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## **MECH 235-001, 003:Statics**

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# NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

## Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering

MECH 235-001 and MECH 235-003: Engineering Mechanics: Statics

Fall 2023

**Text:** ENGINEERING MECHANICS - STATICS  
Pearson, Any Edition

**Class:** MECH 235-001 and MECH 235-003

**Format:** Hybrid

**Location:** CULM LECT 1

**Time:** MONDAY, WEDNESDAY 10:00 – 11:20 AM Lecture

**Instructor:** Prof. S. Saigal, Ph.D., P.E.  
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**Teaching Assistant:** TBA

**Office Hours:** Monday 2:30 – 3:30 PM

**Prerequisites:** Phys 111, Math 112. Provides an understanding of equilibrium of particles and rigid bodies subject to concentrated and distributed forces.

**Students must earn a C or better in this course to register for Strength of Materials, MECH237.**

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## SYLLABUS

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 1  | Ch 1: Introduction<br>Ch 2: Statics of Particles, Trig Method (sketch force polygon) |
| 2  | Ch 2: Rectangular Components<br>Equilibrium of a Particle                            |
| 3  | Ch 2: Force in Space<br>Forces and Equilibrium in Space                              |
| 4  | Ch 3: Rigid Bodies:<br>Equivalent System of Forces. Scalar (Dot) Products            |
| 5  | Ch 3: Couples and Force-Couple Systems<br>Equivalent Systems                         |
| 6  | Ch 4: Equilibrium of Rigid Bodies<br>Equilibrium of a 2-Force Body                   |
| 7  | MIDTERM EXAM<br>Ch 5: Centroids and Center of Gravity                                |
| 8  | Ch 5: Distributed Loads  |
| 9  | Ch 6: Truss Analysis: Method of Joints   |
| 10 | Ch 6: Truss Analysis: Method of Sections   |
| 11 | Ch 6: Frame Analysis   |
| 12 | Ch 9: Moments of Inertia   |
| 13 | Ch 9: Parallel Axis Theorem  |
| 14 | Problems and Review for Finals   |

- Students will be informed in advance by the instructor of any modifications or deviation from the syllabus throughout the course of the semester.

**SEMESTER WEEKS**

| <b>WEEK #</b> | <b>DAY</b> | <b>DATE</b> | <b>NOTES</b>         |
|---------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|
| WEEK 1        | TUE        | 5-Sep       | First Day of Classes |
|               | WED        | 6-Sep       |                      |
| WEEK 2        | MON        | 11-Sep      |                      |
|               | WED        | 13-Sep      |                      |
| WEEK 3        | MON        | 18-Sep      |                      |
|               | WED        | 20-Sep      |                      |
| WEEK 4        | MON        | 25-Sep      |                      |
|               | WED        | 27-Sep      |                      |
| WEEK 5        | MON        | 2-Oct       |                      |
|               | WED        | 4-Oct       |                      |
| WEEK 6        | MON        | 9-Oct       |                      |
|               | WED        | 11-Oct      |                      |
| WEEK 7        | MON        | 16-Oct      |                      |
|               | WED        | 18-Oct      |                      |
| WEEK 8        | MON        | 23-Oct      |                      |
|               | WED        | 24-Oct      |                      |
| WEEK 9        | MON        | 30-Oct      |                      |
|               | WED        | 1-Nov       |                      |
| WEEK 10       | MON        | 6-Nov       |                      |
|               | WED        | 8-Nov       |                      |
| WEEK 11       | MON        | 13-Nov      |                      |
|               | WED        | 15-Nov      |                      |
| WEEK 12       | MON        | 20-Nov      |                      |
|               | WED        | 22-Nov      |                      |
| WEEK 13       | MON        | 27-Nov      |                      |
|               | WED        | 29-Nov      |                      |
| WEEK 14       | MON        | 4-Dec       |                      |
|               | WED        | 6-Dec       |                      |
| WEEK 15       | MON        | 11-Dec      | Last Day of Classes  |
|               | WED        | 13-Dec      |                      |

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

| <b>DATE</b> |    | <b>DAY</b> | <b>NOTE</b>  |
|-------------|----|------------|--|
| Sept        | 5  | TUE        | First Day of Classes   |
| Sept        | 11 | MON        | Last Day to Add/Drop a Class   |
| Sept        | 11 | MON        | Last Day for 100% Refund, Full or Partial Withdrawal   |
| Sept        | 12 | TUE        | W Grades Posted for Course Withdrawals   |
| Sept        | 18 | MON        | Last Day for 90% Refund, Full or Partial Withdrawal - No Refund for Partial Withdrawal after this date |
| Oct         | 2  | MON        | Last Day for 50% Refund, Full Withdrawal   |
| Oct         | 23 | MON        | Last Day for 25% Refund, Full Withdrawal   |
| Nov         | 13 | MON        | Last Day to Withdraw from Classes  |
| Nov         | 21 | TUE        | Thursday Classes Meet  |
| Nov         | 22 | WED        | Friday Classes Meet  |
| Nov         | 23 | THUR       | Thanksgiving Recess Begins. No Classes   |
| Nov         | 26 | SUN        | Thanksgiving Recess Ends   |
| Dec         | 13 | WED        | Last Day of Classes  |
| Dec         | 14 | THUR       | Reading Day 1  |
| Dec         | 15 | FRI        | Reading Day 2  |
| Dec         | 16 | SAT        | Saturday Classes Meet  |
| Dec         | 17 | SUN        | Final Exams Begin  |
| Dec         | 23 | SAT        | Final Exams End  |
| Dec         | 25 | MON        | Final Grades Due   |

**Course Policies:**

- Attendance is mandatory.
- Please turn off all electronic devices (including cell phone, laptop, tablet) during class time.
- Bring your calculator each time to class.

**Grading Policy:**

| ITEM          | TIME      | GRADE (%) |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| Homeworks     | Weekly    | 10        |
| Clas Quizzes  | Each Week | 30        |
| Mid-Term Exam | Week 7    | 30        |
| Final Exam    | Week 15   | 30        |
| TOTAL         |           | 100       |

- There will be NO make-up quizzes or exams.
- Quizzes and Exams must have Free-Body-Diagrams with Force Vectors shown. ALL work must be shown for full credit.

**Homework Policies:**

- Follow the syllabus and do the assigned homework problems
- Have your homework ready each class meeting.
- Homework may be collected on a random basis. Not all assigned problems will be collected. Only a select few will be collected randomly.
- NO late homework will be accepted.
- All homework MUST include a Free-Body-Diagram to show Force Vectors. All work must be shown for full credit.
- Homework NOT submitted will earn MINUS points deducted from your overall quiz grades.

**Helpful Suggestions:**

- Take notes and pay attention.
- Ask questions.
- Participate with board work and/or class problem solving.

**Tutoring:**

Tutoring facilities will be provided for the class. Additional information concerning tutoring will be provided in the class and posted on CANVAS.

## **GRADING SCALE**

|     |          |
|-----|----------|
| A:  | 100-90   |
| B+: | 89-85    |
| B:  | 84-80    |
| C+: | 79-75    |
| C:  | 74-70    |
| D:  | 69-60    |
| F:  | Below 60 |



## CEE Mission, Program Educational Objectives and Student Outcomes

The mission of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering is:

- to educate a diverse student body to be employed in the engineering profession
- to encourage research and scholarship among our faculty and students
- to promote service to the engineering profession and society

Our program educational objectives are reflected in the achievements of our recent alumni:

1 – Engineering Practice: Alumni will successfully engage in the practice of civil engineering within industry, government, and private practice, working toward sustainable solutions in a wide array of technical specialties including construction, environmental, geotechnical, structural, transportation, and water resources.

2 – Professional Growth: Alumni will advance their skills through professional growth and development activities such as graduate study in engineering, research and development, professional registration and continuing education; some graduates will transition into other professional fields such as business and law through further education.

3 – Service: Alumni will perform service to society and the engineering profession through membership and participation in professional societies, government, educational institutions, civic organizations, charitable giving and other humanitarian endeavors.

Our Student Outcomes are what students are expected to know and be able to do by the time of their graduation:

1. an ability to identify, formulate and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science and mathematics
2. an ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental and economic factors
3. an ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences
4. an ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental and societal contexts
5. an ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks and meet objectives
6. an ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions
7. an ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies

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| Strategies, Actions and Assignments   | ABET Student Outcomes (1-7) | Program Educational Objectives | Assessment Measures                            |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Student Learning Outcome 1: Identify transition from Physics (science) to Statics (engineering).</b>                             |                             |                                |  |
| Present engineering approach and problem solving techniques used for vector analysis.   | 1                           | 1                              | Homework, exams and success in future courses. |
| Illustrate applications to practical problems of torque, moments, and couples.  | 1                           | 1                              | Homework, bonus problems, and exams.           |
| <b>Student Learning Outcome 2: Analyze and calculate two-dimensional and three-dimensional vectors.</b>                             |                             |                                |  |
| Illustrate 2D vector components by orientation using trigonometry and proportions.  | 1                           | 1                              | Homework and exams.                            |
| Use vivid Power Point examples to demonstrate analysis technique for force systems on beams and trusses and frames.                 | 1                           | 1                              | Homework and exams.                            |
| Demonstrate logical approach to spatial vectors by visualization of forces, moments.  | 1                           | 1                              | Homework, exams, and bonus challenge problems. |
| <b>Student Learning Outcome 3: Diagram and employ free body diagrams to formulate and analyze solution of engineering problems.</b> |                             |                                |  |
| Require FBD's, for all problems and emphasize importance of vector directions.  | 1, 2                        | 1                              | Homework, bonus challenge problems, and exams. |
| Illustrate the approach of going from the FBD to the problem solution by formulating the appropriate equation set.                  | 1, 2                        | 1                              | Homework, bonus challenge problems, and exams. |
| Provide numerous solved problems available on web. Require numerous homework problems weekly.                                       | 1, 2                        | 1                              | Homework, exams and bonus challenge problems.  |