



CIVL4301

Structural Design Project

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School of Engineering

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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

CIVL3301 or CIVL3305

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit examines a variety of construction materials such as concrete, steel and timber, and design principles underpinning Australian design codes, then utilises them for structural design and construction application. Reinforced concrete, steel, and timber design principles are extended with their application to the design of buildings and/or specialised structures. An integrated structural design and construction project is to be undertaken. Students will work in groups and individually to develop concept designs for comparison. Detailed development of one concept design will be carried out to present a structural system that incorporates necessary design requirements which are compliant with relevant design standards. Consideration of construction aspects and suitable methods of construction will also be included in the project development.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Create and complete an authentic design and construction project by applying knowledge of structural analysis and design principles, available codes of practice, and

construction methods.

ULO2: Critically review structural design inputs, processes, and outputs.

ULO3: Apply technical knowledge, appropriate tools, and problem-solving skills to achieve project goals.

ULO4: Communicate design and construction outcomes at a professional level.

ULO5: Plan and manage structural design and construction projects with high levels of leadership and teamwork skills.

General Assessment Information

This Unit is a project-based assessment. The project task includes a group project assignment, a log book of weekly activities, presentations, and a final report.

Requirements to Pass this Unit

To pass this unit you must:

- Attempt all assessments, and
- Achieve a total mark equal to or greater than 50%, and
- Participate in, and undertake all hurdle activities for, a minimum of 9 of the 12 weekly workshops, and

Hurdle Assessments

Project progress log book (30%) and Presentation (30%)

Development of knowledge and skills requires continual practice at authentic problems in a laboratory-based setting. This unit has weekly laboratory/workshop classes and you must demonstrate your progress in developing and communicating knowledge and skills in a minimum of 9 of the 12 classes. This is a hurdle assessment meaning that failure to meet this requirement may result in a **fail** grade for the unit. Students are permitted up to three absences: **additional absences will require a Special Consideration to be applied for** (see below).

Special Consideration

The [Special Consideration Policy](#) aims to support students who have been impacted by short-term circumstances or events that are serious, unavoidable and significantly disruptive, and which may affect their performance in assessment. If you experience circumstances or events that affect your ability to complete the assessments in this unit on time, please inform the convenor and submit a Special Consideration request through ask.mq.edu.au.

If you receive special consideration for the final exam, a supplementary exam will be scheduled by the faculty during a supplementary exam period, typically about 3 to 4 weeks after the normal exam period. By making a special consideration application for the final exam you are declaring yourself available for a resit during the supplementary examination period and will not be eligible for a second special consideration approval based on pre-existing commitments. Please ensure you are familiar with the policy prior to submitting an application. Approved applicants will receive an individual notification one week prior to the exam with the exact date and time of their supplementary examination.

Special Consideration for Practical-based Tasks

The [Special Consideration Policy](#) aims to support students who have been impacted by short-term circumstances or events that are serious, unavoidable and significantly disruptive, and which may affect their performance in assessment.

Written Assessments: If you experience circumstances or events that affect your ability to complete the written assessments in this unit on time, please inform the convenor and submit a Special Consideration request through ask.mq.edu.au.

Weekly practice-based tasks: To pass the unit you need to demonstrate ongoing development of skills and application of knowledge in 9 out of 12 of the weekly practical classes. If you miss a weekly practical class due to a serious, unavoidable and significant disruption, contact your convenor ASAP as you may be able to attend another class that week.

If it is not possible to attend another class, you should still contact your convenor for access to class material to review in your own time.

Note that a Special Consideration should **only be applied** if you miss more than three of the weekly practical classes.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Project progress log book	30%	No	Weekly
Project presentation	30%	No	Week 6 and Week 12
Project report	40%	No	Week 13

Project progress log book

Assessment Type ¹: Log book

Indicative Time on Task ²: 17 hours

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **30%**

Project log book is to show weekly work progress and student participation

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Project presentation

Assessment Type ¹: Presentation

Indicative Time on Task ²: 18 hours

Due: **Week 6 and Week 12**

Weighting: **30%**

Project presentation including group and individual components

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Project report

Assessment Type ¹: Report

Indicative Time on Task ²: 24 hours

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **40%**

The project report is to present the overall report based on the group work and individual work components.

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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Workshops 3 hours per week.

Study materials will be provided in iLearn. Weekly topics will be guided in the first hour of each workshop class.

Note: Inherent requirements of the Unit are: reinforced concrete design knowledge, collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving

Methods of Communication

We will communicate with you via your university email or through announcements on iLearn. Queries to convenors can either be placed on the iLearn discussion board or sent to UNITCOD.E@mq.edu.au from your **university email** address.

COVID Information

For the latest information on the University's response to COVID-19, please refer to the Coronavirus infection page on the Macquarie website: <https://www.mq.edu.au/about/coronavirus-faqs>. Remember to check this page regularly in case the information and requirements change during the semester. If there are any changes to this unit in relation to COVID, these will be communicated via iLearn.

Unit Schedule

Refer to the study material in iLearn for the Unit Schedule. All classes start in Week 1.

Company and site visits may be necessary (to be confirmed)

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

The Writing Centre

The [Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Changes from Previous Offering

This is the first time offering this Unit.

Engineers Australia Competency Mapping

EA Competency Standard		Unit Learning Outcomes
Knowledge and Skill Base	1.1 Comprehensive, theory-based understanding of the underpinning fundamentals applicable to the engineering discipline.	ULO1, ULO2
	1.2 Conceptual understanding of underpinning maths, analysis, statistics, computing.	ULO1, ULO2
	1.3 In-depth understanding of specialist bodies of knowledge	ULO1, ULO2, ULO3
	1.4 Discernment of knowledge development and research directions	ULO1, ULO3
	1.5 Knowledge of engineering design practice	ULO1, ULO3
	1.6 Understanding of scope, principles, norms, accountabilities of sustainable engineering practice.	ULO2, ULO3
Engineering Application Ability	2.1 Application of established engineering methods to complex problem solving	ULO3
	2.2 Fluent application of engineering techniques, tools and resources.	ULO2
	2.3 Application of systematic engineering synthesis and design processes.	ULO3
	2.4 Application of systematic approaches to the conduct and management of engineering projects.	ULO1, ULO5
Professional and Personal Attributes	3.1 Ethical conduct and professional accountability.	ULO5
	3.2 Effective oral and written communication in professional and lay domains.	ULO4
	3.3 Creative, innovative and pro-active demeanour.	ULO4, ULO5
	3.4 Professional use and management of information.	ULO4, ULO5
	3.5 Orderly management of self, and professional conduct.	ULO4, ULO5
	3.6 Effective team membership and team leadership	ULO4, ULO5

Late Submission

All assessment tasks must be undertaken at the time indicated in the unit guide.

All other assessments must be submitted by 5:00 pm (Sydney Time) on their due date unless stated otherwise.

Should these assessments be missed due to illness or misadventure, students should apply for Special Consideration.

Assessments not submitted by the due date will receive a mark in accordance with the Late Assessment Submission Penalty as follows:

Late Assessment Submission Penalty

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark of the task) will be applied for each day a written report or presentation assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a grade of '0' will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. The submission time for all uploaded assessments is **11:55 pm**. A 1-hour grace period will be provided to students who experience technical concerns.

For any late submission of time-sensitive tasks, such as scheduled tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, and/or scheduled practical assessments/labs, please apply for [Special Consideration](#).

Assessments where Late Submissions will be accepted

- Project Progress Logbook – YES, Standard Late Penalty applies
- Project Report – YES, Standard Late Penalty applies
- Presentation - NO, unless Special Consideration is Granted

On-campus Activities

SGTA and Practical sessions are on-campus activities, starting from Week 1. Students who are unable to get back to campus in time please contact the Unit Convenor.