

ES2F0-15 Civil Engineering Design

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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

Description

Introductory description

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[Module web page](#)

Module aims

Design describes a process of imagination and creativity that applies to all engineering activities, whether the requirement is to produce an artefact, a process, or a conceptual framework. Creativity requires imagination, intuition, intellectual rigour, and the sound application of underlying engineering principles. The module aims to develop your creativity and conceptual thinking, exploring where design ideas come from, how those ideas evolve into practical and workable engineering solutions, and what factors lead to good design at the concept stage of a civil engineering project.

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.

Surveying:

Planning and control: Whole to part, Geodetic vs plane, Types of survey

Common techniques and equipment: tape, level, theodolite, EDM, GPS

Techniques of measurement and error evaluation and control: Error types and mitigation, Bowditch, Least Squares, GPS

Setting out: profiles, curves

Instrumentation and Monitoring

Introduction to structural design:

Conceptual design

Actions on structures, design standards and basic load analysis hand-calculations

Load paths and structural stability

Handling ill-defined briefs

Identifying key requirements

Rapid communication – sketching

Critiquing designs

Introduction to geotechnical structural design:

Geotechnical problems, slope stability desk and walkover studies and preliminary analysis methods

Engineering Geology

Groundwater and seepage

Introduction to foundation selection and design

Approximate methods of structural analysis appropriate for very preliminary scheme design

Learning outcomes

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

- Specify appropriate surveying techniques and apply them with due regard to survey control, analysis and purpose. [C3(M), C12(M), C13(M)]
- Evaluate and interpret topographical survey data. [C3(M), C12(M)]
- Develop conceptual structural and geotechnical solutions to Civil Engineering design problems; interpreting briefs; bounding problems and identifying key issues including environmental impact; and critiquing, iterating and selecting solutions. [C1(M), C2(M), C4(M), C5(M), C7(D)]
- Use sketching, models and other techniques to develop and communicate design thinking. [C17(M)]
- Appreciate how civil engineers design and construct infrastructure with safety and professional ethics at the core of the process. [C8(D)]
- Demonstrate effective written communication to a range of work/practice and/or academic audiences. [C17(D)]
- Function effectively as an individual, and as a member of a team. [C16(M)]

Indicative reading list

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

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. Communicate (written and oral; to technical and non-technical audiences) and work with others
 2. Plan self-learning and improve performance, as the foundation for lifelong learning/CPD
 3. Exercise initiative and personal responsibility, including time management, which may be as a team member or leader
 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
 8. 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	17 sessions of 1 hour (11%)
Tutorials	8 sessions of 1 hour (5%)
Practical classes	2 sessions of 1 hour (1%)
Supervised practical classes	10 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Fieldwork	17 sessions of 1 hour (11%)
Private study	96 hours (64%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

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

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group A3

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
Geotechnical Design Exercise	20%		Yes (extension)
Geotechnical design exercise (4 pages length)			
Reassessment component is the same			
Assessment component			
Surveying group report	30%		No
Surveying Group Report (including peer assessment, 15 pages maximum)			
Reassessment component			
Surveying individual report			No
Surveying individual report (8 pages maximum)			
Assessment component			
Structural design portfolio	50%		Yes (extension)
Structural design portfolio (maximum 20 pages length)			
Reassessment component is the same			

Feedback on assessment

Individual and cohort level feedback and coaching will be ubiquitous. The focus on fieldwork and studio-based work will allow detailed and regular discussion between academics, industry mentors, and students. Students will also be required to both give and receive feedback on peers' work, a key aspect of the design process and learning outcome of the module.

Availability

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 2 of DESA-H221 Undergraduate Civil and Infrastructure Engineering (Non-integrated Degree Apprenticeship)