

# ES3D2-15 Steel Structures

**20/21**

**Department**

School of Engineering

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 3

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

15

**Module duration**

14 weeks

**Assessment**

70% coursework, 30% exam

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

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### Module aims

The appraisal and design of structures is the main activity of many professional civil engineers. (Study of the structural behaviour, analysis and design is therefore a principal part of civil engineering teaching and is essential for professional accreditation.)

Structural engineering is a substantial economic activity.

The study of the design of steel structures is therefore core within an integrated programme leading to a degree in Civil Engineering The ES3D2 module aims to learn the design process according to Eurocode 3. It includes an educational and comprehensive experience in the design of simple steel structures.

### Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Introduction to steel structures: Structures for buildings and bridges and the design process: types and forms of structure; load paths; choice of structural materials (steel grades); design of individual members and connections; influence of imperfections, design for construction methods; H&S issues (e.g. CDM 2014); sustainable construction and the client's view. Eurocode system for limit state design: loads and load combinations and arrangements; ULS (resistance) and SLS; (deflections and vibration), robustness (Building Regulations), frame stability, fire design and durability.

Plastic collapse analysis: ULS for members and frames, to limit analysis, mention of shakedown; interpretation of results for the design process.

Geometric properties of steel sections.

Design process: Tension struts, Local buckling and classification, Laterally-restrained beams; (bending moment and shear), Uniform and non-uniform torsion: Unrestrained and restrained warping, Laterally-unrestrained beams - lateral-torsional buckling, Column members; buckling curves; interaction of bending and axial compression.

Introduction to Connections and Joints, and flooring systems.

Overall stability of frames: Second-order P- effects; elastic critical buckling loads and beam-column members. Design process: cr and Merchant-Rankine formula modification.

## **Learning outcomes**

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Understand function of structures as load-bearers and the response of members, joints and frames.
- Propose concepts for common civil engineering structures of steel, particularly those related to buildings.
- Analyse common building structures to determine response to load.
- Determine form and size of structural elements.
- Sketch structural solutions.
- Prepare structural calculations.
- Appraise alternative structural solutions and examine critically the results of structural analysis.
- Appreciate the needs of clients and relationship between design and safety.

## **Indicative reading list**

Martin, L. and Purkiss, J., Structural Design of Steelwork - To EN 1993 and EN 1994, 3rd Ed., Butterworth-Heinemann, Oxford, 2008.

Davison, B. and Owens, G.W. (Eds.) Steel Designer's Manual, Wiley-Blackwell, 7th edition, 2012.

Roberts, J., Structural Eurocodes - Extracts from the Structural Eurocodes for Students of Structural Design (3rd Edition): (PP 1990:2010), BSI Standards Ltd, 2010.

AccessSteel <http://www.steelbiz.org/> (for Eurocode 3)

## **Subject specific skills**

1. Ability to conceive, make and realise a component, product, system or process
2. Ability to develop economically viable and ethically sound sustainable solutions
3. Ability to be pragmatic, taking a systematic approach and the logical and practical steps necessary for, often complex, concepts to become reality
4. Ability to seek to achieve sustainable solutions to problems and have strategies for being creative and innovative
5. Ability to be risk, cost and value-conscious, and aware of their ethical, social, cultural, environmental, health and safety, and wider professional engineering responsibilities

## Transferable skills

1. Numeracy: apply mathematical and computational methods to communicate parameters, model and optimize solutions
  2. Apply problem solving skills, information retrieval, and the effective use of general IT facilities
  3. Communicate (written and oral; to technical and non-technical audiences) and work with others
  4. Awareness of the nature of business and enterprise in the creation of economic and social value
  5. Overcome difficulties by employing skills, knowledge and understanding in a flexible manner
  6. Ability to formulate and operate within appropriate codes of conduct, when faced with an ethical issue
  7. Appreciation of the global dimensions of engineering, commerce and communication
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## Study

### Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	28 sessions of 1 hour (19%)
Practical classes	3 sessions of 1 hour (2%)
Fieldwork	1 session of 1 hour (1%)
Other activity	12 hours (8%)
Private study	106 hours (71%)
Total	150 hours

### Private study description

106 hours of guided independent learning

### Other activity description

12x1 hr Examples Class

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

### Assessment group D3

	Weighting	Study time
Laboratory Report	30%	
Laboratory Report 2250 words		
Assignment	40%	
Online Examination	30%	
QMP		
~Platforms - QMP		

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- Students may use a calculator
- Engineering Data Book 8th Edition

### Feedback on assessment

Coursework: individual feedback returned.

Feedback in examples class.

Model solutions to recent past papers.

Cohort level feedback on examinations.

[Past exam papers for ES3D2](#)

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## Availability

### Post-requisite modules

If you pass this module, you can take:

- ES4F4-15 Advanced Structural Engineering

## Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 3 of UESA-H216 BEng Civil Engineering
- Year 4 of UESA-H215 BEng Civil Engineering with Intercalated Year
- Year 3 of UESA-H217 MEng Civil Engineering
- Year 4 of UESA-H218 MEng Civil Engineering with Intercalated Year

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 3 of UESA-H218 MEng Civil Engineering with Intercalated Year
- Year 3 of UESA-H115 MEng Engineering with Intercalated Year

This module is Optional for:

- Year 3 of UESA-H113 BEng Engineering
- Year 3 of UESA-H114 MEng Engineering
- Year 4 of UESA-H115 MEng Engineering with Intercalated Year

This module is Option list A for:

- Year 4 of UESA-H111 BEng Engineering with Intercalated Year
- UESA-H112 BSc Engineering
  - Year 3 of H112 Engineering
  - Year 3 of H112 Engineering