

**Department of Mathematics**

**Course Profile**

<b>Course Number: MATH 352</b>	<b>Course Title: Mathematical Theory of Elasticity</b>
<b>Required / Elective:</b> Required	<b>Prerequisites:</b> none
<b>Catalog Description:</b> Analysis of strain and stresses, linear constitutive relations, field equations of linear elastic bodies, basic equations of elastostatics, existence and uniqueness theorems. Plane elasticity; plane strain and stress case; compatibility conditions. Airy stress function, solution in cartesian and polar coordinates. Elastic waves, reflection and refraction of elastic waves.	<b>Textbook / Required Material:</b> Elasticity, Robert Wm Little, Prentice Hall, 1972.
<b>Course Structure / Schedule: (3+2+0) 3 / 6 ECTS</b>	
<p>Extended Description: Vectors and tensors; Summation convention; first order tensors, second order tensors; Symmetric and skew-symmetric tensors. Transformation of tensors; Invariant of tensors; Kronecker delta, permutation symbols, Dot and cross product of vectors; Divergence and rotation of vectors; Divergence of second order tensors. Kinematics of continuous bodies: Spatial and material coordinates; Material time derivative; Velocity and acceleration vectors. Displacement vector; Infinitesimal strain tensors; Compatibility conditions. Stress: The concept of internal forces and stress vector; Surface traction; The concept of stress tensor. Properties of stress tensor; Normal and shear stresses; Solution of some problems. Balance equations of continuous bodies: Conservation of mass; Balance of linear and angular momenta. Stress quadratic of Cauchy; Principal directions and principal values of the stress. Conservation of energy. The concept of internal energy. The field equations of isotropic elastic materials; Initial and boundary conditions; Stress and displacement formulations. General theory of plane elasticity; plane deformation; Plane stress; Airy stress function. Plane elasticity problems in Cartesian and polar coordinates. Reflection and Diffraction of elastic waves.</p>	
<b>Design content:</b> None	<b>Computer usage:</b> No particular computer usage required
<p><b>Course Outcomes:</b> By the end of the course the students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. construct a mathematical modelling for engineering materials [2],</li> <li>2. understand the physical characterization of various differential equations encountered in written literature [2,6],</li> <li>3. solve some practical problems by use of the mathematics he/she learnt throughout his/her education [3,6].</li> </ol> <p>[2] demonstrate knowledge of mathematics and mechanics to construct, analyze and interpret real world problems,            [3] demonstrate the ability to apply mathematics to the solutions of problems,            [6] have a basic knowledge of the main fields of mathematics and mechanics, including differential equations, elasticity theory, fluid mechanics,</p>	

**Recommended reading:**

Any book on elasticity theory

**Teaching methods:** Three hours theoretical presentation with illustrative problem solving, and homework per week.

**Assessment methods:**

Homework,, midterm and final exams.

**Student workload:**

Pre-reading .....	15 hrs
Lectures .....	45 hrs
Tutorials .....	30 hrs
Preparatory reading .....	25 hrs
Literature review for presentation.....	25 hrs
Team work for presentation .....	10 hrs
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>150 hrs .....</b> to match 25x6 ECTS

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