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## Finite element methods 780 (MEE 780)

<b>Qualification</b>	Postgraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>Prerequisites</b>	A working knowledge of MATLAB/OCTAVE or FORTRAN77
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per semester
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

Stress and the differential equilibrium equation. Isoparametric formulation. Numerical integration. Reduced integration. Convergence, stability and accuracy. The Patch test. Membrane elements: assumed stress mixed interpolations. 3-D elements. Error estimates and mesh refinement. Sensitivity analysis.

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