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MECH 235-001-003: Engineering Mechanics: Statics Fall 2025

Text: ENGINEERING MECHANICS - STATICS
R.C. Hibbeler, Any Edition

Class: **MECH 235-001 and MECH 235-003**

Format: Hybrid

Location: CULM LECT II

Time: MONDAY 10:00 – 11:20 AM (Online)
WEDNESDAY 10:00 – 11:20 AM (In Class)

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Prerequisites: Phys 111, Math 112. Provides an understanding of equilibrium of particles and rigid bodies subject to concentrated and distributed forces.

Students must earn a C or better in this course to register for Strength of Materials, MECH237.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic Integrity: It is expected that NJIT's University Code on Academic Integrity will be followed in all matters related to this course. Refer to NJIT's Dean of Students website to become familiar with the Code on Academic Integrity and how to avoid Code violations.

https://www.njit.edu/policies/sites/policies/files/academic-integrity-code.pdf

Please note that it is my professional obligation and responsibility to report any academic misconduct to the Dean of Students Office. Any student found in violation of the code by cheating, plagiarizing or using any online software inappropriately will result in disciplinary action. This may include a failing grade of F, and/or suspension or dismissal from the university. If you have any questions about the code of Academic Integrity, please contact the Dean of Students Office at dos@njit.edu

Instructor Commitment: You can expect the instructor to be courteous, punctual, organized, and prepared for lecture and other class activities; to answer questions clearly; to be available during office hours or to notify you beforehand if office hours are moved; to provide a suitable guest lecturer or pre-recorded lecture when they are traveling or unavailable; and to grade uniformly and consistently.

AI statement: The use of artificial intelligence (AI) is permitted in this course only when explicitly stated in assignments. If students use AI for any course-related work, they must cite it according to the guidelines provided on the **NJIT Library AI Citation page**. If you have any questions about AI use in this course, please contact the course instructor before submitting any assignments. In cases where AI use is not allowed, students are expected to complete work without AI assistance to develop their skills in this subject area.

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SYLLABUS

1	Ch 1: Introduction Ch 2: Statics of Particles, Trig Method (sketch force polygon)
2	Ch 2: Rectangular Components Equilibrium of a Particle
3	Ch 2: Force in Space Forces and Equilibrium in Space
4	Ch 3: Rigid Bodies: Equivalent System of Forces. Scalar (Dot) Products
5	Ch 3: Couples and Force-Couple Systems Equivalent Systems
6	Ch 4: Equilibrium of Rigid Bodies Equilibrium of a 2-Force Body
7	MIDTERM EXAM Ch 5: Centroids and Center of Gravity
8	Ch 5: Distributed Loads
9	Ch 6: Truss Analysis: Method of Joints
10	Ch 6: Truss Analysis: Method of Sections
11	Ch 6: Frame Analysis
12	Ch 9: Moments of Inertia
13	Ch 9: Parallel Axis Theorem
14	Problems and Review for Finals

- Students will be informed in advance by the instructor of any modifications or deviation from the syllabus throughout the course of the semester.

SEMESTER WEEKS

WEEK #	DAY	DATE		NOTES
WEEK 1	W	Sept.	3	
WEEK 2	M	Sept.	8	
	W	Sept.	10	
WEEK 3	M	Sept.	15	
	W	Sept.	17	
WEEK 4	M	Sept.	22	
	W	Sept.	24	
WEEK 5	M	Sept.	29	
	W	Oct.	1	
WEEK 6	M	Oct.	6	
	W	Oct.	8	
WEEK 7	M	Oct.	13	
	W	Oct.	15	
WEEK 8	M	Oct.	20	
	W	Oct.	22	
WEEK 9	M	Oct.	27	
	W	Oct.	29	
WEEK 10	M	Nov.	3	
	W	Nov.	5	
WEEK 11	M	Nov.	10	
	W	Nov.	12	
WEEK 12	M	Nov.	17	
	W	Nov.	19	
WEEK 13	M	Nov.	24	
	W	Nov.	26	Friday Classes Meet
WEEK 14	M	Dec.	1	
	W	Dec.	3	
WEEK 15	M	Dec.	8	
	W	Dec.	10	Last Day of Classes

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept	1	Labor Day. University Closed
Sept	2	First Day of Classes
Sept	8	Last Day to Add/Drop a Class
Sept	8	Last Day for 100% Refund, Full or Partial Withdrawal
Sept	9	W Grades Posted for Course Withdrawals
Sept	15	Last Day for 90% Refund, Full or Partial Withdrawal - No Refund for Partial Withdrawal after this date
Sept	29	Last Day for 50% Refund, Full Withdrawal
Oct	2	Wellness Day
Oct	20	Last Day for 25% Refund, Full Withdrawal
Nov	10	Last Day to Withdraw from Classes
Nov	25	Thursday Classes Meet
Nov	26	Friday Classes Meet
Nov	27	Thanksgiving Recess Begins. No Classes
Nov	30	Thanksgiving Recess Ends
Dec	11	Last Day of Classes
Dec	12	Reading Day
Dec	13	Saturday Classes Meet
Dec	14	Final Exams Begin
Dec	20	Final Exams End
Dec	22	Final Grades Due

Grading Policy:

ITEM	TIME	GRADE (%)
Homeworks	Weekly	10
Class Quizzes	Each Week	30
Mid-Term Exam	Week 7	30
Final Exam	Week 15	30
TOTAL		100

- There will be NO make-up quizzes or exams.
- Quizzes and Exams must have Free-Body-Diagrams with Force Vectors shown. ALL work must be shown for full credit.

Grading Scale:

A:	100-90
B+:	89-85
B:	84-80
C+:	79-75
C:	74-70
D:	69-60
F:	Below 60

Homework Policies:

- Follow the syllabus and do the assigned homework problems.
- Have your homework ready each class meeting.
- NO late homework will be accepted.
- All homework MUST include a Free-Body-Diagram to show Force Vectors. All work must be shown for full credit.
- Homework NOT submitted will earn MINUS points deducted from your overall quiz grades.

Helpful Suggestions:

- Take notes and pay attention.
- Ask questions.
- Participate with board work and/or class problem solving.

Tutoring:

Tutoring facilities will be provided for the class. Additional information concerning tutoring will be provided in the class and posted on CANVAS.

Course Objectives Matrix – MECH 235 001-003

Strategies, Actions and Assignments	ABET Student Outcomes (1-7)	Program Educational Objectives	Assessment Measures
Student Learning Outcome 1: Identify transition from Physics (science) to Statics (engineering).			
Present engineering approach and problem-solving techniques used for vector analysis.	1	1	Homework, exams and success in future courses.
Illustrate applications to practical problems of torque, moments, and couples.	1	1	Homework, bonus problems, and exams.
Student Learning Outcome 2: Analyze and calculate two-dimensional and three-dimensional vectors.			
Illustrate 2D vector components by orientation using trigonometry and proportions.	1	1	Homework and exams.
Use vivid Power Point examples to demonstrate analysis technique for force systems on beams and trusses and frames.	1	1	Homework and exams.
Demonstrate logical approach to spatial vectors by visualization of forces, moments.	1	1	Homework, exams, and bonus challenge problems.
Student Learning Outcome 3: Diagram and employ free body diagrams to formulate and analyze solutions of engineering problems.			
Require FBD's, for all problems and emphasize importance of vector directions.	1, 2	1	Homework, bonus challenge problems, and exams.
Illustrate the approach of going from the FBD to the problem solution by formulating the appropriate equation set.	1, 2	1	Homework, bonus challenge problems, and exams.
Provide numerous solved problems available on web. Require numerous homework problems weekly.	1, 2	1	Homework, exams and bonus challenge problems.

CEE Mission, Program Educational Objectives and Student Outcomes

The mission of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering is:

- to educate a diverse student body to be employed in the engineering profession
- to encourage research and scholarships among our faculty and students
- to promote service to the engineering profession and society

Program Educational Objectives

Our **Program Educational Objectives** are reflected in the achievements of our recent alumni:

1. **Engineering Practice:** Alumni will successfully engage in the ethical practice of civil engineering within industry, government, and private practice, working towards safe, practical, resilient and sustainable solutions in a wide array of technical specialties including construction, environmental, geotechnical, structural, transportation, and water resources.
2. **Professional Growth:** Alumni will advance their technical and interpersonal skills through professional growth and development activities such as graduate study in engineering, research and development, professional registration and continuing education; some graduates will transition into other professional fields such as academia, business, and law through further education.
3. **Service:** Alumni will perform service to society and the engineering profession through membership and participation in professional societies, government, educational institutions, civic organizations, charitable giving and other humanitarian endeavors.

Student Outcomes

Our **Student Outcomes** are what students are expected to know and be able to do by the time of their graduation:

1. an ability to identify, formulate and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science and mathematics
2. an ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental and economic factors
3. an ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences
4. an ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental and societal contexts
5. an ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative environment, establish goals, plan tasks and meet objectives
6. an ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data and use engineering judgment to draw conclusion
7. an ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies

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