Sabanci University  
Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences  

ME 301- Mechanical Systems I

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Teaching Assistants: TBA

Lecture Hours and Place: M:12:40-13:30 FASS 1008-1010, T:10:40-12:30 FENS G032

Recitations: Th: 6:40-7:30 FENS L035

Office Hours: TBA

References:

Course Objectives:
This course introduces fundamental principles and methods of structural mechanics. Topics covered include: stresses and strains in structural elements, states of stress (shear, bending, torsion), statically indeterminate systems, displacements and deformations, deflections with simple loadings, superposition techniques, thermal stresses, combined stresses, Mohr’s circle, combined loadings, buckling, energy methods, elastic stability, and approximate methods.

The course objective can be listed as to:
1. Introduce students to mechanics of materials and fundamentals of strength of materials,
2. Understand the sources and relationship between strain and stress and learn how to calculate them given various loading conditions
3. Apply computational techniques, such as Mohr’s circle, to solve mechanics problems
4. Learn how to conduct mechanical component design based on stress and deflection analysis
5. Calculate deflections of structural elements under basic loading.
6. Introduce students to the principles of design for static failure
7. Learn how to analyze a given solid mechanics problem in a simple and logical manner and using fundamental concepts to find its solution

Prerequisites:
A passing grade in ENS 204 is required

Course Work:
Each student’s grade in the course will be based on the following distribution:
• Homework (approx total max of 6) 15%
• Mid-Term 1 25% Tentative Date: Nov. 14, during lecture
• Mid-Term 2 25% Tentative Date: Dec. 19 OR 26, during lecture
• Final Exam 35%

There will be two closed book MT exams, and a comprehensive final exam given during the official scheduled time as well as homework assignments.

**Homework Policy:**

Homework will be given almost every (other) week online. Homework are to be submitted online. **NO LATE homework will be accepted.** The solution to each problem should be clear and easily readable with all solution steps shown in an easy to follow format. All units of measurement must be shown throughout the solution in homeworks. The solution to each problem should be free of scratch marks with the final answer(s) boxed or clearly marked. Sloppy assignment reports **will suffer a significant grade deduction** even if the solution is correct.

**Syllabus Overview:**

**Tentative** allocation of topics throughout the semester is as follows.

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**Student Conduct- Academic Honesty:**

It is the responsibility of each student to adhere to the principles of academic integrity. Academic integrity means that a student is honest with him/herself, fellow students, instructors, and the University in matters concerning his or her educational endeavors. Thus, a student should not falsely claim the work of another as his/her own, or misrepresent him/herself so that the measures of his/her academic performance do not reflect his/her own work or personal knowledge. All homework and projects must be an individual effort unless specifically noted.