

# ES1A0-15 Computational Modelling

**26/27**

**Department**

School of Engineering

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 1

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

15

**Module duration**

24 weeks

**Assessment**

100% coursework

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

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[Module web page](#)

### Module aims

The use of models aims to provide information necessary to make decisions in the design and development of Civil Engineering solutions or to investigate solutions which are too costly, difficult or unethical to investigate physically. Vast numbers of bespoke software solutions are available to Civil Engineers working in industry but this module will focus on designing and programming models from first principles showing the application of mathematical techniques and avoidance of modelling errors. There are design principles associated with models which ensure robust development and these will also be covered along with verification and validation techniques and applications to data modelling. These methods are inherited from software design processes and the synthesis will be exploited.

### 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.

Context: Introduction to Computational Modelling

- Development of mathematical models for simple engineering problems
- Conservation laws in engineering  
Use and programming of MATLAB in Computational Modelling
- MATLAB fundamentals
- Programming with MATLAB
- Linear system of equations and their use in civil engineering
- Linear Eigenvalue Analysis with MATLAB and its use in civil engineering problems
- MATLAB for structural mechanics problems  
Use of SAP2000 in civil engineering analysis and design problems
- Introduction to SAP2000
- Use of SAP2000 in civil engineering problems

## Learning outcomes

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

- Simplify real civil engineering problems and approximate via a mathematical model.
- Represent multi-domain systems in a graphical programming environment.
- Derive models and relationships from data.
- Understand and predict the response of a system to test inputs (i.e. step, sine) using analytical and simulation based approaches.
- Demonstrate understanding that models are a tool developed with a user and purpose in mind.
- Describe the role of modelling and simulation in Engineering design and development.

## Indicative reading list

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

[Specific reading list for the module](#)

## Subject specific skills

1. Plan and manage the design process, including cost drivers, evaluating outcomes, and working with technical uncertainty
2. Ability to apply relevant practical and laboratory skills

## 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. Overcome difficulties by employing skills, knowledge and understanding in a flexible manner

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## Study

### Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	14 sessions of 1 hour (9%)
Practical classes	17 sessions of 1 hour (11%)
Work-based learning	60 sessions of 1 hour (40%)
Other activity	3 hours (2%)
Private study	56 hours (37%)
Total	150 hours

### Private study description

56 hours of guided independent learning (including VLE use and support from Employer)

### Other activity description

2 hours of revision lectures

1 hour mandatory formative Moodle Test

### 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 A6

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
Work-based Project	100%		Yes (extension)
Work-based Project (14 pages in length)			

**Weighting      Study time      Eligible for self-certification**

Reassessment component is the same

## **Feedback on assessment**

- Written individual feedback on work-based project.
  - Support through advice and feedback hours.
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## **Availability**

### **Courses**

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of DESA-H221 Undergraduate Civil and Infrastructure Engineering (Non-integrated Degree Apprenticeship)