

ES2D2-15 Mechanical Engineering Design

26/27

Department

School of Engineering

Level

Undergraduate Level 2

Module leader

Richard Watson

Credit value

15

Module duration

20 weeks

Assessment

100% coursework

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

n/a.

[Module web page](#)

Module aims

This stream-specific second year design module focusses on creative practice and practical aspects of problem solving. Supported by development of CAD proficiency & manufacturing experience.

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.

- Developing/emerging technologies
- Factors affecting engineering design

- Writing specifications and understanding user requirements
- Design process/stages, including FMEA
- Project management
- Creative design practices
- Design development and analysis using CAE / CAD
- Working with others & team roles
- Communication skills

Learning outcomes

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

- Interpret the broad range of needs, perspectives & factors which affect all engineering projects. [C1, C2, M1, M2]
- Appraise requirements in order to write a specification, evaluate the information provided for completeness and carry out research or experimentation to manage the technical uncertainty.[C3, M3]
- Select an appropriate design process/stages model and employ it (& other appropriate project management tools) to manage a design project. [C6, C13, C14, M6, M13, M14]
- Apply the engineering fundamentals learnt throughout this & the other modules studied during the course, to design & price a sustainable product to meet a specification.[C5, C6, C12, M5, M6, M12]
- Evaluate the success of the product, design improvements to it and communicate the improved product to a non-technical audience. [C17, M17]
- Recognise roles & skill sets of team members, select roles & work in teams whilst also taking personal responsibility. [C16, M16]

Research element

Students must develop an awareness of research within engineering. As such, they have a library session, and research is required to develop their solution to the selected problem.

Subject specific skills

1. Plan and manage the design process, including cost drivers, evaluating outcomes, and working with technical uncertainty
2. Knowledge and understanding of risk issues, including health & safety, environmental and commercial risk, risk assessment and risk management techniques and an ability to evaluate commercial risk

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. Exercise initiative and personal responsibility, including time management, which may be as a team member or leader
 5. Be professional in their outlook, be capable of team working, be effective communicators, and be able to exercise responsibility and sound management approaches.
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Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	5 sessions of 1 hour (3%)
Seminars	20 sessions of 1 hour (13%)
Practical classes	1 session of 2 hours (1%)
Supervised practical classes	4 sessions of 2 hours (5%)
Other activity	4 hours (3%)
Private study	111 hours (74%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

Online learning available via Moodle. Students own reading & research will be required for them to understand the problems the clients set and develop solutions to these problems.

Other activity description

Design showcase

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group A6

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
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Assessment component

Group design portfolio	50%		No
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Design portfolio assignment - Maximum of 10 A3 pages plus appendix, including peer assessment

Reassessment component is the same

Assessment component

Prototype and poster presentation	50%		No
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Design showcase where students present a prototype & poster. The assessment includes peer assessment.

Reassessment component is the same

Feedback on assessment

Written feedback on design portfolio.
Verbal feedback on prototype & poster.
In-session feedback of developing design.

Availability

Post-requisite modules

If you pass this module, you can take:

- ES3C2-15 Advanced Mechanical Engineering Design

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 2 of UESA-H113 BEng Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-H315 BEng Mechanical Engineering
- UESA-H112 BSc Engineering
 - Year 2 of H112 Engineering

- Year 2 of H112 Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-H114 MEng Engineering
- UESA-H316 MEng Mechanical Engineering
 - Year 2 of H315 Mechanical Engineering BEng
 - Year 2 of H316 Mechanical Engineering MEng

This module is Optional for:

- Year 2 of UESA-H161 BEng Biomedical Systems Engineering
- Year 2 of UESA-H163 MEng Biomedical Systems Engineering