



MECH1001

Introduction to Mechanical Engineering

Session 2, In person-scheduled-weekday, North Ryde 2026

School of Engineering

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General Information

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By arrangement

Credit points

10

Prerequisites

PHYS1510 and (MATH1010 or MATH1015)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

The unit introduces the broad field of Mechanical engineering concepts. It will cover fundamental mechanics knowledge that is required to analyse forces in both static and dynamic physical system and also to perform fundamental fluid mechanics analysis. At the end of the unit, students are expected to demonstrate the ability to analyse and solve basic mechanics problems fluently.

Learning in this unit enhances student understanding of global challenges identified by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals ([UNSDGs](#)) Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure; Sustainable Cities and Communities

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: Perform structural analysis of three-dimensional machine frames and structures.

ULO2: Demonstrate proficiency in applying mathematical knowledge to solve fundamental engineering dynamic problems.

ULO3: Solve problems in both static and dynamic systems.

ULO4: Demonstrate proficiency in the presentation of introductory level mechanical engineering solutions.

General Assessment Information

Grading and passing requirements for unit

In order to pass this unit, students must obtain a mark of 50 or more for the unit (i.e. obtain a passing grade of P/ CR/ D/ HD).

For further details about grading, please refer to the policies and procedures section below.

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.

Late submissions

Assessments must be undertaken at the time indicated in the unit guide. Should these activities be missed due to illness or misadventure, students may apply for Special Consideration.

Assessments not submitted by the due date will receive a mark in accordance with the late submission policy as follows:

Late Submission Policy

- **5% penalty per day:** If you submit your assessment late, **5% of the total possible marks** will be deducted for each day (including weekends), up to 7 days.
 - *Example 1 (out of 100):* If you score 85/100 but submit 20 hours late, you will lose 5 marks and receive **80/100**.
 - *Example 2 (out of 30):* If you score 27/30 but submit 1 day late, you will lose 1.5 marks and receive **25.5/30**.
- **After 7 days:** Submissions more than 7 days late will receive a **mark of 0**.
- **Extensions:**
 - **Automatic short extension:** Some assessments are eligible for automatic short extension. You can only apply for an automatic short extension before the due

date.

- **Special Consideration:** If you need more time due to serious issues and for any assessments that are not eligible for Short Extension, you must apply for Special Consideration.

Need help? Review the Special Consideration page [HERE](#)

Log book

It is crucial students' attend weekly workshops to complete their log books on an ongoing basis, which will be assigned in Week 1. Students' work will be discussed and evaluated weekly based on their work performances, which is to be neatly documented in the logbook. This will be marked in a single submission at the end of session.

Final Examinations

Final examinations will take place at the end of the semester. For further information, please refer to the Examination Timetable website on www.mq.edu.au

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due	Groupwork/Individual	Short Extension	AI Approach
Problem set	25%	No	Week 13	Individual	No	Open
Log book	25%	No	20/09/2026	Individual	No	Observed
Final Exam	50%	No	Exam Period	Individual	No	Observed

Problem set

Assessment Type ¹: Problem-based task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **25%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Open

You will complete a single submission online problem set assessment, based on topics covered during the session.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Perform structural analysis of three-dimensional machine frames and structures.
- Demonstrate proficiency in applying mathematical knowledge to solve fundamental engineering dynamic problems.

- Solve problems in both static and dynamic systems.
- Demonstrate proficiency in the presentation of introductory level mechanical engineering solutions.

Log book

Assessment Type ¹: Portfolio

Indicative Time on Task ²: 30 hours

Due: **20/09/2026**

Weighting: **25%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Observed

You will keep a log book of your workshop activities which will be marked in a single submission.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Perform structural analysis of three-dimensional machine frames and structures.
- Demonstrate proficiency in applying mathematical knowledge to solve fundamental engineering dynamic problems.
- Solve problems in both static and dynamic systems.
- Demonstrate proficiency in the presentation of introductory level mechanical engineering solutions.

Final Exam

Assessment Type ¹: Examination

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **Exam Period**

Weighting: **50%**

Groupwork/Individual: Individual

Short extension ³: No

AI Approach: Observed

You will be tested fundamental mechanical engineering concepts on any topic covered in this unit during the final exam. The final exam will take place during the exam period.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Perform structural analysis of three-dimensional machine frames and structures.
- Demonstrate proficiency in applying mathematical knowledge to solve fundamental engineering dynamic problems.
- Solve problems in both static and dynamic systems.
- Demonstrate proficiency in the presentation of introductory level mechanical engineering

solutions.

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
- [Academic Success](#) 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.

³ An automatic short extension is available for some assessments. Apply through the [Service Connect Portal](#).

Delivery and Resources

Textbook(s):

1. "Vector Mechanics for Engineers: Statics and Dynamics" McGraw-Hill, 12th Edition by Beer, Johnston, Mazurek, Cornwell, and Self.
2. "Engineering Mechanics: Statics" Wiley, Volume 1, 8th Edition by J.L. Meriam, L.G. Kraige, J N Bolton.
3. "Engineering Mechanics: Statics" Pearson, 14th Edition by R.C Hibbeler.

Online Platform:

The McGraw-Hill Online platform will provide both in-class and after-class activities. In addition, it will host all the formative online problems and a single problem-set assessment related to the course content.

Course Materials:

For the workshop sessions, it is compulsory to bring a logbook. Please note that the teaching staff will only consider the solutions in this logbook for marking purposes.

Equipment Required:

Ensure you procure these resources and familiarise yourself with the online platform before our first class for an optimal learning experience.

1. **Scientific Calculator:** A high-quality scientific calculator is essential for this course. You are also expected to familiarise yourself with its various functions and operations.
2. **Personal Device (Laptop/Tablet/Mobile Phone):** A personal device, such as a laptop, tablet, or mobile phone, is necessary for accessing the iLearn and McGraw-Hill

resources. These devices will also be utilised to complete in-class activities. Make sure your chosen device can efficiently run these platforms.

Unit Schedule

Please refer to the unit iLearn page.

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 connect.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 an](#)

[d 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/>

Academic Success

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

- [Ask a Study Coach](#)
- [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 the [Service Connect Portal](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/technology/service-desk>.

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.

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

Changes since First Published

Date	Description
24/07/2026	The problem set assessment deadline is corrected.

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