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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 Mechanics
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in 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 K_{Ic} , J-integral; Fatigue crack growth: Paris Law; life prediction; combined mode fracture, strain energy density methods.

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