

MECH 463 -- Mechanical Vibrations

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This course is designed to develop knowledge and understanding of the vibration of mechanical systems, and to give some experience in making practical vibration measurements. The basic principles learned in previous courses are applied and extended to describe the vibration of multiple degree-of-freedom and continuous systems. This course emphasizes understanding and application of fundamental concepts.

Suggested text: "Mechanical Vibrations: Modeling and Measurement", T.L. Schmitz and K.S. Smith, Springer, 2012.

You can freely download an electronic copy of this textbook from the UBC library. Connect to Springerlink <https://link-springer-com.ezproxy.library.ubc.ca/> when using a campus IP address, search for "Mechanical Vibrations" and download.

Strong recommendation: For US\$24.99, go ahead and buy a printed softcover book using the "MyCopy" button on the right side of the Springerlink page. A printed book is much easier to read and study from than an electronic file, leading to better understanding and enhanced grades.

The class discussion loosely follows the presentations in the textbook. There is no monopoly of wisdom and many other books can give useful additional insights and alternative points of view. Springerlink contains many materials about vibrations, also numerous other subjects. The UBC library catalogue lists 100+ titles under the keyword "Vibrations."

The coursework includes the following components:

1. Lectures: M-W-F 2:00-2:50 pm, online using Zoom (*recorded to permit later viewing*).
2. Tutorials: A = Fridays 11:00-11:50am, B = Fridays 10:00-10:50am, C = Wednesdays 11:00-11:50am, all online using Zoom.
3. A capstone lab experiment to be built and conducted at home.
4. Twelve homework assignments. Solutions will be distributed after one week. Although not formally marked, these assignments are an essential part of the course. Practice gives understanding – best to discover conceptual gaps calmly, not during the stress of an exam.
5. Two mid-term exams and a final exam. You may use one 8½x11" sheet (one side only) of your personal handwritten notes to each exam.

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Grading Scheme:

15% Lab experiment
20% Mid-term 1
25% Mid-term 2
40% Final Exam

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COURSE OUTLINE

The course materials will be chosen from among the following topics :

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1.	1-DOF Review: Review of the vibration of 1 degree-of-freedom systems. Free body diagrams. Trigonometric and complex solutions. Damping. Forced response. Magnification factor.	2.1 2.3, 2.4 3.1-3.3
2.	Vibration Testing: Displacement and acceleration measurements. Spectrum analyzers. Machinery condition monitoring.	2.6, 7.3 1.4, 1.5
3.	2-DOF Systems: Characteristic equation. Mode shapes. Matrix formulations and solutions. Eigenvalue formulations.	4.1,4.2
4.	Mathematical Properties: Semi-definite and unstable systems. Coordinate coupling. Principal coordinates. Proportional damping. Lagrange equations. Orthogonality of mode shapes. Rayleigh Quotient.	4.3,4.4
5.	Forced Vibration: Forced response. Undamped and damped vibration absorbers.	5.1, 5.2 5.3, 5.4
6.	Continuous Systems: Wave equation. Separable solutions. String, rod and beam examples. Approximate solution methods.	8.1, 8.2 8.3

EXPERIMENT:

The course includes a capstone lab experiment to be built and conducted at home. A detailed lab manual provides assembly instructions and an introduction to vibration concepts and equipment. After doing some specified experiments, you are encouraged to go on to investigate the vibration behaviour of various household objects.