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# TEACHING GUIDE

## Strength of materials

**Degree in  
Industrial Electronics and Automatics Engineering**

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Course Name:	<b>Strength of materials</b>
Code:	<b>600019</b>
Degree in:	<b>Industrial Electronics and Automatics Engineering</b>
Department and area:	<b>Teoría de la Señal y Comunicaciones Mechanical Engineering</b>
Type:	<b>Compulsory</b>
ECTS Credits:	<b>6.0</b>
Year and semester:	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>
Teachers:	Por definir
Tutoring schedule:	Consultar al comienzo de la asignatura
Language:	English

## 1. COURSE SUMMARY

Strength of Materials is located in the second semester, third course of the graduate in Electronics and Industrial Automation Engineering Degree (GIEAI). Strength of Materials together with Materials Science (600007) and Mechanical Systems (600006) cover the disciplines of mechanical/materials imparted in the GIEAI. In addition, Strength of Materials can be studied by some students enrolled in the Master of Industrial Engineering of the Universidad de Alcalá as a complementary course.

Strength of Materials deals with the fundamental concepts of Theory of Elasticity. The objective is to analyze and design beam (type) structures by the study of their stresses and strains caused by external loads. The main structural elements studied are beam, shafts and columns.

Since Strength of Materials is in an Electronic and Automation Industrial degree, the main objective is to introduce basic concepts and examples such as the design of transmission shafts and reduction gears. In addition, due to the fact that engineers usually work in multidisciplinary teams, the subject also incorporates exercises with technical documentation used by Industrial Engineering and Architects.

Note: The students should have good knowledge of Physics (statics and dynamics) and Mathematics (linear differential equations).

## 2. SKILLS

### Basic, Generic and Cross Curricular Skills.

This course contributes to acquire the following generic skills, which are defined in the Section 3 of the Annex to the Orden CIN/351/2009:

**en\_TR2** - Knowledge in basic and technological subjects, which enables them to learn new methods and theories, and gives them versatility to adapt to new situations.

**en\_TR3** - Ability to solve problems with initiative, decision making, creativity, critical reasoning and to communicate and transmit knowledge, skills and abilities in the field of Industrial Engineering.

**en\_TR4** - Knowledge to carry out measurements, calculations, assessments, appraisals, appraisals, studies, reports, work plans and other similar works.

**en\_TR5** - Ability to handle specifications, regulations and mandatory standards.

**en\_TR9** - Ability to work in a multilingual and multidisciplinary environment.

**en\_TRU1** - Capacity of analysis and synthesis.

**en\_TRU2** - Oral and written competencies.

**en\_TRU3** - Ability to manage information.

**en\_TRU4** - Autonomous learning skills.

**en\_TRU5** - Team work.

### Professional Skills

This course contributes to acquire the following professional skills, which are defined in the Section 5 of the Annex to the Orden CIN/351/2009:

**en\_C18** - Knowledge and use of the principles of resistance of materials

## Learning Outcomes

After succeeding in this subject the students will be able to:

**RAMSM19:** Description and application of strength of materials general principles.

**RAMSM 20:** Calculation of structural elements by applying bending theory.

**RAMSM 21:** Analysis and dimension of transmission shafts and columns

**RAMSM 22:** Analysis evaluation and interpretation of structural results.

## 3. CONTENTS

Contents Blocks	Total number of hours
Strength of Materials introduction. Basic concepts. Static Equilibrium. Constituent equations. Basic elasticity theory	2 hours
General behaviour of elastic elements. Stress-Strain. Linear elasticity. Inelastic behaviour: Failure criteria. Hooke general theory.	9hours
Bending theory. Pure Bending. Symmetric and Asymmetric Bending. Bending of members made of several materials. Analysis and design of beams for bending. Shear and bending-moment diagrams. Shearing stresses in beams and thin-walled members. Deflections of beams. Using of singularity functions. Statically indeterminate beams.	23 hours
Torsion. Analysis and design of transmission shafts	5 hours
Analysis and design of columns. Buckling.	6 hours
General analysis of elements subjected to combined loads (axial, bending and torsion). Principal stresses under a given loading.	7 hours

## 4. TEACHING - LEARNING METHODOLOGIES. FORMATIVE ACTIVITIES.

### 4.1. Credits Distribution

Number of on-site hours:	58 hours (56 hours on-site +2 exams hours)
Number of hours of student work:	92
Total hours	150

## 4.2. Methodological strategies, teaching materials and resources

The teaching strategy of the course is divided into 3 sections: classroom learning, learning in small groups and finally individual study.

### Sessions of large group in the classroom:

Working sessions in the classroom, in large groups, will consist of lectures where the main concepts of the theory will be introduced. The understanding of these concepts will culminate with the use of them in both the laboratory and the problem solving sessions in small groups.

### Learning in small groups

It will consist of the study and resolution of practical cases proposed in the face-to-face small group sessions. Sharing and exposition of the solutions.

### Individual study

Review of video tutorials and support material provided by the teachers before/after classes. Development of practical cases in the laboratory. Individual work for the resolution and delivery of proposed exercises.

Teaching materials will be essential to create reflective learning environments, where students and teachers can undertake a critical analysis that allows the student to autonomously relate concepts.

## 5. ASSESSMENT: procedures, evaluation and grading criteria

Preferably, students will be offered a continuous assessment model that has characteristics of formative assessment in a way that serves as feedback in the teaching-learning process.

### 5.1. PROCEDURES

The evaluation must be inspired by the criteria of continuous evaluation (Learning Assessment Guidelines, LAG, art 3). However, in compliance with the regulations of the University of Alcalá, an alternative process of final evaluation is made available to the student in accordance with the [Learning Assessment Guidelines](#) as indicated in Article 10, students will have a period of fifteen days from the start of the course to request in writing to the Director of the Polytechnic School their intention to take the non-continuous evaluation model adducing the reasons that they deem convenient. The evaluation of the learning process of all students who do not apply for it or are denied it will be done, by default, according to the continuous assessment model. The student has two calls to pass the subject, one ordinary and one extraordinary.

#### Ordinary Call

Continuous Assessment:

This evaluation of the acquisition of the competences is based on the student's active participation in the face-to-face classes, the execution of practical exercises at lab and in small groups, delivery of case studies, a partial test and a final test.

Practicum at lab will be carried out throughout the semester and will be mandatory, given the experimental nature of the subject. The content of the final test may depend on the results obtained in the previous evaluation activities.

The main assessment tools will be:

1. Problem Deliverables (PD). Individually problem solving or in small groups.
2. Lab Deliverables (PL). Performance of practicum at lab and delivery of lab reports (individually or small groups).
3. Evaluation Tests (PEI and PEF). Focused on both practical and theoretical topics.

Assessment through final exam:

It will consist of the performance of a final evaluation test to make sure the acquisition of all the Learning Outcomes, including those related to practicum.

It is highly recommended for the students who choose this modality, to carry out the lab practicum foreseen included in the teaching planning to avoid a final laboratory exam.

### Extraordinary Call

The extraordinary exam will consist of a theoretical-practical written test, which will allow the evaluation and grading of all the learning outcomes. The content of this test will depend on the results obtained in the ordinary call.

## 5.2. EVALUATION

### EVALUATION CRITERIA

The assessment criteria measure the level in which the competences have been acquired by the student. For that purpose, the following are defined::

- CE1. Student understands the basic concepts and ideas of each content block.
- CE2. Student applies the knowledge to the resolution of practical cases in exercises solved in face-to-face classes (group/individual).
- CE3. They actively participate in groups and show initiative in the solving and approach of problems that integrate the knowledge acquired.
- CE4. Student solves in a comprehensive way, reasoning the procedures applied and that he/she is able to critically interpret the results.
- CE5. There is a continuous evolution in the learning process and the integration of all the contents is go

### GRADING TOOLS

The work of the student is graded in terms of the assessment criteria above, through the following tools:

1. Lectures Attendance and participation (SAP)
2. Problem Deliverables (EI). Individually problem solving or in small groups.
3. Lab Deliverables (PL). Performance of practicum at lab and delivery of lab reports (individually or small groups).
4. Evaluation Tests (PEI and PEF). Focused on both practical and theoretical topics.

### GRADING CRITERIA

In the **ordinary call-continuous assessment** the relationship between the competences, learning outcomes, criteria and evaluation instruments is as follows.

Skill	Learning Outcomes	Evaluation criteria	Grading Tool	Contribution to the final mark
CI8, TR2, TR3, TR4, TR5 y TR9	RAMSM19,RAMSM20, RAMSM21,RAMSM22	CE1, CE2, CE3, CE4, CE5	SAP	10%
			PEI	35%
			PL	15%
			PEF	40%

A student will be considered to have participated in the teaching-learning process, and, therefore, she/he is presented in the the Ordinary Call -Continuous Assessment, if he/she has completed the PEI and 33% of the deliverables (EP).

In order to pass it is necessary that he/she obtains a total grade of 5 out of 10 (weighted average) and it is essential to have passed the laboratory.

In the ordinary call-final assessment, the relationship between the competences, learning outcomes, criteria and evaluation instruments is as follows.

Skill	Learning Outcomes	Evaluation criteria	Grading Tool	Contribution to the final mark
CI8, TR2, TR3, TR4, TR5 y TR9	RAMSM19,RAMSM20, RAMSM21,RAMSM22	CE1, CE2, CE3, CE4, CE5	PEF	100%

In this PEF, student must demonstrate having acquired the competences developed at lab sessions. The date of this test will be the same as for the students who choose the ordinary call-continuous assessment, but the contents will differ.

#### Extraordinary call

In the case of the extraordinary call, the same percentages that have been established in the case of the evaluation by means of a final exam will be maintained. The contents of this final test may depend on the results obtained in the ordinary call.

## 6. BIBLIOGRAPHY

### 6.1. Basic Bibliography

- Ferdinand P, Beer. Russell, JR. Mecánica de Materiales. Editorial Mc-Graw-Hill, 6ª Edición. 2013.
- Ortiz Berrocal, L. Resistencia de Materiales.Mc-Graw-Hill, 3ª Edición. 2007.
- Cervera,M. Blanco, E. Mecánica de Estructuras – Libro 1. Resistencia de Materiales. Ediciones UPC. 2002.

### 6.2. Additional Bibliography

- Online material (Blackboard)
- Mechanics of Materials (YouTube free chanel):  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE6EiDEJehyE5t-6ff7ThtQ>

## **Disclosure Note**

During the evaluation tests, the guidelines set out in the Regulations establishing the Rules of Coexistence of the University of Alcalá must be followed, as well as the possible implications of the irregularities committed during said tests, including the consequences for committing academic fraud according to the Regulation of Disciplinary Regime of the Students of the University of Alcalá.