MECH 234 and MECH 235
ENGINEERING MECHANICS: STATICS


Classes and Instructors:

**MECH 234 sections:**
- **-001**, Tuesday, 10:00-11:25 in KUPF-117, Thursday, 10:00-11:25 in KUPF-203  
  Prof. G. Milano, P.E., [milano@njit.edu](mailto:milano@njit.edu), 262 Colton Hall, 973-596-5830
- **-101**, Thursday, 6:00-9:05 p.m. in CKB-315  
  Prof. H. Fox, P.E., [henry.e.fox@njit.edu](mailto:henry.e.fox@njit.edu)
- **-103**, Wednesday, 6:00-9:05 p.m. in CKB-314  
  Prof. H. Fox, P.E., [henry.e.fox@njit.edu](mailto:henry.e.fox@njit.edu)

**MECH 235 sections:**
- **-001**, Tuesday, 10:00-11:25 in KUPF-118, Thursday, 2:30-3:55 in KUPF-209  
  Prof. M. Saadeghvazri, Ph.D., P.E., [ala@njit.edu](mailto:ala@njit.edu), 260 Colton Hall, 973-596-5813
- **-101**, Wednesday, 6:00-9:05 p.m. in Colton-416  
  Prof. S. Saigal, Ph.D., P.E., [saigal@njit.edu](mailto:saigal@njit.edu), 266 Colton Hall, 973-596-5443

Teaching Assistants: **Tutoring in 423-Colton Hall** - Schedule for Tutoring will be posted on the door of 423-Colton Hall. The tutoring schedule will also be emailed to you by your instructor.

**MECH 234** ..........................................
**MECH 235-001** – Noah Thibodeaux, [nt82@njit.edu](mailto:nt82@njit.edu)
**MECH 235-101** – AnuruddhaJayasuriya, [aj464@njit.edu](mailto:aj464@njit.edu)

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.

Below are additional **LINKS** to “Course Information” and “Recitation Examples”:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>Additional Course Information</strong></th>
<th><strong>Recitation Examples</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Instructors, Tutoring, Grading, andHomework Instructions</td>
<td>Useful solved problems from the Beer &amp; Johnston text</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Course Policies:
- Attendance is mandatory
- There will be NO need for electronic devices during class time. Turn OFF your cell phone and put it away.
- Put away your laptop, tablet, or any other electronic device.
- Bring your textbook to each class meeting or pages from the relevant chapter.
- Take notes and pay attention. Ask questions.
- Be prepared to participate with board work and/or class problem solving. Bring your calculator.

Quizzes, Exams and Grading Policies:
- There will be weekly quizzes for weeks 2 through 7. This will be 25% of your grade.
- There will be a Mid-Term Exam during week 8. This will be 25% of your grade.
- There will be weekly quizzes for weeks 9 through 14. This will be 25% of your grade.
- There will be a Final Exam in week 15 during Finals Week. This will be 25% of your grade.
- Quizzes and exams must have Free-Body-Diagrams with Force Vectors shown. ALL work must be shown for full credit.
- There will be NO make-up quizzes or exams unless there is documentation provided to the Dean of Students Office to validate your absence. Such circumstances may include sickness documented by a doctor or NJIT Health Service; a receipt from your mechanic for car failure; etc.
- We do NOT drop the lowest grade.
- We do NOT curve the grades.
- For more information on the grading scale, go to the link for “additional course information”.

Homework Policies:
- Follow the syllabus and do the homework problems suggested. Quiz problems may be taken from the homework problems or be very similar to the homework or those Sample Problems in the textbook.
- Homework may be collected on a random basis. Not all assigned problems will be collected. Only a select few will be collected randomly. Do your homework. Have it ready each week.
- 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. Have your homework ready each class meeting.
- For more information on the format for homework and the type of paper, please refer to the link for “additional course information”.

*The NJIT Honor Code will be upheld and any violations will be brought to the immediate attention of the Dean of Students.*
Problems in Blue are links to examples from a textbook by Beer & Johnston 6th edition, found at the Reserve Desk, Library, but similar to those found in current edition with different numbers.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week</th>
<th>Topic</th>
<th>Study pages</th>
<th>Homework Problems**</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Ch. 1: Introduction Ch. 2: Statics of Particles, Trig Method (sketch force polygon)</td>
<td>Study p. 2 - 14 p. 16 - 25</td>
<td>Sketch force polygon, use Law of Sines and Cosines to solve. Ch. 2: 3, 6, 9, 12, 19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Ch. 2: Rectangular Components Equilibrium of a Particle</td>
<td>p. 29 - 35 p. 39 – 46</td>
<td>Ch. 2: 22 &amp; 34, 36, 38 Ch. 2: 43, 45, 48, 66</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Ch. 2: Forces in Space Forces and Equilibrium in Space Review and Summary</td>
<td>p. 52 - 62 p. 66–70 p. 75 - 78</td>
<td>Ch. 2: 71 &amp; 72, 77 &amp; 78 Ch. 2: 100, 103 <strong>Helpful:</strong> 2-66, 89 &amp; 90, 2-114</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Ch. 3: Rigid Bodies: Equivalent System of Forces Scalar Products (Dot Products)</td>
<td>p. 82–99 p. 105-113</td>
<td>Ch. 3: 1, 5, 9, 24 and 29 3.11 done on “examples” Ch. 3: 37, 3.43 find the angle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Ch. 3: Couples and Force-Couple Systems Equivalent Systems Review and Summary</td>
<td>p. 120 – 128 p. 136–150 p. 161 – 168</td>
<td>Ch. 3: 71, 72, 78, 87, 91 Ch. 3: 101, 105, 115</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Ch. 4: Equilibrium of Rigid Bodies Equilibrium of a Two-Force Body Review and Summary</td>
<td>p. 170 – 184 p. 195 – 198 p. 225 – 229</td>
<td>Ch. 4: 3, 7, 19, 25, 35 Ch 4: 68, 74 <strong>Helpful:</strong> 4.3, 12, 17, 26, 30, [43, 72, 101]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Ch. 6: Analysis of Structures: Method of Joints</td>
<td>p. 298 – 309</td>
<td>Ch. 6: 3, 6, 14, 18 <strong>Helpful:</strong> 14, 27 [13, 28]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>MID-TERM EXAM excludes material from Ch. 6. Begin topic of Truss by Section Method (very useful for MECH 237)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Ch. 6: Truss Analysis: Method of Sections</td>
<td>p. 317 – 324</td>
<td>Ch. 6: 43, 45, 52, 55</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Ch. 6: Frames and Machines Review and Summary</td>
<td>p. 330 – 339 p. 361 – 365</td>
<td>Ch. 6: 77, 91, 102, 105</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Ch. 5: Distributed Forces: Centroids and Center of Gravity</td>
<td>p. 230 - 244</td>
<td>Ch. 5: 3, 5, 8, 9 <strong>Helpful:</strong> [25, 32, 34, 79]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Ch. 5: Distributed Loads</td>
<td>p. 262–268 class notes</td>
<td>Ch. 5: 66, 68, 70, 76 <strong>Helpful:</strong> 5.78, 81, 83</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>Ch. 9: Distributed Forces: Moments of Inertia</td>
<td>p. 485 – 491 p. 498 – 506</td>
<td>Ch. 9: 4 and 8 composites, Ch. 9: 32 and 34, 44</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>Ch. 9: Parallel Axis Theorem</td>
<td>p. 513 – 519</td>
<td>Ch. 9: 72, 73, 74</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>Final Exam</td>
<td>Dates to be announced by Registrar at a later date.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Homework to be assigned by your professor. Homework will be collected randomly per your professor. NO LATE homework can be accepted after the due date.**

*Students will be informed in advance by the instructor of any modifications or deviation from the syllabus throughout the course of the semester.*
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: Recent 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: Recent alumni will advance their skills through professional growth and development activities such as graduate study in engineering, professional registration, and continuing education; some graduates will transition into other professional fields such as business and law through further education.

3 - Service: Recent alumni will perform service to society and the engineering profession through membership and participation in professional societies, government, educational institutions, civic organizations, and humanitarian endeavors.

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

(a) an ability to apply knowledge of math, science, and engineering
(b) an ability to design and conduct experiments, as well as interpret data
(c) an ability to design a system, component or process to meet desired needs within realistic constraints such as economic, environmental, social, political, ethical, health and safety, manufacturability, and sustainability
(d) an ability to function on multi-disciplinary teams
(e) an ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems
(f) an understanding of ethical and professional responsibility
(g) an ability to communicate effectively
(h) the broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context
(i) a recognition of need for, and an ability to engage in life-long learning
(j) a knowledge of contemporary issues
(k) an ability to use techniques, skills and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice

Rev. 4/4/12, 9/11/13
Course Objectives Matrix; MECH 235 Statics

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Strategies and Actions</th>
<th>Student Learning Objectives</th>
<th>Student Outcomes (a-k)</th>
<th>Program Educational Objectives</th>
<th>Assessment Methods /Metrics</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Course Objective 1: Provide transition from Physics (science) to Statics (engineering).</td>
<td>Present engineering approach and problem solving techniques used for vector analysis.</td>
<td>Able to apply problem-solving techniques while building on math and physics fundamentals relevant to force systems in equilibrium.</td>
<td>a, e, i</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Illustrate applications to practical problems of torque, moments, and couples.</td>
<td>Recognize the application of geometry and trigonometry to realistic-type problems. Understand the practical application of cross products and dot products.</td>
<td>a, e, i</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Homework, bonus problems, and exams.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| Course Objective 2: Master the concept of two-dimensional and three-dimensional vectors. | Illustrate 2D vector components by orientation using trigonometry and proportions. | Learn the best approach to determine vector components. Understand when and how to apply trigonometry or proportions in determining vector components. | a, e, i | 1 | Homework and exams. |
| Use vivid Power Point examples to demonstrate analysis technique for force systems on beams and trusses and frames. | Learn the best approach to determine vector components. Understand when and how to apply trigonometry or proportions in determining vector components. | a, e, i | 1 | Homework and exams. |
| Demonstrate logical approach to spatial vectors by visualization of forces, moments. | Able to visualize orientation of spatial components and to develop technique to determine these components using geometry and projections. Understand the application of cross products. | a, e, i | 1 | Homework, exams, and bonus challenge problems. |

| Course Objective 3: Master the concept of developing free body, diagrams and how to formulate and structure problems solving techniques which is fundamental to the solution of all engineering problems. | Require FBD's, for all problems and emphasize importance of vector directions. | Ability to translate a problem statement into a FBD and distinguish tensile and compressive members in trusses and frames. Able to understand the effect of friction in a force system. | a, e, i | 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. | Understand the techniques of problem solving based upon the use of FBD's applied to beams, trusses, and frames. Understand the concepts of centroids and moments of inertia. | a, e, i | 1 | Homework, bonus challenge problems, and exams. |
| Provide numerous solved problems available on web. Require numerous homework problems weekly. | Develop the technique of problem solving strategy by repetition for all topics. | a, e | 1 | Homework, exams and bonus challenge problems. |

Rev. 1/6/13, 9/11/13