UCLouvain

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2021

Physics of fluids

5.00 credits	37.5 h + 30.0 h	Q2

Teacher(s)	Deleersnijder Eric ;Legat Vincent ;				
Language :	French				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Prerequisites	LPHYS1112 or equivalent teaching unit from another programme. Having followed LPHYS1202 and having followed and passed LMAT1121 are assets. The prerequisite(s) for this Teaching Unit (Unité d'enseignement – UE) for the programmes/courses that offer this Teaching Unit are specified at the end of this sheet.				
Main themes	This teaching unit aims to enable one to understand the basic principles of fluid dynamics and the associated reactive transport processes (kinematics, budget of mass, momentum and energy) and comprehend important flow regimes (incompressible viscous, geophysical and free-surface flows).				
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to: a. Contribution of the teaching unit to the learning outcomes of the programme AA1: 1.1, 1.4, 1.5 AA2: 2.3, 2.4 AA3: 3.4, 3.5 AA6: 6.3 b. Specific learning outcomes of the teaching unit At the end of this teaching unit, the student will be able to: 1. understand the difference between physical principles and phenomenological laws; 2. assess the reliability and coherence of mathematical models; 3. estimate relevant orders of magnitude in a mathematical model based on partial differential equations; 4. study the budget of physical quantities on fixed or moving control volumes; 5. select the mathematical models relevant to specific flows; 6. solve simple fluid dynamics and reactive transport problems; 7. grasp the specific aspects of geophysical and free-surface flows.				
Evaluation methods	Continuous assessment of knowledge based on homeworks, the development of codes in MATLAB (or any other relevant programming language) and/or oral presentations. Written exam consisting of problems.				
Teaching methods	Lecture courses. Exercise sessions aimed at solving problems as realistic as possible. Invitation to self learning.				
Content	Basic assumptions of continuum mechanics. Lagrangian and Eulerian descriptions. Mass balance, momentum balance, energy and entropy balance. Non-inertial reference frame. Dynamic similitude: dimensionless parameters. Incompressible irrotationnal flows. Incompressible viscous flows. Flows with two space scales: lubrication and boundary layers theory. Natural and forced convection: Boussinesq approximation. Reactive flows. Geophysical flows: geohydrodynamics equations, dimensionless parameters, idealised models. Free surface flows: 1D and 2D models, linear and non-linear waves, tides, tsunamis.				
Bibliography	Cushman-Roisin B. and JM. Beckers, 2011 (2nd ed.), Introduction to Geophysical Fluid Dynamics - Physical ar Numerical Aspects, International Geophysics Series (Vol. 101), Elsevier, Amsterdam, 828 pages. Kundu P., I. Cohen and D. Dowling, 2015 (6th ed.) (ou éditions précédentes), Fluid Mechanics, Elsevier, Amsterdar 928 pages.				

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Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)							
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes			
Bachelor in Physics	PHYS1BA	5	LPHYS1112	Q			
Minor in Physics	MINPHYS	5		•			