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Theory of structures 211 (STU 211)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Module credits 8.00

Programmes BSc Architecture

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Civil Eng

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Introduction to structural engineering concepts like design, analysis, sizing and planning of structures. Introduction to Newton's laws, equilibrium, free body diagrams. The application of equilibrium in solving reactions of statically determinate structures. The principles of determinacy and stability of structures. The application of Newton's laws in determining the internal forces in common structural systems like cable structures, trusses, frames and beams. The fundamental principles of weight and forces and how forces are transmitted through structural members and load tracing.

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