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Aeronautical structures 780 (MLT 780)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Module credits	16.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	21 contact hours per semester
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

Principles of stressed skin construction. General loads on aircraft. Static analysis of structures. Behaviour of aircraft materials. Basic Theory of elasticity. Energy methods & principles of virtual work. Stress analysis of thin-walled structures with and without thermal effects. Analysis of idealised semi-monocoque structures, boom-skin models of stiffened structures such as fuselage and wings, shear flow of idealised thin-walled sections. Fibre-reinforced composites of laminates subjected to bending and extensional stresses, thin walled composite beams. Column buckling with local instabilities, Johnson-Euler, beam columns. Plate buckling (shear, compression & bending), buckling of curved plates, skin effective width, Inter-rivet buckling, flange stability, lateral stability, crippling, inelastic buckling, buckling interaction.