

# ES2H3-15 Applied Thermodynamics

**25/26**

**Department**

School of Engineering

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 2

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

15

**Module duration**

10 weeks

**Assessment**

30% coursework, 70% exam

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

ES3B5-15 Engines and Heat Pumps

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### Module aims

Mechanical Engineers are expected to have a working knowledge of the thermodynamic basis of a number of types of engine and refrigerators / heat pumps, together with the principles (such as the Second Law) that constrain their performance.

This module addresses those requirements.

### 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.

1. Heat Transfer, Second Law of Thermodynamics
2. Properties of working fluids
3. Air Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heat Pump cycles

4. Otto cycle engines (spark ignition internal combustion engines)
5. Diesel cycle engines
6. Brayton cycle engines (Gas Turbines)
7. Rankine cycle engines (Steam Turbines)
8. Fuels and combustion

## Learning outcomes

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

- Apply the Second Law of Thermodynamics to complex processes occurring in internal combustion engines. [C1, M1(D)]
- Carry out complex thermodynamic analyses of various engine cycles and calculations relating to the combustion of fuels. [C3, M3(D)]
- Discriminate between different types of engine cycle and their applications. [C2, M2]
- Perform complex thermodynamic analyses of refrigeration and heat pump cycles. [C2, M2]
- Demonstrate practical skills in a professional and scientific manner. [C12, M12]
- Apply numerical and mathematical skills to the solution of mechanical and related engineering problems and communicate solutions. [C2, C17, M2, M17]

## Indicative reading list

Recommended Textbooks:

- Miloslav, P., The Thermodynamics of linear fluids and fluid mixtures. E-book, Springer, 2014
- G.F.C. Rogers and Y.R. Mayhew, Thermodynamic and transport properties of fluids, 5th ed., Oxford Blackwell, 1995.
- Y.A. Çengel & M.A. Boles, Thermodynamics: an engineering approach, 7th ed., London: McGraw Hill, 2011.
- Kenneth A. Kroos & Merle C. Potter, Thermodynamics for Engineers, SI Edition, Cengage Learning, 2015
- Jonh R.Reisel, Principles of Engineering Thermodynamics, SI Edition, Cengage Learning, 2016

## Subject specific skills

Discriminate between different types of engine cycle and their applications. (M3)

Apply the Second Law of Thermodynamics to complex processes occurring in internal combustion engines. (M1)

Carry out complex thermodynamic analyses of various engine cycles and calculations relating to the combustion of fuels. (M3)

Perform complex thermodynamic analyses of refrigeration and heat pump cycles. (M2)

## Transferable skills

Numeracy: apply mathematical and computational methods to communicate parameters and

solutions. (M1)

Apply problem-solving skills, information retrieval, and the effective use of general IT facilities.

(M4)

Demonstrate practical skills in a professional and scientific manner. (M12)

Communicate (written and oral) and work with others. (M17)

Plan self-learning and improve performance, as the foundation for lifelong learning/CPD. (M18)

Exercise initiative and personal responsibility, including time management. (M16)

Overcome difficulties by employing skills, knowledge and understanding in a flexible manner. (soft version of M13)

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## Study

### Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	20 sessions of 1 hour (13%)
Supervised practical classes	1 session of 3 hours (2%)
Online learning (independent)	30 sessions of 30 minutes (10%)
Private study	112 hours (75%)
Total	150 hours

### Private study description

Guided independent learning 112h

### 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.

### Assessment group D

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Laboratory Assignment	30%		Yes (extension)
Laboratory-type assignment of (nominal) 6 pages			
Online Examination	70%		No
QMP January			

~Platforms - AEP,QMP

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

### **Feedback on assessment**

- Coursework will be returned with marks and detailed feedback.
- Cohort level feedback on examinations

[Past exam papers for ES2H3](#)

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## **Availability**

### **Courses**

This module is Core for:

- Year 2 of UESA-H315 BEng Mechanical Engineering
- UESA-H316 MEng Mechanical Engineering
  - Year 2 of H315 Mechanical Engineering BEng
  - Year 2 of H316 Mechanical Engineering MEng