ES4F4-15 Advanced Structural Engineering

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Department
School of Engineering
Level
Undergraduate Level 4
Module leader
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Credit value
15
Module duration
10 weeks
Assessment
100% exam
Study location
University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

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Module aims

The module aims to give students a critical understanding of the behaviour of new structural elements and systems built with Fibre Reinforced Polymers (FRP) composites, FRP reinforced concrete (FRP RC), and cold-formed steel. Fundamental theory and advanced methods widely used in everyday design (including Eurocodes) are covered. Strong emphasis is given to composite construction that can offer improved response to load and savings in member sizes, thus leading to more economic designs from a whole-life costing perspective.

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.

PART 1 – Fibre Reinforced Polymers for New Build Structures

- Composite processing methods for structural shapes and systems
- Framework for using Eurocode design philosophy with FRPs
- Ultimate limit state design of members, and connections and joints (bolted and adhesively bonded)
- Serviceability limit state design for FRP structures
- Design for durability (temperature, moisture, creep, fatigue)
- Construction and maintenance
- Whole life costings and sustainability context

PART 2 – Fibre Reinforced Polymer composites in Concrete

- Introduction to FRPs in concrete
- Materials and constitutive relationships
- Flexural behaviour
- Shear behaviour
- Fibre Reinforced Concrete

PART 3 – Cold-formed steel design

- Introduction (manufacturing methods, modular construction, connections)
- Behaviour of thin-walled components (local, distortional, global buckling, web-crippling, flange curling)
- Design of cross-sections
- Design of members

Learning outcomes

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

- Critically assess the suitability of different structural solutions for new structures based on the desired performance
- Demonstrate forefront knowledge and understanding of theory and concepts used to design structures of FRP composites, FRP RC or cold-formed steel.
- Design advanced composite structural systems of either FRP composites, FRP RC or cold formed steel.
- Interpret and systematically apply international design guidelines for composite construction with FRPs and cold formed steel.
- Demonstrate advanced knowledge and sound understanding on materials, composite processing methods, design, execution, maintenance and sustainability of all-FRP structures.

Indicative reading list

1. J. T. MOTTRAM and J. Henderson (Eds.), 'FRP Bridges - Guidance for Designers', prepared by Composites UK: Construction Sector Group, CIRIA C779, London, 2018. ISBN 978-0-86017-794-4 (free download) https://www.ciria.org/Resources/Free_publications/Fibre_reinforced_polymer_bridges.aspx

FRP reinforcement in RC structures, fib Bulletin 40, 2007. Latest edition of international design guidelines on FRP RC: Model Code 2010, ACI 440.1, fib Bulletin 14.

Design of cold-formed steel structures, ECCS, 2012. Designers' Guide to Eurocode 4. ICE Publishing, 2011

International

The module has an international dimension as it covers not only UK standards, but also those from Europe, the USA and other countries. This module will expose students to design standards from other countries, which is critical nowadays as the construction industry is more and more global and much of the infrastructure has to be built abroad.

Subject specific skills

- Ability to conceive, make and realise structural components using non-traditional materials.
- Interpret and apply advanced design standards and methods to design different types of non-traditional structural components.
- Ability to seek to achieve more sustainable and economic solutions for the construction industry using non-traditional materials.
- Ability to be pragmatic, taking a systematic approach and the logical and practical steps necessary for, often complex, advanced structural solutions to become reality.

Transferable skills

- Apply mathematical methods to communicate parameters, model and optimize structural solutions using non-traditional materials.
- Exercise initiative and personal responsibility, including time management, of a module made of three different parts.
- Plan self-learning and improve performance, as the foundation for lifelong learning/CPD which is widely needed in civil engineering.
- Overcome difficulties in structural engineering by employing skills, knowledge and understanding gained in Years 1 to 3 in a flexible and coherent manner.
- Develop awareness of the nature of the global landscape of the construction industry by familiarising, interpreting and applying design standards from inside and outside the UK.

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	24 sessions of 1 hour (16%)
Demonstrations	1 session of 2 hours (1%)
Total	150 hours

Type	Required
Other activity	8 hours (5%)
Private study	116 hours (77%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

116 hours of guided independent learning

Other activity description

2x1 hours revision classes, 6 hrs f2f lectures with document visualiser (Example Classes)

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group B2

	Weighting	Study time
Online Examination	100%	

Online QMP examination - Answer book required.

~Platforms - QMP

- Online examination: No Answerbook required
- Students may use a calculator
- Engineering Data Book 8th Edition
- Graph paper

Feedback on assessment

Support through advice and feedback hours. Cohort level feedback on the QMP exam.

Past exam papers for ES4F4

Availability

Pre-requisites

To take this module, you must have passed:

- All of
  - ES3D1-15 Concrete Structures
  - ES3D2-15 Steel Structures
  - ES3E2-15 Civil Engineering Design II
  - ES2C2-15 Civil Engineering Design 1
  - ES2C3-15 Civil Engineering Materials and Structural Analysis

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 4 of UESA-H217 MEng Civil Engineering
- Year 4 of UESA-H219 MEng Civil Engineering with Exchange Year
- Year 5 of UESA-H218 MEng Civil Engineering with Intercalated Year

This module is Optional for:

- Year 4 of UESA-H116 MEng Engineering with Exchange Year
- Year 5 of UESA-H115 MEng Engineering with Intercalated Year

This module is Option list A for:

- Year 4 of UESA-H114 MEng Engineering