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Vehicle engineering 420 (MVE 420)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Module credits	16.00
Programmes	BEng Mechanical Engineering BEng Mechanical Engineering Engage
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week, 1 practical per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Mechanical and Aeronautical En
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Tyres: Construction, forces and moments, side force generation, rolling resistance, dynamic characteristics, tractive effort, slip, soft soil characteristics. Vehicle performance: equations of motion, supply and demand, forces acting on the vehicle, prediction of top speed, acceleration, braking, gradient ability and fuel consumption. Vehicle suspension systems: suspension concepts, kinematics, dynamic characteristics. Ride comfort: springs, dampers, suspension models, human response to vibration. Handling: steering systems, low-speed handling, steady-state handling, dynamic handling, under/oversteer, handling tests.

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