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Fracture mechanics 780 (MSF 780)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Module credits	16.00
Programmes	BEngHons Mechanical Engineering
	BScHons Applied Science Applied Science: Mechanics
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Mechanical and Aeronautical En
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

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 Kic, J-integral; Fatigue crack growth: Paris Law; life prediction; combined mode fracture, strain energy density methods.