



## Dynamics of structures

4.00 credits 20.0 h + 15.0 h Q1
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Language :	English > French-friendly					
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve					
Prerequisites	A good knowledge of strength of materials, structural mechanics and structural analysis is required, as taught f example in LGCIV1031, LGCIV1022 and LGCIV1023.					
Main themes	Single and multi degree of freedom systems     Random vibrations and stochastic response of such systems     Introduction to seismic response of structures					
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to:  Contribution of the course to the program objectives:  AA1.1, AA1.2, AA1.3, AA2.1, AA2.2, AA2.3, AA2.4, AA3.1, AA3.2, AA4.2, AA4.4  Specific learning outcomes of the course:  • At the end of the course, the student will be able to: • Understand the field of application of different models: single-degree-of-freedom (SDoF) systems versus multi-degree of freedom (MDoF) systems, material and geometric linearity versus nonlinearity, static versus dynamic problems. • Write the equations of motion and understand solution methods for SDoF and MDoF systems, both for linear and nonlinear problems. • Characterize the dynamic properties of a SDoF system and compute its response under various loadings. • Characterize the dynamic properties of a MDoF system and compute its response under various loadings. • Characterize dynamically a system by the frequency response function, represent loading as a summation of harmonic components (Fourier transform), compute responses to time domain (inverse Fourier transform), understand consequences of sampling and aliasing errors. • Understand principles of seismic modelling and analysis of frame structures accounting for material and geometric nonlinearity. • Solve practical problems of different structures affected by critical vibrations (induced by people, machines, wind, traffic and construction activities, earthquakes) for serviceability and safety limit states.					
Evaluation methods	Assignments (70%) + written evaluation (30%).					
Teaching methods	Lectures based on course slides and exercise solving with student participation. Project.					
Content	<ul> <li>Linear singledegreeof-freedom (SDoF) systems: free vibration, damping values in structures, harmonic loading, evaluation of viscous damping and frequency, response to unit impulse and other forces, methods of solution, force transmission, response to ground motion, and vibration isolation.</li> <li>Nonlinear SDoF systems: numerical time-domain integration (central difference, constant average acceleration and linear acceleration, Newmark), classification, stability, computational error, algorithmic damping, inelastic response (bilinear system).</li> <li>Linear multidegreeoffreedom (MDoF) systems: free vibration of undamped systems (natural vibration frequencies and modes, modal and spectral matrices, orthogonality of mode shapes, normalisation, modal expansion), free vibration of damped systems, damping and energy dissipation in linear (and nonlinear) analyses, damping models, modal analysis, displacement response and element forces, restated form, modal contribution factors, modal responses and required number of modes, influence of dynamic response factor, applications (including ground motion).</li> <li>Nonlinear multidegreeoffreedom (MDoF) systems: numerical time-domain integration, applications.</li> <li>Frequency-domain method of response analysis.</li> </ul>					
Inline resources	Available in Moodle.					

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Bibliography	<ul> <li>« Dynamics of structures: Theory and Applications to Earthquake Engineering », Anil K. Chopra, Prentice Hall, 2012.</li> <li>« Dynamics of structures », Ray W. Clough and Joseph Penzien, Computers &amp; Structures, 2003.</li> <li>« Vibration problems in structures: Practical guidelines », Hugo Bachmann et al., Birkhauser Verlag, 1995.</li> </ul>
Other infos	Use of Matlab / Python scripts and structural analysis program.
Faculty or entity in charge	GC

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)							
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes			
Master [120] in Civil Engineering	GCE2M	4		Q.			
Master [120] in Mechanical Engineering	MECA2M	4		0			
Master [120] in Electro- mechanical Engineering	ELME2M	4		•			