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## Topology and shape optimisation 780 (MBT 780)

<b>Qualification</b>	Postgraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	08
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	21 contact hours per semester
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1 or Semester 2

### Module content

The topology optimisation method solves the basic engineering problem of distributing a limited amount of material in a design space. Material distribution methods, based on the use of mathematical programming and Numerical Schemes are used to determine the optimum architecture of a system and is used to identify possible shape and lay-outs of material. Applications of this optimisation method include optimisation of structural members, but can also be extended to flow and heat transfer optimisation.

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