

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Foundation Physics - Mechanics, Materials and Waves
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Owning School/Faculty: Engineering and Research Institute
Teaching School/Faculty: Hugh Baird College

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Academic Level: FHEQ3 **Credit Value:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 68

Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 132

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	44
Tutorial	22

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	End of semester examination	70	2
Test	AS2	Mid-semester in-class test	30	

Aims

The aim of this module is to provide students who may not have studied A-level physics with the prerequisite knowledge regarding mechanics, materials and waves which is required to go on to study for an engineering or technology degree.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Apply their knowledge of force, energy and momentum to analyse the behaviour of simple mechanical systems
- 2 Demonstrate an understanding of the properties of materials, and apply the equations that describe their characteristics.
- 3 Describe the general properties of longitudinal and transverse waves in different media, and apply the governing equations to simple applications.
- 4 Demonstrate an understanding of thermodynamics, and the thermal properties of a simple system. Derive and apply equations which govern these principles.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

End of year examination	1	2	3	4
In-class test	1	2		

Outline Syllabus

The list below provides an indicative list of topics which may be covered in this module:

Essential Knowledge

- *Base units*
- *SI Units*
- *Prefixes describing size or quantity*
- *Converting between equivalent units*
- *Scalar and vector quantities*
- *Conditions for equilibrium*

Force, Energy and Momentum

- *Newton's laws of motion*
- *Forces and moments*
- *Motion in a straight line*
- *Motion of a projectile*
- *Circular motion*
- *Simple harmonic motion*
- *Momentum*
- *Work, energy and power*

Materials

- *Properties of solid materials*
- *Hooke's law*
- *Young's Modulus*

- *Elasticity, plasticity and fracture*

Waves

- *Longitudinal and transverse waves*
- *Progressive and stationary waves*
- *Refraction and diffraction*
- *Coherence, interference, superposition and phase*

Thermodynamics

- *Thermodynamic laws*
- *Internal energy and enthalpy*
- *Absolute zero and the Kelvin scale*
- *Heat transfer mechanisms*
- *Changes of state*
- *Heat capacity*
- *Ideal gasses*
- *Boyle's law and Charles's law*
- *Molar mass and molecular mass*
- *Brownian motion*

Learning Activities

Lectures and tutorials

Notes

This module looks at the fundamentals of mechanics, materials and waves, using the maths developed during the Foundation Mathematics modules and complemented by the Engineering and Technology Practice module where topics contained within this syllabus are explored and contextualised further through practical and experimental inquiry.