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Aeronautics 420 (MLV 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Module credits	16.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	BEng (Mechanical Engineering) BEng (Mechanical Engineering) ENGAGE
Prerequisites	MTV 310
Contact time	1 practical per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Introduction to aerodynamics and aeronautics. Fundamental physical quantities of flowing gas. Equations of state. Anatomy of an airplane. Basic aerodynamics. Potential flow. Elementary incompressible flow. The Kutta-Joukowski Theorem. Introduction to viscous flow. Laminar and Turbulent Boundary Layers. Skin friction. Transition Flow Separation. Airfoil nomenclature. Lift, drag and moment coefficients. Pressure coefficients. Airfoil data. Thin airfoil theory. Biot-Savart Law, Prandtl's lifting line theory. Wing properties. Circulation, downwash, and induced drag. Span efficiency. Stall. High-lift devices. Drag. Elements of airplane and flight performance. Range, endurance and payload. Principles of static stability and control.

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