

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Structural mechanics 310 (MSY 310)

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| Qualification | Undergraduate |
| Faculty | Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology |
| Module credits | 16.00 |
| NQF Level | 07 |
| Programmes | BEng in Mechanical Engineering 4-year programme BEng in Mechanical Engineering 5-year programme |
| Prerequisites | (MOW 227), (WTW 256), admission to relevant programme |
| Contact time | 3 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 |

Module content

Introduction of stress tensor. 3D stress and strain transformation. Eigenvalue/vector analysis for principal stresses and strains. Experimental strain measurements. Stress-strain relations. Strain energy. Thin-walled cylinders. Statically indeterminate stress systems. Bending stress, slope and deflection of beams, shear center, non-symmetric beams, composite beams, Castigliano's theorem. Statically indeterminate beams. Buckling instability. Yield criteria. Elementary plasticity. Structural steel design SANS code. Fracture mechanics. Fatigue.

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