

COURSE SYNOPSIS

CORE COURSES

SEMM 1013 - Programming for Engineers

This course formally introduces the concept of computers, algorithms, programming languages, pseudo-code, and design of programs for solution to computational engineering problems. The two programming languages introduced in this course are C and MATLAB. Topics covered in this course include data types, constants, variables, arithmetic operations, assignment statement, looping, formatted I/O, functions, arrays, matrix operations, data structures, plotting and model building.

SEMM 1113 - Mechanics of Solids I

The course provides students with the knowledge to determine the strength and stiffness of engineering structures being used. The structures that will be used in this course are bars, pins, bolts, shafts and beams and the types of applied loadings are axial forces, deformations due to the change in temperature, torsional loads, transverse loads and combination of these loads. At the end of the course, students should be able to determine the mechanical properties of the materials with respect to their strength and stiffness. Students should be able to calculate stresses, strains and deformations in structures due to various types of loading conditions. In addition, they should be able to solve problems related to statically determinate and indeterminate structures.

SEMM 1203 - Statics

This course introduces students to the part of mechanics which is a pre-requisite for most engineering courses including SEMM 1213, SEMM 2313 and SEMM 1113. The course enables student to acquire the essential basic knowledge of resultant and equilibrium of forces. It will examine key elements in producing free body diagrams for particles and rigid bodies, as essential first step in solving applied mechanics problems. Exposure to the concept of moment and equilibrium equations with reference of Newton's Law enhances the relevance of friction, trusses, frames and machines applications. Students are also introduced to the concept of distributed forces, which include centroid and centre of gravity and the generated surface area and volume of revolution. Hence, students will be able to demonstrate and apply the knowledge in continuing subjects which requires the analytical skills developed in this subject.

SEMM 1213 - Dynamics

The course is an extension to SEMM 1203, which is the pre-requisite to this course. It introduces students to the part of mechanics which considers the action of forces in producing motion. This course provides an exposure to students on the theory of the kinetics and kinematics of particles and rigid bodies. The concepts of energy, work, momentum and impulse are also introduced. At the end of the course students should be able to apply the principles to study and analyse the behaviour and responses of dynamical systems. They should also be able to solve the dynamic problems related to the determination of forces energy and power to move a body.

SEMM 1503 - Engineering Drawing

This subject introduces student to the use of technical drawing in an effective way for communicating and integrating with engineering concepts. Such environment will provide a platform where the engineer can share and exchange information. This subject will also enlighten the student on the significant changes in the engineering and technical graphic due to the use of computer and CAD (Computer Aided Design) software. At the end of the course, student should be able to apply the skill and knowledge of engineering drawing to interpret design, using graphics method such as geometric drawing, orthographic projection, isometric, machine drawing, detailed drawing, and basic CAD software.

SEMM 1513 - Introduction to Design

This course is designed to introduce students to the concepts and methods of engineering design process in solving engineering design problems, creatively and effectively. The design process introduces problem background, concept generations and selections, development of selected concept and testing of selected concept by constructing and testing a prototype. This course serves as a preparation for students to proceed to higher level design classes.

SEMM 1911 - Experimental Methods

This course is conducted via lectures and experimental case study data. Students are exposed to the experimental method theory for the initial weeks and then followed by case study data. The lecture contents shall cover the fundamental of experimental method and the basic principles in measurements, instrumentation and analysis of results. It shall focus on the design of mechanical experiments, selection of sensors and transducers, estimation of errors and display of results. It shall also cover the analysis of results and how to prepare proper report writing. Student comprehension will be tested in two written tests. Based on the given experimental data, students are also expected to conduct statistical analysis of results and write the experimental outcome in a report.

SEMM 1921 - Introduction to Mechanical Engineering Profession

This course comprises of two modules intended to introduce students to the field of mechanical engineering. The first module raises the student's awareness to the importance and necessity of developing habits of systematic analysis in solving engineering problems. It introduces the UTM graduate attributes and highlights the importance of generic skills to engineers. It also provides students with a clear overview of different fields within Mechanical Engineering and a description of the mechanical engineer's work and professional responsibilities. It discusses the education requirements for today's mechanical engineers as well as exposes the students to the skill required for an engineer entrepreneur. This course introduces students to the field of mechanical engineering. It raises the student's awareness to the importance and necessity of developing habits of systematic analysis in solving engineering problems. It introduces the UTM graduate attributes and highlights the importance of both technical and generic skills to mechanical engineers. It also provides students with a clear overview of different fields within mechanical engineering and a description of the mechanical engineer's work and professional responsibilities. It discusses the education requirements for today's mechanical engineers as well as exposes the students to the skills required for an engineering entrepreneur.

SEMM 2123 - Mechanics of Solids II

The course is an extension to SEMM 1113, which is the pre-requisite to this course. It aims to extend the student's knowledge and understanding of the behaviour of materials and structures under a variety of loading conditions. The course starts off with plane stress and plane strain transformation, following which several elastic failures criteria's are investigated. The course provides an opportunity to investigate thick cylinders, structural deformation behaviour by using the energy method, instability problems of struts and elasto-plastic bending of beams. Determinate and indeterminate problems will be examined. At the end of the course, students should be able to calculate and evaluate stress, strain and deformation of structures in torsion and bending. They should also be able to evaluate failure modes and estimate fracture life of structures and components. The aspect of designing safe components and structures shall also be emphasized to the students.

SEMM 2223 - Mechanics of Machines and Vibration

The course requires SEMM 1213 as the pre-requisite. It is designed to expose students to the application of concepts in mechanics (statics and dynamics) to solve real world mechanical engineering problems pertaining to various machines which include belt and pulley systems, gears, flywheels, governors and gyroscopes. Students will also be exposed to the methods of balancing rotating masses and parts of a combustion engine. The concept of vibration with respect to one-degree-freedom is also studied. At the end of the course, the students should be able to solve problems related to various mechanical systems. In addition, they should be able to evaluate analytically the parameters of components of various machines under study.

SEMM 2313 - Mechanics of Fluids I

The principle aim of this course is to provide students with an understanding of the properties of fluids and to introduce fundamental laws and description of fluid behaviour and flow. It will emphasize on the concept of pressure, hydrostatic pressure equation and its application in the measurement of pressure, static force due to immersed surfaces, floatation and buoyancy analysis. Dynamic flow analysis inclusive of technique in solving flow problems is introduced specially to solve flow measurement, mass or volumetric flow rate, momentum in flow and loss in pipe network. Lastly, some basic dimensional analysis and similarities will be introduced. At the end of the course, the student should be able to demonstrate an ability to analyse whether statically, dynamically or kinematically problems related directly to fluids.

SEMM 2323 - Mechanics of Fluids II

This course is designed to enhance the basic knowledge that has been developed in the first stage of Fluid Mechanics and expose the students in analysing hydrodynamically the flow field. It will emphasize on the analysis and the importance of ideal, boundary layer, and compressible flow in a practical engineering application. The course will also provide the analysis of flow through fluid machines such as pump and turbine. At the end of the course, students should be able to demonstrate and apply the theory to solve problem related to flow of fluids.

SEMM 2413 - Thermodynamics

Thermodynamics is a basic science that deals with energy. This course introduces students to the basic principles of thermodynamics. It will discuss basic concepts and introduces the various forms of energy and energy transfer as well as properties of pure substances. A general relation for the conservation of energy principle expressed in the First Law of Thermodynamics will be developed and applied to closed systems and extended to open systems. The second law of thermodynamics will be introduced and applied to cycles, cyclic devices and processes.

SEMM 2423 - Applied Thermodynamics

The aim of this course is to teach second-year mechanical engineering students on the application of thermodynamics principles to evaluate the performance criteria of various thermal systems. These include the reciprocating air-compressor, internal combustion engines, vapour power plants, gas turbine plants and refrigeration systems. Also, principles of conservation of mass and energy are applied to various air-conditioning processes to assess the properties changes and energy transfer during the processes.

SEMM 2433 - Applied Thermodynamics & Heat Transfer

This course aims to develop a fundamental understanding of the processes by which heat and energy are inter-related and converted and by which heat is transferred. The course will review major principles of energy conversion and the modes of heat transfer. The basic laws of thermodynamics and the governing equations for heat transfer and thermodynamics will be introduced and subsequently used to solve practical engineering problems involving thermodynamics and heat transfer. The course will also cover fundamental principles of power generation systems.

SEMM 2613 - Materials Science

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of materials science and engineering with emphasis on atomic bonding, crystal structures and defects in metals. It will introduce students to the various classes of materials including metals, ceramics, polymers and composites and their fundamental structures. The course will also provide basic diffusion mechanisms, metal solidification phase diagrams and heat treatment processes. At the end of the course, students should be able to apply the knowledge of atomic bonding and crystal structures to predict the physical and mechanical behaviour of materials and use the principles of phase diagrams and heat treatments to the design of materials and their properties.

SEMM 2713 - Manufacturing Processes

This course discusses the fundamental aspect of various traditional and non-traditional manufacturing processes for metal and non-metal components. It starts from the overall introduction on manufacturing aspects followed by polymer shaping processes, casting processes, joining processes, metal forming processes and machining processes including CNC and CAM. At the end of this course, the students should be able to select suitable manufacturing processes to produce a part/product. The knowledge gained from this course also allows students to make right decision in designing products based on process requirements.

SEMM 2921 - Laboratory I

This course is introduced in the second year of the Mechanical Engineering programme involving two hours per week session and experimental based courses. It consists of six laboratories; Strengths of Materials Laboratory, Materials Science Laboratory, Mechanics of Machines Laboratory, Electrical Laboratory and Fluid Laboratory. Students will be grouped into 5 to 6 people for each experiment. It is based on the theory that have been learned in the particular courses at the same semester. In general, every student has to carry out a total of twelve experiments. At the end of the session, students have to submit a report for each experiment and will be evaluated based on this report.

SEMM 3023 - Applied Numerical Methods

This course formally introduces the steps involved in engineering analysis (mathematical modelling, solving the governing equation, and interpretation of the results). Examples of case studies in applied mechanics, strength of materials, thermal science, and fluid mechanics are presented. Methods for solving the nonlinear equations, simultaneous linear algebraic equations, eigenvalue problem, interpolation, numerical differentiation, numerical integration, initial value problems, boundary value problem and partial differential equation are introduced.

SEMM 3033 - Finite Element Methods

This course gives students an exposure to the theoretical basis of the finite element method and its implementation principles and introduces the use of general-purpose finite element software for solving real-life engineering problems.

SEMM 3233 - Control Engineering

The course shall cover the essential and basic theory of control engineering. It shall cover the followings: open and closed-loop systems, manipulation of block diagram, signal flow graph and *Mason's* rule, concept of transfer function, time response analysis, classification of system, control action, stability analysis, *Routh* criteria, root locus method, frequency analysis, *Nyquist* and *Bode* plots, relative stability from *Nyquist* and *Bode* diagrams and design of control system. MATLAB and Simulink software package shall be taught and used as a tool in solving control engineering problems where appropriate.

SEMM 3242 - Instrumentation

The course shall cover the essential and basic theory of instrumentation for undergraduate. It shall cover the following: fundamentals and components of instrumentation system, characteristics of instrumentation system, signal conditioning and application of sensors in measurements.

SEMM 3523 - Components Design

This course is designed to expose students in analysing machine design element failure theories. This includes failure due to static and fatigue loads. It involves fatigue strength and endurance level, modified stress Goodman diagram and fatigue design under tensile and combined stresses. The content will encompass the design and selection of bolts, welding, spring, ball and roller bearing, gears and belts. At the end of the course, students should have the capabilities to identify, analyse and design the machine elements in the perspective of static and fatigue failure aspect.

SEMM 3622 - Materials Technology

This course introduces students to the basic concepts required to understand and describe the mechanical behaviour and failure mechanism of metals. It will emphasise on the concept of stress intensity factor and fracture mechanics to predict failure of materials and provide understanding on conditions under which fatigue, and creep occur. The course will also introduce students to the theory of electromechanical corrosion in metallic materials, estimate the corrosion rate and understand the methods to control and manage corrosion. By the end of the course, students should be able to apply the criteria of failure to the design of materials and conduct failure analysis of engineering components. This course also covers the properties, processing and applications of non-metallic materials mainly polymer, ceramic and composite.

SEMM 3915 - Industrial Training

Industrial training exposes students to the real work setting in various industries for 12 weeks. The students are placed in industries that best suit their area of studies. It is an experiential learning that requires the students to learn the process and able to apply their knowledge acquired in class in actual industrial setting. The knowledge acquired during practical training may be used later in final year classes as well as to equip them with sufficient knowledge for job interviews.

SEMM 3931 - Laboratory II

This course is introduced in the third year of Mechanical Engineering programme involving two hours per week and experimental based courses. It consists of six laboratories; Strength of Materials Laboratory, Thermodynamics Laboratory, Materials Science Laboratory, Mechanics of Machines Laboratory, Electrical Laboratory and Fluids Laboratory. Students will be grouped into 5 to 6 for each experiment. It is based on the theory learned in the particular courses at the same semester. In general, every student has to carry out a total of twelve experiments. At the end of the session, students have to submit a report for each experiment and will be evaluated based on this report.

SEMM 3941 - Laboratory III

This course is introduced in the third year of the Mechanical Engineering programme involving two hours per week session and experimental based courses. It is divided into two parts; experimental work at System & Control and Vibration Laboratories and a problem-based learning (PBL) laboratory (module) depending on the topics/labs facilitated by a lecturer. Students have to produce a short report for the experimental work similar to those in Laboratory I and II. The second part, i.e., the lab module is based on the PBL concept. Students have to plan and design their own experimental work right from the very beginning until the end of the module based on the topics given by the lecturer. Students will be grouped into 5 to 6 for each module. In general, every group have to conduct two experimental works and two modules. At the end of the session, students have to submit two short reports and two formal reports.

SEMM 4902 - Engineering Professional Practice

This course introduces students to engineering ethics and an engineer's responsibilities towards safety, health and welfare of the public. It emphasizes on the engineer as a professional man, engineers & society, code of ethics and professional conduct, standards, laws and regulations pertaining to professional engineering practice. The course will also introduce students to organize, in a group, a community service activity in a planned and structured manner. At the end of the course, students should be able to demonstrate and apply engineering professional ethics in their career as an engineer.

SEMM 4912 - Undergraduate Project I

This course introduces the final year students on how to do academic research on their own by applying knowledge and skills they acquired from other courses. Given a topic on a project, students have to identify a problem, gather relevant information to the problem and propose solutions to problems. In this course, students have to do some literature surveys in order to understand the nature of the problem and investigate work done by other researchers in line with their work. The students are also required to propose a methodology on how to solve the problems. By the end of this course, the students are expected to submit and present their research proposal to be assessed by their supervisors and panel of assessors.

SEMM 4924 - Undergraduate Project II

This course is the continuation of Undergraduate Project (UGP). It enhances the students' knowledge and ability to identify and solve problems through academic research. It will provide an exercise for the student in carrying out research with minimum supervision and the ability to plan and manage their work effectively. This course will also develop the students' capability to present, discuss and analyse results of the research clearly, effectively and confidently in both oral presentation and in dissertation.

SEMV 3012 - Automotive Technology

This course introduces students the fundamental knowledge of automotive areas including different modern automotive system and components such as engine, transmission, differential, clutches, brakes, steering and suspension. Students will be exposed the principle function and working mechanism of the system. The new technology associated with different systems will also be introduced to enable student to identify the advancement in the technology. Students will also have some hands-on work to be done in automotive laboratory which will give them exposure to work on real automotive components and systems.

SEMV 3413 - Internal Combustion Engine

This course is intended to provide students an introduction, terminology, definition, and operating characteristics of internal combustion engines (ICE). It covers all topics needed for a basic engineering knowledge of the design, operation, analysis and performance of IC engines. Principles of all types of IC engines are covered including spark ignition (gasoline), compression ignition (diesels), four-stroke, and two-stroke engines. On top of that, students will be equipped with basic knowledge and understanding of engine heat transfer, frictions and lubrication. Moreover, an introduction on fuel-cell, hybrid and other alternative fuels are also covered.

SEMV 3512 - Automotive Engineering Design I

In this problem-based learning course, students will have to undertake (in group) one mechanical-automotive engineering design exercise which involves current trend in automotive technology. The main aim of this course is for the students to experience how to undertake real group design project which involves the latest automotive technology. Students will have to go through the process of applying various techniques and scientific principles (which they have learnt in this programme) in order to achieve their goals. Students will also be taught to be creative, brainstorm their ideas, discuss, design and analyse their developed design. Concurrently, students will also be given lectures related to mechanical engineering design process and engineering design method (technology-independent), based on relevant engineering design books.

SEMV 3941 - Laboratory III

This course is introduced in the third year of the study of Mechanical Engineering, three hours per week and experimental based course. It is divided into two parts; experimental work at Mechanics of Machine Laboratory and problem-based-learning (PBL) based laboratory (module). Students have to produce a short report for the experimental work as same to experimental work at year 2. But for the module, it is based on PBL concept. Students have to plan and design their experimental work from beginning until the end based on the title and objective that have been given by the lecturer. Students will be grouped into 5 to 6 for each module. Generally, every group has to conduct two experimental works and two modules. At the end of the session, students have to submit two short reports and two formal reports.

SEMV 4212 - Automotive Electronics and Instrumentation

This course gives students an exposure to electronic and instrumentation systems typically used in automotive vehicles. It covers the basics of transducers and their uses in automotive instrumentation systems. The interface between transducers and microcontrollers are also covered for automotive applications. Major electronic systems in automotive vehicles (e.g. starting and charging system, electric, hybrid and autonomous vehicle systems) are also introduced and discussed in the course.

SEMV 4213 - Vehicle Dynamics

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of vehicle dynamics such as vehicle axis system, equation of motions, moments and products of inertia, body/chassis stiffness and vibrations. Students will be taught the knowledge to develop equation of motions of vehicle dynamics model and to analyse its performance in terms of ride, comfort & handling behaviour.

SEMV 4523 - Automotive Engineering Design II

In this problem-based learning course, students need to develop and fabricate (in group) one mechanical-automotive engineering system which involves both mechanical and electronic system integrations, which its specifications had been determined in Automotive Engineering Design 1. The main aim of this course is for the students to experience how to deliver an automotive system project involving the latest automotive technology, which emphasizes more on detailed engineering analysis and system fabrication. Students will have to go through the process of applying various techniques and scientific principles (which they have learnt in prerequisite subjects) in order to achieve their goals. At the end of the semester, the students

are required to produce one automotive system which comprises an integration between both mechanical and electronics systems.

SEMV 4793 - Automotive Production Technology

This course introduces students to the advances of manufacturing processes involved in the production of selected automotive parts. Further enhancement of basic manufacturing processes through analysis of selected critical parameters in stamping operation is also given. A brief overview on other processes such as joining, injection moulding, thermoforming, etc are highlighted. The course will also highlight some of the challenging issues such as Quality improvement implementation, Lean Manufacturing and Automation.

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SEMV 4413 - Engine Turbocharging

This course is designed to deliver the principles of engine boosting and the its significant role towards engine downsizing. The course will emphasize on the engine air induction system, in particular the turbocharging and supercharging systems. Students will be introduced to the science governing the operation of turbochargers and superchargers – which covers aerodynamics, gas dynamics and thermodynamics. The syllabus will enable the students to have the view of a turbocharger designer, as well as enable them to recognize the common problems relating to turbocharging an internal combustion engine. Engine downsizing is one of the crucial steps undertaken by engine manufacturers towards carbon reduction and sustainable technology. However, it requires significant technology advancement in all aspects of engine sub-systems, to deliver the targeted performance. The specific contributions of engine boosting to meet these targets will be discussed and elaborated as part of the course

SEMV 4123 - Vehicle Structure

This course is designed to expose students to the design of the modern passenger car structure. It will emphasize on the general architecture of the vehicle structure, design specifications for the body structure, methodology for evaluation of body structure performance.

SEMV 4423 - Vehicle Powertrain

This course introduces students to the fundamental of vehicle powertrain engineering systems. Students will be lectured on vehicle powertrain system that employs manual and automatic transmissions that uses either dry friction clutch or hydraulic torque converter and how to predict its performances. Students will be taught on how to match engine (internal combustion engine – ICE) and the different types of transmission systems in predicting the vehicle performances. The performances prediction that will be covered in this course are how to determine vehicle gradeability, top speed, acceleration and steady state fuel consumptions. In conjunction to these, students will be thought on how to determine top, bottom and intermediate gear ratios taking into consideration over gearing and under gearing conditions; and exploiting the current new continuously variable transmission (CVT) technology capability to achieve the above vehicle performances will be highlighted.