Management degree, by its very nature.
- A full time honours student may select any combination of credits between the two extremes of 96 credits in one semester and 32 in the second, or 64 credits in both semesters. Spacing the modules in a 3:1 ratio over the first and second semesters typically allows the student to get more preliminary research done towards his/her master's degree, during his/her honours year. Even though this research is done on an unofficial basis, it plays an important role in finishing up the master's degree at the end of the second year and in time to graduate at the April ceremony of the third year (for a student starting his/her honours programme in beginning of the first semester of the first year).
- The department retains the right to cancel any module in a certain year if too few students register for the module or if a suitable lecturer is not available because of unforeseen circumstances.



## 11.2. Postgraduate modules presented by the department

A list of modules with the 2020 semesters in which these modules will be presented, is given in [table 1](#). The syllabi for these modules are given in [section 12](#). The lecturers responsible for these modules, with their contact information, are listed in the timetable in [section 13](#).

In [tables 1](#) and [2](#) the two numbered columns under the year heading indicate the two semesters. The first semester runs from end January to June and the second from July to November. The letter “b” in the semester column refers to a module being presented in block format and “p” to a module presented in either 50 minute periods, weekly two-hour periods, bi-weekly four hour periods or even a number of three hour periods. Both tables 1 and 2 also indicate for each module the concurrent registration prerequisite that applies in the case of BScHons Applied Science Mechanics students. These prerequisites do not apply to BEngHons students.

## 11.3. Aeronautical engineering programme

All the aeronautical engineering modules that are included in table 1 are separately listed in [table 2](#). Aeronautical engineering students will typically select their modules primarily from the list in [table 2](#), but should also select non-aeronautical-specific modules listed in [table 1](#). Similarly, non-aeronautical BEngHons students may also select modules from [table 2](#), but these students may in some cases lack background knowledge to perform well in these modules. In this regard it is suggested that non-aeronautical engineering students discuss their intention to do aeronautical modules with the respective responsible lecturers, see the module presentation time table in [section 13](#) for the necessary contact information. Non-aeronautical BScHons Applied Science Mechanics students are not allowed to select aeronautical-specific modules.

## 11.4. Postgraduate modules presented by other Departments

Students may also consider modules from other departments. The final selection of modules must be approved by one of the coordinators for postgraduate studies in the Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering ([Contact Information](#)). If a student registers for a module offered by another department, it is his/her own responsibility to in advance check with that department for any special conditions and work that needs to be done before the commencement of the module in question. Such students are urged to obtain the post-graduate brochures of the departments concerned. The following departments could be considered:

Industrial and Systems Engineering	Ms H Helm	012 420 5230
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Ms H Gouws	012 420 2190
Department of Materials Science and Metallurgical Engineering	Prof. WE Stumpf <a href="mailto:waldo.stumpf@up.ac.za">waldo.stumpf@up.ac.za</a>	012 420 3184
Engineering and Technology Management	Ms T Mvakali <a href="mailto:thuli.mvakali@up.ac.za">thuli.mvakali@up.ac.za</a>	012 420 4605
Mathematics and Applied Mathematics	Ms Y McDermot	012 420 3550

**Table 1: Modules offered by the Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering**

Module	Code	2020		BScHons Applied Science Mechanics Prerequisite <sup>1</sup>
		1	2	
<a href="#">Advanced finite element methods 781</a>	MEE 781	b		MSV 780 & MWN 780
<a href="#">Advanced heat and mass transfer 780</a>	MHM 780		p	MSX 780 & MWN 780
<a href="#">Advanced thermodynamics and energy systems 781</a>	MTX 781	Not presented in 2020		MSX 780 & MWN 780
<a href="#">Aerodynamics 780</a>	MLD 780	p		None
<a href="#">Air conditioning and refrigeration 780</a>	MLR 780	p		MSX 780 & MWN 780
<a href="#">Avionics 784</a>	MLD 784		p	MLD 780 & MLV 780
<a href="#">Condition-based maintenance 780</a>	MIC 780	b		MSX 780 & MWN 780 or MSV 780 & MWN 780
<a href="#">Control systems 780</a>	MBB 780	b		MSX 780 & MWN 780 or MSV 780 & MWN780 or MLD 780 & MLV 780
<a href="#">Fatigue 780</a>	MSV 780	b		None
<a href="#">Flight mechanics 780</a>	MLV 780	b		None
<a href="#">Fluid mechanics 780</a>	MSX 780	p		None
<a href="#">Fossil Fuel Power Stations 781</a>	MUU 781		b	MSX 780 & MWN 780

<sup>1</sup> The prerequisites listed here do not apply to BEngHons students. These are so-called concurrent registration prerequisites. This means that the student either needs to be registered for the prerequisite concurrently, or should have passed it earlier. Where no prerequisite is specified the module is one of the compulsory modules for a specialization.

Module	Code	2020		BScHons Applied Science Mechanics Prerequisite <sup>2</sup>
		1	2	
<a href="#">Fracture mechanics 780</a>	MSF 780		b	MSV 780 & MWN 780
<a href="#">Maintenance logistics 782</a>	MIP 782		b	MIR 781 & MIP 780
<a href="#">Maintenance practice 780</a>	MIP 780	b		None
<a href="#">Mechatronics 780</a>	MEG 780		p	MSX 780 & MWN 780 or MSV 780 & MWN 780
<a href="#">Numerical methods 780</a>	MWN 780	b		None
<a href="#">Non-destructive testing 780</a>	MCT 780		b	MSV 780 & MWN 780
<a href="#">Numerical thermoflow 780</a>	MSM 780	p		MSX 780 & MWN 780
<a href="#">Numerical thermoflow 781</a>	MSM 781		p	MSX 780 & MWN 780
<a href="#">Optimum design 780</a>	MOO 780		p	MSX 780 & MWN 780 or MSV 780 & MWN 780 or MLD 780 & MLV 780 or MIR 781 & MIP 780
<a href="#">Reactor coolant flow and heat transfer 782</a>	MUA 782		p	MSX 780 & MWN 780
<a href="#">Reactor engineering science 783</a>	MUA 783	b		MSX 780 & MWN 780
<a href="#">Reactor materials engineering 785</a>	MUA 785	b		MSX 780 & MWN 780
<a href="#">Reactor materials engineering 786</a>	MUA 786		b	MSX 780 & MWN 780
<a href="#">Reactor physics 784</a>	MUA 784		b	MSX 780 & MWN 780

<sup>2</sup> The prerequisites listed here do not apply to BEngHons students. These are so-called concurrent registration prerequisites. This means that the student either needs to be registered for the prerequisite concurrently, or should have passed it earlier. Where no prerequisite is specified the module is one of the compulsory modules for a specialization.

Module	Code	2020		BScHons Applied Science Mechanics Prerequisite <sup>3</sup>
		1	2	
<a href="#">Reliability engineering 781</a>	MIR 781	b		None
<a href="#">Research study 732</a>	MSS 732	Either or both semesters, no formal contact sessions		MSX 780 & MWN 780 or MSV 780 & MWN 780 or MLD 780 & MLV 780
<a href="#">Specialized Structural Mechanics 781</a> (Empirical Modelling for Engineers)	MSY 781	b		MSX 780 & MWN 780 or MSV 780 & MWN 780 or MLD 780 & MLV 780 or MIR 781 & MIP 780
<a href="#">Unmanned Aircraft Systems technology 783</a>	MLD 783		p	MLD 780 & MLV 780
<a href="#">Vehicle dynamics 780</a>	MVI 780	b		MSV 780 & MWN 780
<a href="#">Vibration-based condition monitoring 781</a>	MEV 781	b		MSV 780 & MWN 780 or MIR 781 & MIP 780

<sup>3</sup> The prerequisites listed here do not apply to BEngHons students. These are so-called concurrent registration prerequisites. This means that the student either needs to be registered for the prerequisite concurrently, or should have passed it earlier. Where no prerequisite is specified the module is one of the compulsory modules for a specialization.

**Table 2: Postgraduate modules in Aeronautical Engineering**

Module	Code	2020		BScHons Applied Science Mechanics Prerequisite <sup>4</sup>
		1	2	
<a href="#">Aerodynamics 780</a>	MLD 780	p		None
<a href="#">Avionics 784</a>	MLD 784		p	MLD 780 & MLV 780
<a href="#">Flight mechanics 780</a>	MLV 780	b		None
<a href="#">Research study 732</a>	MSS 732	Either or both semesters, no formal contact sessions		MLD 780 & MLV 780
<a href="#">Unmanned Aircraft Systems technology 783</a>	MLD 783		p	MLD 780 & MLV 780
<p>Students selecting all five of the above modules in this table need to do an additional two modules as listed in <a href="#">table 1</a> or 32 credits from another department see <a href="#">section 11.4</a>), as approved by The Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering.</p>				

<sup>4</sup> The prerequisites listed here do not apply to BEngHons students. These are so-called concurrent registration prerequisites. This means that the student either needs to be registered for the prerequisite concurrently, or should have passed it earlier.

## 12. SYLLABI

The syllabi given in this prospectus were compiled as accurately as possible. The department however retains the right to change these according to circumstances.

### **MEE 781 Advanced finite element methods 781 (16 Credits)**

Non-linear statics: Overview of non-linear effects: geometric, material and boundary conditions. Continuum mechanics: tensors, indicial notation, deformation gradients, stress and strain measures, transformations and rotations, stress-strain relationships, constitutive models. Principles of virtual work. Solution methods: direct iteration, Newton methods, incremental/iterative procedures. Lagrange engineering strains. Large displacement finite element analysis of continua: total Lagrangian formulation. Small strain plasticity: Additive decomposition, flow rule, hardening laws, continuum and consistent tangents.

### **MHM 780 Advanced heat and mass transfer 780 (16 Credits)**

Convection correlations: high speed flows, boundary layers, similarity, conservation equations, scale analysis. Thermal radiation: physics, exchange between surfaces, solar, directional characteristics, spectral characteristics, radiation through gasses. Convection, evaporation and boiling: film condensation, film evaporation, pool boiling, forced-convection boiling and condensation, flow regime maps, phase change at low pressures, heatpipes. Heat exchangers: types, regenerators, heat exchanger design. Mass transfer: Fick's Law, mass diffusion, mass convection, simultaneous heat and mass transfer, porous catalysts. High mass transfer rate theory. Mass exchangers.

### **MTX 781 Advanced thermodynamics and energy systems 781 (16 Credits) (not presented in 2020; expected to be presented once more in 2021)**

Fundamental concepts of thermodynamics, total flow exergy, restricted dead state and unconstrained equilibrium state, heat transfer, fluid flow and chemical irreversibilities, thermodynamic optimisation, irreversibility distribution ratio, lost exergy, application of entropy generation minimisation (EGM) technique to the fundamentals of power generation, solar power, wind power, and low temperature refrigeration.

### **MLD 780 Aerodynamics 780 (16 Credits)**

Review of the fundamentals of thermodynamics. Introduction to compressible flows. Advanced topics in compressible flows: transonic flow and supersonic flow. Oblique shock waves, expansion waves, shock-expansion theory, wave interactions and wave drag. Linearized compressible-flow theory. Effects of heat and friction on gas flow. Design aspects of high speed aeroplanes and viscous effects. Fundamentals of hypersonic flow and high temperature gas dynamics. On completion of this module the student will be able to understand the fundamental phenomena associated with compressible flow and competently apply analytical theory to compressible flow problems.

**Prerequisite:** The student should have completed a fundamental undergraduate module in fluid mechanics.

### **MLR 780 Air conditioning and refrigeration 780 (16 Credits)**

Comfort and indoor air quality. Psychometrics. System types and selection. Cooling and heating load calculations: conduction, radiation, convection, internal loads and thermal storage. Design of air handling unit, ducts, plant and reticulation. Control systems. Introduction to integrated system simulation.

### **MLD 784 Avionics 784 (16 credits)**

Introduction to the functions performed by the avionics system in modern aircraft; the way in which these functions are mapped to the avionics components, starting from a presentation of the major avionics function, and the associated equipment and technologies: Human / Machine Interface, Flight Sensing (attitude, altitude, airspeed), Navigation (INS, SATNAV, Radio Nav), Flight Control and Guidance (autopilot), Radio Communication, Engine Management, Mission Sensors (radar, optronics), Health and Usage Monitoring. The main engineering challenges in Avionics System design, system integration, flight testing, safety justification and certification.

### **MIC 780 Condition-based maintenance 780 (16 Credits)**

Theory and practical applications of condition based maintenance techniques. Pitfalls of the various condition based maintenance techniques. Acoustic emission, wear debris monitoring, oil analysis, thermography and non-destructive testing, standards.

### **MBB 780 Control systems 780 (16 Credits)**

Introduction to state space methods, full state feedback design, disturbances and tracking systems, linear observers, compensator design by the separation principle, linear quadratic optimum control, Kalman filter, linear quadratic Gaussian compensator.

**Prerequisite:** A working knowledge of [MATLAB/OCTAVE/Python](#)

**MSV 780 Fatigue 780 (16 Credits)**

Fatigue principles addressing both elasticity and plasticity; notch effects; variable amplitude loading conditions; multi-axial fatigue and weld fatigue.

**MLV 780 Flight mechanics 780 (16 Credits)**

Introduction to flight mechanics, flight dynamics, flying qualities and flight simulation of fixed wing aircraft. Review of aerodynamic fundamentals with a particular focus on aerodynamic coefficients and derivatives. Brief review of aircraft propulsion. Aircraft performance, longitudinal and lateral trim, stability and control. Aircraft equations of motion, axis transformations and state space modelling. Longitudinal and lateral transfer functions. Introduction to flying qualities, ratings, specifications, flight test and analysis techniques. Introduction to 6 degree of freedom flight simulation.

**Prerequisite:** A working knowledge of [MATLAB/OCTAVE/Python](#) or similar

**MSX 780 Fluid mechanics 780 (16 Credits)**

Mathematical preliminaries: Continuum hypothesis; Scalar, vector calculus, and tensor algebra in Index notation (in context of partial differential equations), applications of Gauss, Stokes, and Leibnitz's theorems; Fluid kinematics, Eulerian/Lagrangian representations; Derivative of governing equations in differential and integral forms (continuity and momentum equations), properties of Newtonian fluids, Navier-Stokes equations; Boundary conditions, applications and solutions of the governing equations in 1-D and 2-D for laminar viscous flows; Dimensional analysis with applications; Stream functions with applications; Laminar boundary layer theory for external flow, solutions of 2-D boundary layer by Blasius, von Karman-Pohlhausen, Falkner-Skan, and Thwait's methods.

**MUU 781 Fossil fuel power stations 781 (16 Credits)**

This module contains a comprehensive study of all mechanical systems and processes of a fossil fuel power station. The module will include the analysis of steam cycles, combined cycle power generation, fuels and combustion, combustion mechanisms, combustion equipment and firing methods, the draught group, steam generators, steam turbines, condenser, feedwater and circulating water systems, coal handling, ash handling, compressor plant, water treatment, the importance of HVAC, control and instrumentation, control philosophies and environmental considerations.

**MSF 780 Fracture mechanics 780 (16 Credits)**

Historical development; Linear Elastic Fracture Mechanics (LEFM): Stress concentrations and singularities, stress intensity factor, stability of crack propagation; Elasto-plastic fracture mechanics: crack tip plasticity, small scale yielding, measurement of  $K_{Ic}$ , J-integral; Fatigue crack growth: Paris Law; life prediction; combined mode fracture, strain energy density methods.

**MIP 782 Maintenance logistics 782 (16 Credits)**

Introduction to logistics, systems engineering and supportability analysis, inventory, aspects of logistical design, LEAN Production, Facility Layout, Job Design and Work Measurement, Logistics from the development to the retirement phase, planning and scheduling, project management.

**MIP 780 Maintenance practice 780 (16 Credits)**

Introduction to Asset Management, Mechanisms of Failure, Quantitative descriptions of Failure, Maintenance Policies/Strategies, Renewal Theory, Lubrication, Asset Management Strategy, Replacement Decision Making, RCM Principles, Maintenance & Failure Risk, A Business Case for Maintenance, Repairable Systems, Integrated Failure Data Analysis, Maintenance Profit Impact, Life Cycle modelling.

**MEG 780 Mechatronics 780 (16 credits)**

Sensors: mechanical and optical limit switches, encoders, thermocouples, strain gauges, CCD cameras, IR sensors, piezo-electric sensors, capacitive sensors, torque sensors, tactile sensors, gyroscope and ultrasonic sensors. Actuators: DC motors, stepper motors, AC motors, pneumatic actuators, hydraulic actuators, memory shape alloys. Signal conditioning: component interconnection, amplifiers, analogue filters, modulators and demodulators, analogue-digital conversion, sample-and-hold circuitry, multiplexers, software and hardware implementation of digital filters and Wheatstone bridge. Control: H-Bridge motor control, PWM motor control, control of stepper motors, non-linear control of hydraulic and pneumatic actuators, PLCs, SCADA systems, industrial Fieldbus, micro-processor control.

**MCT 780 Non-destructive testing (16 credits)**

Probability, design and management in non-destructive testing (NDT). Fundamental theory of commonly used NDT methods: Ultrasonic Testing, Electromagnetic Testing (MT and ACFM), Radiographic Testing, penetrant Testing, Eddy Current Testing. Other NDT Technologies including phased array UT, Time-of flight diffraction, Digital RT and Acoustic Emission Monitoring.

**MWN 780 Numerical methods 780 (16 Credits)**

Solving systems of linear algebraic equations using direct and iterative methods from small to large scale systems. Numerical solutions of nonlinear systems of equations. Solving eigenvalue problems. Numerical

approximation strategies. Numerical differentiation. Numerical Integration. Numerical solutions to initial-value problems for ordinary differential equations. Numerical solutions to boundary-value problems for ordinary differential equations. Numerical solutions to partial-differential equations.

#### **MSM 780 Numerical thermoflow 780 (16 Credits)**

Fluid Mechanics refresher (governing equations, boundary conditions, application of inviscid, laminar and turbulent flow). Methods of weighted residuals (finite element, finite volume and difference methods). Mesh generation and boundary conditions: Types of mesh structured and unstructured mesh generation and application (inviscid flow, heat conduction etc.). Heat conductions: Governing equations, discretisation, finite approximation, solution methods (Gauss-Seidel, Tri-diagonal matrix algorithm) etc. This module is suited to postgraduate students doing research in thermofluids and who want to use available CFD codes or who want to write their own codes to solve fluid mechanics, heat and mass transfer problems.

#### **MSM 781 Numerical thermoflow 781 (16 Credits)**

The Efficient Solvers: Background, multigrid theory and detailed description of the algorithm. Finite Volume method: Understand the governing equations, general form of the transport equations, Gauss's theorem and the finite volume discretisation. Iterative solution algorithm: Pressure-velocity coupling, types of grids, unsteady flows, multiple phases. Finite Volume Discretisation: Diffusion term, convection term and source term for steady flows. Convection-diffusion problems: Boundary conditions, higher order discretisation, accuracy / stability. Solution Algorithm for Pressure-Velocity coupling: SIMPLE, SIMPLER, SIMPLEC & PISO. Laminar, transitional and turbulent flow: Background and theory. Turbulence modelling and examples: Definition of turbulence, turbulence modelling approaches, turbulence models ( zero-equation models, one equation, two equation, Reynolds Stress Model (RSM), Large Eddy Simulation, wall function approach), turbulence modelling guidelines. Recent CS developments: Current state of the art in turbulence modelling etc. Viscous boundary meshes: Background and objectives, internal and external flow, turbulence modelling considerations.

**Prerequisite:** [MSM 780 Numerical thermoflow 780](#)

#### **MOO 780 Optimum design 780 (16 Credits)**

Introduction to design and elements of computer aided design. Optimum design problem formulation. Optimum design concepts. Linear programming methods. Integer programming. Numerical methods for unconstrained and constrained optimum design. Model reduction. Interactive and practical design optimisation.

#### **MUA 782 Reactor coolant flow and heat transfer 782 (16 Credits)**

Design of reactor coolant system, heat sources in reactor systems, heat transmission principles, heat transmission in systems with internal sources, temperature distribution along path of reactor coolant flow, heat transfer characteristics of fluids, heat transfer to boiling liquids, heat transfer characteristics of gasses

**Prerequisite:** [MUA 783 Reactor engineering science 783](#)

**Note:** A student cannot earn 32 credits towards his/her honours degree for doing both the modules MUA 782 and [MHM 780](#), since a large portion of these modules covers the same content.

#### **MUA 783 Reactor engineering science 783 (16 Credits)**

Atomic structure, nuclear energy and nuclear forces, nuclear fission, nuclear reactions and radiation, energy removal, nuclear reactor systems, radiation protection, radiation shielding, meteorology, reactor safety analysis.

#### **MUA 785 Reactor materials engineering 785 (16 Credits)**

Overview of the functions of the various classes of nuclear materials, elastic deformation, yielding and use of texture in nuclear components, atomic processes in plastic deformation and radiation damage, strength of engineering materials.

**Prerequisite:** [MUA 783 Reactor engineering science 783](#) (Concurrent registration)

#### **MUA 786 Reactor materials engineering 786 (16 Credits)**

**Module content:** Creep deformation, fracture processes and metallurgical fracture mechanics, fatigue fracture in nuclear materials, fabrication processes of nuclear materials.

**Prerequisite:** [MUA 785 Reactor materials engineering 785](#)

#### **MUA 784 Reactor physics 784 (16 Credits)**

Probability concepts and nuclear cross sections, multiplication factor and neutron flux, slowing-down process in the infinite medium, diffusion theory the homogeneous one-velocity reactor, Fermi age theory: the homogeneous multi-velocity reactor, transport theory, reflected reactors, reactor kinetics, heterogeneous reactors, control-rod theory.

**Prerequisite:** [MUA 783 Reactor engineering science 783](#)

#### **MIR 781 Reliability engineering 781 (16 Credits)**

Definition of Reliability, History, Relationship with Quality, Coherent Systems Analysis, Lifetime Distributions, Parametric Lifetime Models, Competing Risks, Proportional Hazards, Accelerated Life, Repairable Systems, Lifetime Data Analysis, Parametric Methods, Nonparametric Methods, Model Adequacy.



**MSS 732 Research study 732 (32 Credits)**

This module allows a student to do research on a certain topic in mechanical or aeronautical engineering, as specified by a lecturer in the Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering, on an individual basis, under the supervision of that lecturer. The study should be seen as a precursor to the master's degree research that may follow the honours degree. The total volume of work that is to be invested in this module by an average student must be 320 hours. The body of knowledge studied must be of an advanced nature, at the level of the other postgraduate modules offered by the Department. Normal requirements for assessment that include the use of an external examiner apply to this module also. The module is available in either the first or the second semester. A student may also do this module spread over two consecutive semesters. In such a case the student should register the module for the second of these semesters.

**MSY 781 Specialized Structural Mechanics 781 (16 credits)  
(Empirical Modelling for Engineers)**

Introduction to stochastic processes in engineering. Statistical modelling with parametric and non-parametric models. Parameter estimation theory. Maximum likelihood and Bayesian estimators. Exact and inexact statistical inference techniques.

**MLD 783 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) technology 783 (16 credits)**

Introduction to Unmanned Aerial Systems, applications and examples. System breakdown and major components. Airframe and systems. Core avionics, architecture, flight control, navigation, health monitoring. Mission systems, sensors, weapons and stores, electronic warfare. Aircraft installation and integration. Ground segment, control station, take off / launch support system, landing and recovery. Command and Control, data and video link. Logistic support system. Safety and regulatory elements.

**MVI 780 Vehicle dynamics 780 (16 Credits)**

Tyres: Characteristics and tyre models used in simulation of ride comfort and handling. Road inputs: Classification of roads. Road profiles. Road roughness. Suspension components: springs, dampers. Controllable suspension systems. Modelling aspects. Human reaction: Human response to vibration. Driver models. Human reaction times. Vertical vehicle dynamics (ride comfort): Vibration levels in a vehicle. Simulation of ride comfort. Effect of seat characteristics on vibration levels. Test and evaluation procedures. Lateral vehicle dynamics (handling): Simulation of steady state and dynamic handling. Rollover propensity. Test procedures. Computer applications: Application of computer codes in the analysis of vehicle dynamics.

**MEV 781 Vibration-based condition monitoring 781 (16 Credits)**

Vibration measurement: conventional and optical technique, digital signal processing in vibrations, vibration monitoring: diagnostics and prognostics, artificial intelligence in vibration monitoring, human vibration.

**Prerequisite:** A working knowledge of [MATLAB/OCTAVE/Python](#)

## 13. MODULE PRESENTATION TIMETABLE

### 13.1. Notes

1. It is expected that the student will come prepared to the first contact session. Once a student is registered for a module, he/she should have access to the module web page on clickUP, if such a page exists. The web page typically includes the module study guide. Preparatory work expected of students will be indicated in either the study guide or the module web page. Students, who are planning to do a module but have not yet registered for the module two weeks before the module starts, should contact the relevant lecturer to determine what preparatory work needs to be done.
2. Four second semester honours degree modules, namely MHM 780 Advanced heat and mass transfer 780, MUA 782 Reactor coolant flow and heat transfer 782, MEG 780 Mechatronics 780 and MOO 780 Optimum design 780, are presented simultaneously with corresponding BEng final year undergraduate elective modules under different module codes. These modules are therefore presented according to the undergraduate time table of the School of Engineering, with three 50 minute periods per week. In both the cases of MEG 780 and MOO 780 these three periods fall on a single week day. For these four modules there will be two semester test weeks, when there will be no lectures. The dates for these modules will not be indicated in the time table below, only the times and day(s) of the week will be indicated. The undergraduate second semester classes start on 13 July and end on 28 October 2020. The two semester test weeks are from 15 to 22 August and 28 September to 3 October 2020, as well as 10 October 2020. Note that tests may be scheduled on the four Saturdays, 15 and 22 August, and 3 and 10 October. There will also be a holiday break from 29 August to 6 September. No classes are presented on public holidays and also not on 23 September. On Tuesday 27 October a Thursday time table will be followed. **All information in this note pertains only to these four modules.**
3. For the examination time table please refer to [section10.2](#).
4. If venues are not yet indicated in the time table below shortly before a contact session, please consult the responsible contact person or look for a possible announcement on the clickUP pages of the module in question.

### 13.2. First semester 2020

<b>MODULE</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>TIME/DATE</b>
<a href="#">Advanced Finite Element Methods</a>	MEE 781	Prof S Kok 012 420 5809 <a href="mailto:schalk.kok@up.ac.za">schalk.kok@up.ac.za</a>	Eng II, 3-28	<b>08:30 – 15:30</b> 7 Feb 6 March 17 April 15 May
<a href="#">Aerodynamics 780</a>	MLD 780	Ms B Huyssen 012 420 6316 <a href="mailto:barbara.huysen@up.ac.za">barbara.huysen@up.ac.za</a>	To be arranged	To be arranged; 1 <sup>st</sup> contact session in April
<a href="#">Air conditioning and refrigeration 780</a>	MLR 780	Prof J Dirker 012 420 2465 <a href="mailto:jaco.dirker@up.ac.za">jaco.dirker@up.ac.za</a>	Eng II, 3-27	<b>16:30 – 18:30</b> 6, 13 & 20 Feb 12, 19 & 26 March 2, 9, 16 & 23 April 28 May
<a href="#">Condition-Based Maintenance 780</a>	MIC 780	Prof J Wannenburg 012 420 3695 <a href="mailto:johann.wannenburg@up.ac.za">johann.wannenburg@up.ac.za</a>	Eng II, 3-28	<b>08:30 – 16:30</b> 12 Feb 20 March 20 May
<a href="#">Control Systems 780</a>	MBB 780	Prof NJ Theron 012 420 3309 <a href="mailto:nico.theron@up.ac.za">nico.theron@up.ac.za</a>	Eng I, Room 1-12	<b>08:30 – 16:30</b> 21 Feb 3 April 14 May
<a href="#">Fatigue 780</a>	MSV 780	Dr Michiel Heyns 012 664 7604 <a href="mailto:mheyns@investmech.com">mheyns@investmech.com</a>	Eng II, 3-28	<b>08:30 – 16:30</b> 17 Feb 23 April 22 May

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<a href="#">Flight mechanics 780</a>	MLV 780	Dr L Smith 012 420 5366 <a href="mailto:lelanie.Smith@up.ac.za">lelanie.Smith@up.ac.za</a>	Eng II, 3-27	<b>08:30 – 16:30</b> 14 – 17 April
<a href="#">Fluid mechanics 780</a>	MSX 780	Dr G Mahmood 012 420 6822 <a href="mailto:gazi.mahmood@up.ac.za">gazi.mahmood@up.ac.za</a>	Eng II, 3-28	<b>10:30 – 12:30</b> 25 & 26 Feb 4, 11, 26 & 31 March 8, 15 & 29 April 13 & 27 May
<a href="#">Maintenance practice 780</a>	MIP 780	Prof JL Coetzee 016 932 1629 <a href="mailto:jasper.coetzee@m-tech.co.za">jasper.coetzee@m-tech.co.za</a>	Eng I, Room 1-12  NSII Projects or PostGrad Computer labs	<b>08:30 – 11:30</b> 4 Feb <b>08:30 – 14:30</b> 3 March 19 May 3 <sup>rd</sup> date to be arranged
<a href="#">Numerical methods 780</a>	MWN 780	Prof S Kok 012 420 5809 <a href="mailto:schalk.kok@up.ac.za">schalk.kok@up.ac.za</a>	Eng II, 3-27	<b>08:30 – 15:30</b> 5 Feb 5 March 2 April 4 May
<a href="#">Numerical thermoflow 780</a>	MSM 780	Prof K Craig 012 420 3515 <a href="mailto:ken.craig@up.ac.za">ken.craig@up.ac.za</a>	Eng II, 3-28	<b>16:30 – 18:00</b> 10, 17 & 24 Feb 2 & 16 March 6 April 4, 11, 18 & 25 May

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<a href="#">Reactor engineering science 783</a>	MUA 783	Prof J Slabber 012 420 2193 <a href="mailto:johan.slabber@up.ac.za">johan.slabber@up.ac.za</a>	Eng I, Room 1-12	<b>08:30 – 16:30</b> 23 March 1 & 20 April
<a href="#">Reactor materials engineering 785</a>	MUA 785	Prof WE Stumpf 012 420 3184 <a href="mailto:waldo.stumpf@up.ac.za">waldo.stumpf@up.ac.za</a>	Room 3-24, Minerals Sciences building	<b>08:30 – 16:30</b> 12 & 13 March 8 May <b>08:30 – 10:30</b> 13 May Test
<a href="#">Reliability engineering 781</a>	MIR 781	Prof J Wannenburg 012 420 3695 <a href="mailto:johann.wannenburg@up.ac.za">johann.wannenburg@up.ac.za</a>	Eng II, 3-28	<b>08:30 – 16:30</b> 18 Feb 17 March 7 April
<a href="#">Specialized Structural Mechanics 781</a> (Empirical Modelling for Engineers)	MSY 781	Dr S Schmidt 012 420 2781 <a href="mailto:stephan.schmidt@up.ac.za">stephan.schmidt@up.ac.za</a>	Eng II, 3-27	<b>08:30 – 16:30</b> 3 Feb 6 April 3 <sup>rd</sup> date to be arranged

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<a href="#">Vehicle dynamics 780</a>	MVI 780	Prof PS Els 012 420 2045 <a href="mailto:schalk.els@up.ac.za">schalk.els@up.ac.za</a>	Eng II, 3-27	<b>08:30 – 16:30</b> 2 March 21 April 12 May
<a href="#">Vibration-based condition monitoring 781</a>	MEV 781	Prof PS Heyns 012 420 2432 <a href="mailto:stephan.heyns@up.ac.za">stephan.heyns@up.ac.za</a>	Eng II, 3-27	<b>08:30 – 16:30</b> 10 Feb 21 May 3 <sup>rd</sup> date to be arranged

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MODULE	CODE	CONTACT PERSON	VENUE	TIME/DATE
<a href="#">Advanced Heat and Mass Transfer 780</a>	MHM 780	Dr M Mehrabi 012 420 4743 <a href="mailto:mehdi.mehrabi@up.ac.za">mehdi.mehrabi@up.ac.za</a>		
<a href="#">Avionics 784</a>	MLD 784	Mr Pierre Thivend 011 266 7600 <a href="mailto:pierre.thivend@gmail.com">pierre.thivend@gmail.com</a>		
<a href="#">Fossil Fuel Power Stations 781</a>	MUU 781	Mr Jan-Hendrik Fourie 087 004 2186 <a href="mailto:jan-hendrik.fourie@za.bureauveritas.com">jan-hendrik.fourie@za.bureauveritas.com</a>		
<a href="#">Fracture mechanics 780</a>	MSF 780	Dr H Inglis 012 420 3125 <a href="mailto:helen.inglis@up.ac.za">helen.inglis@up.ac.za</a>		
<a href="#">Maintenance logistics 782</a>	MIP 782	Prof JL Coetzee 016 932 1629 <a href="mailto:jasper.coetzee@m-tech.co.za">jasper.coetzee@m-tech.co.za</a>		

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<b>MODULE</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>TIME/DATE</b>
<a href="#"><u>Mechatronics 780</u></a>	MEG 780	Dr TR Botha 012 420 3289 <a href="mailto:theunis.botha@up.ac.za"><u>theunis.botha@up.ac.za</u></a>		
<a href="#"><u>Non-destructive testing 780</u></a>	MCT 780	Dr M Johannes 083 288 8419 <a href="mailto:manfred.johannes@gmail.com"><u>manfred.johannes@gmail.com</u></a>		
<a href="#"><u>Numerical Thermoflow 781</u></a>	MSM 781	Prof K Craig 012 420 3515 <a href="mailto:ken.craig@up.ac.za"><u>ken.craig@up.ac.za</u></a>		
<a href="#"><u>Optimum Design 780</u></a>	MOO 780	Prof DN Wilke 012 420 2861 <a href="mailto:nico.wilke@up.ac.za"><u>nico.wilke@up.ac.za</u></a>		
<a href="#"><u>Reactor coolant flow and heat transfer 782</u></a>	MUA 782	Prof J Slabber 012 420 2193 <a href="mailto:johan.slabber@up.ac.za"><u>johan.slabber@up.ac.za</u></a>		



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<a href="#">Reactor materials engineering 786</a>	MUA 786	Prof WE Stumpf 012 420 3184 <a href="mailto:waldo.stumpf@up.ac.za">waldo.stumpf@up.ac.za</a>		
<a href="#">Reactor physics 784</a>	MUA 784	Prof J Slabber 012 420 2193 <a href="mailto:johan.slabber@up.ac.za">johan.slabber@up.ac.za</a>		
<a href="#">Unmanned Aircraft Systems technology 783</a>	MLD 783	Mr Patrick Barrier <a href="mailto:pbarrier@iafrica.com">pbarrier@iafrica.com</a>		

## **APPENDIX 1: ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISSERTATIONS AND THESES**

The procedure in this appendix does not replace any official regulations and/or requirements and are simply intended as an aid to students. The responsibility however still rests with students to familiarise themselves with the official regulations and procedures.

### **A1.1. Checking of dissertations and theses for possible plagiarism**

Every year a Turnitin assignment is created in each of the year modules MIR 890, MIR 891, MIR 990 and MIR 998. All master's and doctoral students in the Department are supposed to be registered for one of these modules. Once registered the student should have access to the corresponding module clickUP page and this Turnitin assignment, provided that these have already been created. The student may use the Turnitin assignment repeatedly to check his/her draft dissertation or thesis for possible plagiarism. These assignments are set up such that the act of subjecting the draft document to this test does not include the document in the Turnitin data base, lest a later version of the document be indicated as being plagiarised from an earlier version of itself.

### **A1.2. Confidentiality of dissertations and theses**

It is the policy of the faculty that dissertations and theses may not be confidential or classified. Deviation from this rule will only be considered under very exceptional circumstances by the Postgraduate Committee of the Faculty on the recommendation of the Head of Department. Where a student wishes to submit a classified dissertation or thesis, the Postgraduate Committee of the Faculty must grant approval before the student registers for study. In such a case the student must still submit an article for publication.

### **A1.3. Registration of titles**

The proposed title of a student's dissertation/thesis must be approved by the supervisor and co-supervisor, if applicable, and the Departmental Management Committee. In order to do this MEng, MSc and PhD students in collaboration with their supervisors must fill out a title registration form. An electronic copy of this form is available under the link "Departmental Title registration form" on the [postgraduate web page](#) (or see [section 1](#)). The Faculty Title and External Examiner Registration Form, available electronically at the same location, must be used by the supervisor to suggest possible external examiners. The student is not permitted to see the copy of this form once the supervisor's recommendation with regards to external examiners has been completed. The final appointment of external examiners is administered by the Postgraduate Committee of the Faculty.

### **A1.4. Submission of dissertations/theses**

The student must inform Ms S Steenberg, Student Administration at least two months before submission of a dissertation/thesis of his/her intention to submit examination copies.

Examination copies must be submitted to Ms S Steenberg, Student Administration.

Further information is available under the Yearbook section of the UP website, at the following links for the [MEng Mechanical Engineering](#), [MSc Applied Science Mechanics](#), [PhD Mechanical Engineering](#) and [PhD Mechanics](#) degrees.

## **APPENDIX 2: PUBLICATION POLICY**

It is important to advance research in the department and to ensure that the department remains active in research. In doing so the necessary infrastructure is created in which students may receive high quality education.

### **A2.1. Arrangements pertaining to master's and doctoral students**

Because exposure to the free literature creates an atmosphere in which work of high quality can prosper, the department considers it important, and therefore the following arrangements are applicable to master's and doctoral research:

- All candidates for the master's degree must submit at least one article for publication in an ISI journal. This article must be based on research done for the dissertation, and must be approved by the supervisor. The degree will not be conferred before proof of receipt by the journal is submitted to the Student Administration.
- All candidates for the doctoral degree must submit at least two articles for publication in an ISI journal, before submission of the thesis. This article need not cover the whole field of the thesis or even the largest part thereof, but research for this specific part must be done in collaboration with the department. The degree will not be conferred before proof of receipt by the journal is submitted to the Student Administration.

### **A2.2. Arrangements with respect to authorship of publications**

The name of the supervisor(s) must appear as co-author(s) on the publication unless the supervisor decides differently. To show that the work has been done in the department, the address of the authors must be indicated as the address of the department.

In determining the authorship of publications forthcoming from studies, the following guidelines will be followed:

- If the supervisor initiated the specific study project, i.e. identified the necessity and potential thereof and created the basic infrastructure and followed the development of the work on a regular basis, he/she must be an author and usually for the first publication forthcoming from the work, the main author.
- If the student initiated the project or certain aspects thereof and helped with the writing of the paper on his original input, he becomes the main author, while the supervisor becomes the co-author.
- If, after the student has completed his/her study, he/she is not interested in publishing certain publishable aspects of the work in collaboration with the supervisor, the university retains the right to publish this work. If the publication and its logic come directly from the report, the student will be approached as co-author, while the supervisor who writes the article will be the main author.
- Sometimes there are cases, which will not clearly fall in any of the above categories. Here the case will be decided at the hand of the following questions (in priority order):

Who initiated the project?  
Whose idea was the publication?  
Who thought out the logic of the publication?  
Who wrote the publication?  
Who did the project work?

Students are reminded that dissertations and theses are university documents, and where any publication is extracted from such documents (irrespective of where the research was done and who the author is) the publication must be approved by the department.

## REGISTER OF MODIFICATIONS TO THIS DOCUMENT

Revision Number	Publication date	Changes
0 (Original)	17 December 2019	
1	31 January 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">MSV 780</a> Dr Heyns' telephone number corrected</li><li>• Dates for <a href="#">MLV 780</a> announced</li><li>• <a href="#">Venues</a> for 1<sup>st</sup> semester announced</li><li>• 1 date for <a href="#">MSY 781</a> and <a href="#">MIP 780</a> cancelled; new dates to be arranged</li><li>• <a href="#">Contact Information</a> updated</li></ul>