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Course Outline for ENGR 35

STATICS

Effective: Fall 2007

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
ENGR 35 — STATICS — 3.00 units

Force systems under equilibrium conditions; rigid body structures; vector; graphical and algebraic solutions of problems. Principles of virtual work. Prerequisites: Physics 8A, Mathematics 2 and Engineering 22 (all completed with a grade of “C” or higher). 2 hours lecture, 3 hours laboratory.

2.00 Units Lecture 1.00 Units Lab

Grading Methods:
Letter Grade

Discipline:

	MIN
Lecture Hours:	36.00
Lab Hours:	54.00
Total Hours:	90.00

II. NUMBER OF TIMES COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT:

III. PREREQUISITE AND/OR ADVISORY SKILLS:

IV. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. apply mechanics knowledge as applied to static structures
2. analyze the effects of vertical and horizontal forces on rigid structures
3. evaluate tangential forces generated between contacting surfaces
4. develop beam shear and moment diagrams
5. calculate summation of moments
6. sum the effects of distributed force over a region or surface
7. graphically and mathematically determine the resultant of force systems

V. CONTENT:

A. Fundamentals of mechanics review
   1. Dimensional analysis
   2. Units of mass
   3. Idealizations of mechanics
   4. Vector and scalar quantities
   5. Equality of vectors and equivalency
   6. Laws of mechanics

B. Elements of vector algebra
   1. Vector magnitude and multiplication
   2. Vector addition and subtraction
   3. Vector resolution
   4. Dot products
   5. Cross products
   6. Scalar triple produce
   7. Vector notation

C. Vector quantities
   1. Position vector
   2. Unit vector
   3. Moment of force about a point
   4. Moment of force about an axis
   5. Couple and couple moments
   6. Couple moment as a free vector
   7. Couple addition and subtraction
   8. Moment of a couple absent a line

D. Equivalent force systems
   1. Rigid body analysis
   2. Translation of a force to parallel position

3. Force system resultant
4. Simplest resultants
5. Parallel force distribution over plane surface
6. Distributed force systems
7. Parallel force distribution over plan surface
8. Coplanar parallel force distribution

E. Equations of equilibrium
1. Free body diagrams
2. Equal and opposite forces
3. General equations of equilibrium
4. Problems of equilibrium
5. Two-point equivalent loading
6. Structure issues
7. Static indeterminacy

F. Structural mechanics introduction
1. Structural model
2. Single truss
3. Simple truss solutions
4. Section forces in beams
5. Differential equations of equilibrium
6. Chains and cables

G. Friction forces
1. Coulomb's law of friction
2. Boundary conditions for use of Coulomb's law
3. Coulomb's law applied
4. Belt friction
5. Square screw threads

H. Surface properties
1. Moment of an area and the controid
2. Axis of symmetry of a plane area
3. Other centers
   a. Three-dimensional applications
   b. Areas
   c. Volume
4. Second moments and product of area of plane area
5. Transfer theorem
6. Relationship between second moments and product of area
7. Polar moment of area

VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:
A. **Discussion** - Review and discussion of lecture topics
B. **Lecture** -
C. Group problem solving

VII. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:
A. Reading: 1. Read "Friction Forces," Chapter 10, Boresi and Schmidt. Be prepared to discuss determining the resultant of a force system. B. Practical Exercises/Questions: 1. Read "General Equations of Equilibrium," Chapter 5. Using the equilibrium equations, calculate the tensions in Cables AC and AB of the system shown in figure 5.1.

VIII. EVALUATION:
A. **Methods**

1. Exams/Tests
2. Quizzes
3. Home Work
4. Final Performance
5. Other:
   a. Methods of Evaluation
      1. Assignments (to be graded at instructor's discretion)
      2. Examinations
         a. Quizzes
         b. Midterm(s)
      3. Final Examination
   b. Typical Problems/Questions:
      1. Sketch the shear-force and bending-moment distributions for the simple supported beam shown in figure 6.45 and label the key points.
      2. Find the simplest resultant of the parallel force system in figure 4.22
      3. Find equivalent force system at position A for the 100 N force and the couple moment about A for figure 1. Show all work.
      4. Each of the members BE and FC is capable of supporting compression as well as tension. Compute the forces in members CB, BE, and EF. See figure 12. Show all work.

B. **Frequency**

1. Weekly assignments
2. Midterm
3. Final examination

IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:
1. Boresi, A. P. and Schmidt, R.J. *Engineering Mechanics Statics.* 1st ed., Brooks/Cole, Thomson Learning, 2001.
2. Jackson, John J., Harold G. Wirtz *Theory and Problems of Elementary Statics and Strength of Materials*., Shawm's Outline Series, Mc-Graw Hill, 1995.

X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS:
A. Calculator