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Missile aerodynamics and design 781 (MLD 781)

Qualification Postgraduate

Faculty Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Module credits 16.00

NQF Level 08

Prerequisites (recommended) aircraft design, aerodynamics, flight mechanics

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

The aerodynamic discipline of missiles or slender bodies and general configuration design concepts, submarine, airship and munition development. Slender body theory, aerodynamics of bodies, aerodynamics of low aspect ratio wings, vortices, wing body interference, downwash, the wake and wing tail interference, aerodynamic controls, drag, stability derivatives, design considerations, performance, manoeuvering flight, store carriage and separation. Prerequisites for the course are aircraft design, subsonic and supersonic aerodynamics (including the concepts of potential flow, vortex theory, thin aerofoil theory, finite wing theory, compressible gas dynamics and shock wave theory) and flight dynamics.

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