

KEY PROGRAMME INFORMATION

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| Originating institution(s) Bournemouth University | Faculty responsible for the programme Faculty of Science and Technology |
| Final award(s), title(s) and credits MSc Mechanical Engineering Design –180 (90 ECTS) Level 7 credits | |
| Intermediate award(s), title(s) and credits PGDip Mechanical Engineering Design - 120 (60 ECTS) Level 7 credits PGCert Mechanical Engineering Design - 60 (30 ECTS) Level 7 credits | |
| UCAS Programme Code(s) (where applicable and if known) NA | HECoS (Higher Education Classification of Subjects) Code and balanced or major/minor load 100190 (balanced), 100182 (balanced) |
| External reference points UK Quality Code for Higher Education; Part A: Part A: Setting and Maintaining Academic Standards; Chapter A1: UK and European reference points for academic standards (October 2013) - incorporates the Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies (Qualification Frameworks), Foundation Degree qualification benchmark, Master's Degree Characteristics and Subject Benchmark Statements; Subject benchmark statements - Engineering (2015); UK standard for professional Engineering Competence: Engineering Technician, Incorporated Engineer and Chartered Engineer Standard (UK-SPEC) third edition from the Engineering Council UK (January 2014); UK Standard for Professional Engineering Competence: The Accreditation of Higher Education Programmes third edition from the Engineering Council UK (May 2014). | |
| Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body (PSRB) links Accredited by the Institution of Engineering Designers and Institution of Mechanical Engineers as meeting the further learning requirement for Chartered Engineer (CEng) registration for the 2019-2023 intake years | |
| Places of delivery Bournemouth University, Talbot Campus | |
| Mode(s) of delivery full-time/full-time sandwich/part-time/part-time sandwich | Language of delivery English |
| Typical duration Programme duration: 12/15 Months full-time (24 months full-time with placement) 24 months part-time (36 months part-time with placement) | |
| Date of first intake September 2019 | Expected start dates September and January |
| Maximum student numbers Not applicable | Placements Optional non-credit bearing sandwich placement in industry normally between the end of the taught units and individual masters project (30 weeks minimum). Students are expected to search for suitable placement opportunities, with the support of the Faculty placements team. |
| Partner(s) Not applicable | Partnership model Not applicable |
| Date of this Programme Specification November 2020 | |
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PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Programme Award and Title: MSc Mechanical Engineering Design

Stage 1/Level 7
Students are required to complete 6 core units.

| Unit Name | Core/ Option | No of credits | Assessment Element Weightings | | | Expect ed contact hours per unit | Unit version no. | HECoS Subject Code |
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| | | | Exam 1 | Cwk 1 | Cwk 2 | | | |
| Structural Integrity | Core | 20 | 100 | | | 31 | V3.0 | 100190 |
| Failure Analysis and Prevention | Core | 20 | | 100 | | 31 | V3.0 | 100190 |
| Interdisciplinary Group Project | Core | 20 | | 100 | | 31 | V2.0 | 100182 |
| Advanced Materials | Core | 20 | 100 | | | 31 | V2.0 | 100225 |
| Life Cycle Management | Core | 20 | | 100 | | 31 | V1.1 | 100048 (balanced) 100180 (balanced) |
| Research Methods | Core | 20 | | 100 | | 31 | V2.1 | 100962 |

Progression requirements: Requires 120 credits at Level 7

Exit qualification:
PGCert Mechanical Engineering Design requires 60 credits at Level 7. Student must pass two subject specific units (from Structural Integrity, Failure Analysis and Prevention, Advanced Materials or Lifecycle Management)
PgDip Mechanical Engineering Design requires 120 credits at Level 7. Students must pass all taught units excluding the individual project.

Optional placement year in industry/business
A 30 week placement is optional for students, which normally starts after they have attended all the taught units. The placement is non-credit bearing and is assessed on a pass/fail basis (i.e. satisfactory completion of 30 weeks). The placement will appear on students' degree transcripts. Students are required to find their own placements. Students must comply with visa requirements.

Students will normally have completed 120 credits before proceeding to the placement but this requirement may be relaxed in the case of students who need to resit an assessment. In such cases, decisions will be made on an individual basis and in the best interests of the student.

Students may exceptionally proceed to placement after completing the project.

Students who do not choose to undertake the optional sandwich placement may progress directly from Stage 1 to Stage 2.

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| Stage 2/Level 7 Students are required to complete the Individual Project. | | | | | | | | |
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| Unit Name | Core/ Option | No of credits | Assessment Element Weightings | | | Expect ed contact hours per unit | Unit versio n no. | HECoS Subject Code |
| | | | Exam 1 | Cwk 1 | Cwk 2 | | | |
| Mechanical Engineering Design Individual Masters Project | Core | 60 | | 100 | | 7.5 | FST V2.0 | 100190 (balanced) 100182 (balanced) |
| Exit qualification: MSc Mechanical Engineering Design requires 180 credits at Level 7. Passing the (optional) placement is not necessary in order for students to progress to the individual project. | | | | | | | | |

AIMS OF THE DOCUMENT

The aims of this document are to:

- define the structure of the programme;
- specify the programme award titles;
- identify programme and level learning outcomes;
- articulate the regulations governing the awards defined within the document.

AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

This programme aims to develop creative, innovative and resourceful graduates, who:

- have the ability and confidence to apply their comprehensive understanding, knowledge and skills to complex and/or unfamiliar mechanical engineering design problems individually or as part of a team,
- can communicate effectively with both those working in the field of design engineering and with the wider public;
- have the ability to apply and integrate knowledge and understanding of other engineering disciplines to support study of the mechanical engineering discipline;
- have knowledge of advanced materials, their properties and opportunities for their application in the solution of mechanical engineering problems.
- demonstrate professional competence and critical awareness when selecting and applying appropriate methods for designing and analysing structural components;
- can design for the ecological and environmental needs of people and industry in a sustainable society;
- are fully conversant with contemporary information resources and use them effectively and efficiently.
- have a comprehensive understanding of techniques, methodologies and ethical principles applicable to their own research.

MSc Mechanical Engineering Design is a course for graduate engineers who wish to enhance their skills/knowledge/experience in engineering design and gain the internationally recognised title of Chartered Engineer (CEng) but do not currently meet the academic requirements. It is generally accepted that professionals holding CEng status benefit from significantly improved careers prospects than their peers.

Whilst there are a number of ways to achieve academic requirements, it is becoming increasingly common that would-be Chartered Engineers will hold an appropriate Masters degree. The course is primarily targeted at undergraduate engineering graduates. Applicants may be recently qualified graduates or those who completed their degrees some time ago.

ALIGNMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN

The MSc Mechanical Engineering Design programme is informed by and aligned with Bournemouth University's 2012-18 strategic plan and the fusion of excellent teaching, world-class research and professional practice that is at the heart of the institution's visions and values. Students are supported by academics with a wealth of industry experience, many of whom are actively engaged with national professional engineering institutions. Academics delivering the programme are actively engaged in cutting edge research and consultancy projects, while students are encouraged to participate in a range of co-creation and co-publication projects. The programme's innovative pedagogic approach offers students the opportunity to learn by engaging in a series of practical, industry focused projects. These projects are aimed at equipping students with the full range of skills necessary to succeed in an innovative engineering environment, and are informed by the academic team's own industrial experience as well as by a network of industry contacts, who may also contribute directly to the programme by delivering guest lectures and providing opportunities for industrial visits.

LEARNING HOURS AND ASSESSMENT

Bournemouth University taught programmes are composed of units of study, which are assigned a credit value indicating the amount of learning undertaken. The minimum credit value of a unit is normally 20 credits, above which credit values normally increase at 20-point intervals. 20 credits is the equivalent of 200 study hours required of the student, including lectures, seminars, assessment and independent study. 20 University credits are equivalent to 10 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits.

The assessment workload for a unit should consider the total time devoted to study, including the assessment workload (i.e. formative and summative assessment) and the taught elements and independent study workload (i.e. lectures, seminars, preparatory work, practical activities, reading, critical reflection).

Assessment per 20 credit unit should normally consist of 3,000 words or equivalent. Dissertations and Level 6 and 7 Final Projects are distinct from other assessment types. The word count for these assignments is 5,000 words per 20 credits, recognising that undertaking an in-depth piece of original research as the capstone to a degree is pedagogically sound.

STAFF DELIVERING THE PROGRAMME

Students will usually be taught by a combination of senior academic staff with others who have relevant expertise including – where appropriate according to the content of the unit – academic staff, qualified professional practitioners, demonstrators/technicians and research students.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES – AND HOW THE PROGRAMME ENABLES STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE AND DEMONSTRATE THE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

PROGRAMME INTENDED OUTCOMES

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| <p>A: Subject knowledge and understanding</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:</p> | <p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme learning outcomes:</p> |
| <p>A1 the state-of-the-art materials technologies and industrial demands for continued development of new structural materials of high performance;</p> <p>A2 a range of structural integrity theories;</p> <p>A3 selection and application of different techniques used in the management and control of projects, with special emphasis on project teams;</p> <p>A4 methodology, research planning, and experiment design and analysis techniques;</p> <p>A5 the mechanisms of static and dynamic failures in metallic, polymeric and ceramic materials, when under load;</p> <p>A6 life cycle assessment and influencing sustainable development within the design process.</p> | <p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • independent research (for project) (A1-A6); • lectures (A1-A6); • seminars (A1–A6); • practical tutorials (A1, A2, A5, A6); • directed reading (A3, A4); • use of the VLE (A1-A6). <p>Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • individual project (A1-A6); • coursework (A1–A6). |
| <p>B: Intellectual skills</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to:</p> | <p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme outcomes:</p> |
| <p>B1 recognise the key changes that happen in a material's properties as its size is reduced to the nanoscale;</p> <p>B2 formulate, plan, execute and report on a project involving original mechanical engineering design in a structured and disciplined manner;</p> <p>B3 critically reflect upon interpersonal skills required to operate in a team environment as a professional mechanical design engineer;</p> <p>B4 develop a high level of ability to analyse, evaluate and critically appraise a range of complex/unfamiliar engineering problems to formulate a solution strategy;</p> <p>B5 quantify the environmental impact of a product/system through Life Cycle Analysis techniques;</p> | <p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • independent research (for project) (B1- B7); • group exercises (B3, B5); • practical tutorials (B5); • use of the VLE (B1-B7). <p>Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • individual project (B1-B7); |

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| <p>B6 identify appropriate sources of information and evaluate them critically in terms of reliability and relevance to a particular topic;</p> <p>B7 deal with complex issues both systematically and creatively, make sound judgements in the absence of complete data.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coursework (B1–B7). |
| <p>C: Practical skills</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to:</p> | <p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme learning outcomes:</p> |
| <p>C1 apply and critically evaluate various management techniques to ensure efficient operation of a team;</p> <p>C2 diagnose the causes of the different types of service failures, through the application of appropriate engineering analysis methods, and the ability to propose methods of avoiding them in future;</p> <p>C3 independently apply structural integrity theories and concepts to analyse a range of unfamiliar engineering problems.</p> <p>C4 be able to apply typical product/service lifecycle scenarios to a project at the initial concept stage.</p> <p>C5 be able to integrate knowledge and understanding of advanced materials and apply them in the solution of engineering problems.</p> | <p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • individual project (C1-C5); • practical tutorials (C1-C5); • seminars (C1 –C5); • use of the VLE (C1-C5). <p>Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • individual project (C1-C5); • coursework (C1–C5). |
| <p>D: Transferable skills</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to:</p> | <p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme learning outcomes:</p> |
| <p>D1 demonstrate problem solving skills and the application of knowledge across the discipline areas;</p> <p>D2 gather, select, and analyse a range of experimental and fieldwork data and present professionally using appropriate media;</p> <p>D3 distil, synthesise and critically analyse alternative approaches and methodologies to problems and research results reported in literature and elsewhere;</p> <p>D4 demonstrate initiative, self-direction and exercise personal responsibility for management of own learning;</p> <p>D5 work autonomously and become reflective learners;</p> <p>D6 communicate effectively and confidently to appropriate professional and academic standards.</p> | <p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lectures (D1-D3); • individual project (D1-D6); • seminars (D1-D6); • use of the VLE (D1 – D6). <p>Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • individual projects (D1-D6); • coursework (D1–D6). |

PGDip INTENDED OUTCOMES

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| <p>A: Subject knowledge and understanding</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:</p> | <p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme learning outcomes:</p> |
| <p>A1 the state-of-the-art materials technologies and industrial demands for continued development of new structural materials of high performance;</p> <p>A2 a range of structural integrity theories;</p> <p>A3 selection and application of different techniques used in the management and control of projects, with special emphasis on project teams;</p> <p>A4 methodology, research planning, and experiment design and analysis techniques;</p> <p>A5 the mechanisms of static and dynamic failures in metallic, polymeric and ceramic materials, when under load;</p> <p>A6 life cycle assessment and influencing sustainable development within the design process.</p> | <p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lectures (A1-A6); • seminars (A1–A6); • practical tutorials (A1, A2, A5, A6); • directed reading (A3, A4); • use of the VLE (A1-A6). <p>Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coursework (A1–A6). |
| <p>B: Intellectual skills</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to:</p> | <p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme outcomes:</p> |
| <p>B1 recognise the key changes that happen in a material's properties as its size is reduced to the nanoscale;</p> <p>B2 critically reflect upon interpersonal skills required to operate in a team environment as a professional mechanical design engineer;</p> <p>B3 develop a high level of ability to analyse, evaluate and critically appraise a range of complex/unfamiliar engineering problems to formulate a solution strategy;</p> <p>B4 quantify the environmental impact of a product/system through Life Cycle Analysis techniques;</p> <p>B5 identify appropriate sources of information and evaluate them critically in terms of reliability and relevance to a particular topic.</p> | <p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • group exercises (B2, B4); • practical tutorials (B4); • use of the VLE (B1-B5). <p>Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coursework (B1–B5). |
| <p>C: Practical skills</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to:</p> | <p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme learning outcomes:</p> |
| <p>C1 apply and critically evaluate various management techniques to ensure efficient operation of a team;</p> | <p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> |

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| <p>C2 diagnose the causes of the different types of service failures, through the application of appropriate engineering analysis methods, and the ability to propose methods of avoiding them in future;</p> <p>C3 independently apply structural integrity theories and concepts to analyse a range of unfamiliar engineering problems;</p> <p>C4 be able to apply typical product/service lifecycle scenarios to a project at the initial concept stage.</p> <p>C5 be able to integrate knowledge and understanding of advanced materials and apply them in the solution of engineering problems.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • practical tutorials (C1-C5); • seminars (C1 –C5); • use of the VLE (C1-C5). <p>Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coursework (C1–C5). |
| <p>D: Transferable skills</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to:</p> | <p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme learning outcomes:</p> |
| <p>D1 demonstrate problem solving skills and the application of knowledge across the discipline areas;</p> <p>D2 gather, select, and analyse a range of experimental and fieldwork data and present professionally using appropriate media;</p> <p>D3 distil, synthesise and critically analyse alternative approaches and methodologies to problems and research results reported in literature and elsewhere;</p> <p>D4 demonstrate initiative, self-direction and exercise personal responsibility for management of own learning;</p> <p>D5 work autonomously and become reflective learners;</p> <p>D6 communicate effectively and confidently to appropriate professional and academic standards.</p> | <p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lectures (D1-D3); • seminars (D1-D6); • use of the VLE (D1 – D6). <p>Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coursework (D1–D6). |

PGCert INTENDED OUTCOMES

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| <p>A: Subject knowledge and understanding</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:</p> | <p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme learning outcomes:</p> |
| <p>A1 the state-of-the-art materials technologies and industrial demands for continued development of new structural materials of high performance;</p> <p>A2 a range of structural integrity theories;</p> <p>A3 the mechanisms of static and dynamic failures in metallic, polymeric and ceramic materials, when under load;</p> <p>A4 life cycle assessment and influencing sustainable development within the design process.</p> | <p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lectures (A1-A4); • seminars (A1–A4); • practical tutorials (A1-A4); • use of the VLE (A1-A4). |

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| | <p>Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> coursework (A1–A4). |
| <p>B: Intellectual skills</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to:</p> | <p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme outcomes:</p> |
| <p>B1 recognise the key changes that happen in a material's properties as its size is reduced to the nanoscale;</p> <p>B2 develop a high level of ability to analyse, evaluate and critically appraise a range of complex/unfamiliar engineering problems to formulate a solution strategy;</p> <p>B3 quantify the environmental impact of a product/system through Life Cycle Analysis techniques;</p> | <p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> group exercises (B3); practical tutorials (B3); use of the VLE (B1-B3). |
| | <p>Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> coursework (B1–B3). |
| <p>C: Practical skills</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to:</p> | <p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme learning outcomes:</p> |
| <p>C1 diagnose the causes of the different types of service failures, through the application of appropriate engineering analysis methods, and the ability to propose methods of avoiding them in future;</p> <p>C2 independently apply structural integrity theories and concepts to analyse a range of unfamiliar engineering problems;</p> <p>C3 be able to apply typical product/service lifecycle scenarios to a project at the initial concept stage.</p> <p>C4 be able to integrate knowledge and understanding of advanced materials and apply them in the solution of engineering problems.</p> | <p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> practical tutorials (C1-C4); seminars (C1 –C4); use of the VLE (C1-C4). |
| | <p>Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> coursework (C1–C4). |
| <p>D: Transferable skills</p> <p>This programme provides opportunities for students to:</p> | <p>The following learning and teaching and assessment strategies and methods enable students to achieve and to demonstrate the programme learning outcomes:</p> |
| <p>D1 demonstrate problem solving skills and the application of knowledge across the discipline areas;</p> <p>D2 gather, select, and analyse a range of experimental and fieldwork data and present professionally using</p> | <p>Learning and teaching strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> lectures (D1-D3); |

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| appropriate media; | |
| D3 distil, synthesise and critically analyse alternative approaches and methodologies to problems and research results reported in literature and elsewhere; | <ul style="list-style-type: none">seminars (D1-D6);use of the VLE (D1 – D6). |
| D4 demonstrate initiative, self-direction and exercise personal responsibility for management of own learning; | Assessment strategies and methods (referring to numbered Intended Learning Outcomes): |
| D5 work autonomously and become reflective learners; | <ul style="list-style-type: none">coursework (D1–D6). |
| D6 communicate effectively and confidently to appropriate professional and academic standards. | |

ADMISSION REGULATIONS

The regulations for this programme are the University's Standard Postgraduate Admission Regulations (<https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/pandptest/3a-postgraduate-admissions-regulations.doc>) with the following exceptions:

Additionally, applicants who wish to meet the Engineering Council registration requirements (standard route applicants) for the Masters programme Mechanical Engineering Design require a degree accredited to partial CEng level.

All applicants to the programme will be interviewed to determine if they are standard or non-standard route applicants. It will be ensured that non-standard route applicants will be made fully aware that they will not be entitled to use the MSc Mechanical Engineering Design qualification to meet the academic requirements for professional registration.

ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

The regulations for this programme are the University's Standard Postgraduate Assessment Regulations (<https://intranetsp.bournemouth.ac.uk/pandptest/6a-standard-assessment-regulations-postgraduate.pdf>) with the following exceptions:

COMPENSATION (Section 7)

Compensation may only be applied for up to 20 credits at level 7 and cannot be applied to the level 7 Interdisciplinary Group Project unit.

PLACEMENT ELEMENT

Level 7 students can opt to do a placement. Such an offering is considered to provide competitive advantage to the programme, as students can gather work experience, and in the case of non-native speakers of English, use the placement as an opportunity to improve their business English, thereby enhancing their employability. The placement unit allows "Tier 4" students the opportunity to stay in the UK for two years.

The placement involves working in a company relevant to the student's programme for a minimum of 30 weeks full-time. If students do not choose to do a placement, the programme lasts 12/15 months; if they elect to do a placement, the programme lasts for 24 months. "Tier 4" students are covered for a 2-year programme as far as visa regulations are concerned (at the time of the publication of this document). Students normally start their placement when the taught part of the programme finishes, usually in June (for September students) and in December (for January students). However, it may be possible for students to take their placement after the project.

The work placement is assessed on a pass/fail basis. The student must satisfactorily complete their placement in order for it to appear on their degree transcript. Upon completion of the placement, students write a 3000 reflective report of their placement experience and provide evidence from the company that they worked with during their period of employment.

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Whilst on placement, students are supported by the Placement Tutor regarding academic issues (such as queries related to the placement report and the individual project) and by their Placement Development Advisor who monitors the quality of their placement experience.

Students who choose to do a placement are supported through a programme of seminars and workshops designed to improve their employability, with topics including: searching for a placement, writing a CV and covering letter, completing an application form, being interviewed (by phone and face-to-face), and networking.

Programme Skills Matrix

| Units | | Programme Intended Learning Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | A 1 | A 2 | A 3 | A 4 | A 5 | A 6 | B 1 | B 2 | B 3 | B 4 | B 5 | B 6 | B 7 | C 1 | C 2 | C 3 | C 4 | C 5 | D 1 | D 2 | D 3 | D 4 | D 5 | D 6 | |
| L E V E L 7 | Research Methods | | | | x | | | | | | x | | x | x | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x | |
| | Advanced Materials | x | | | | | | x | | | | | | x | x | | | | x | | x | | x | x | x | |
| | Life Cycle Management | | | | | | x | | | | | x | | x | | | | x | | | x | x | x | x | x | |
| | Interdisciplinary Group Project | | | x | | | | | x | x | x | | x | x | x | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| | Failure Analysis and Prevention | | | | | x | | | | | | | | x | | x | x | | | | x | | x | x | x | x |
| | Structural Integrity | | x | | | x | | | | | | | | x | | x | x | | | | x | | x | x | x | x |
| | Mechanical Engineering Design Individual Masters Project (60 credits) | | | x | x | | | | x | x | x | | x | x | x | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| A – Subject Knowledge and Understanding This programme provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the state-of-the-art materials technologies and industrial demands for continued development of new structural materials of high performance; a range of structural integrity theories; selection and application of different techniques used in the management and control of projects, with special emphasis on project teams; methodology, research planning, and experiment design and analysis techniques; the mechanisms of static and dynamic failures in metallic, polymeric and ceramic materials, when under load; life cycle assessment and influencing sustainable development within the design process. | | | | | | | | | | | | C – Subject-specific/Practical Skills This programme provides opportunities for students to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> apply and critically evaluate various management techniques to ensure efficient operation of a team; diagnose the causes of the different types of service failures, through the application of appropriate engineering analysis methods, and the ability to propose methods of avoiding them in future; independently apply structural integrity theories and concepts to analyse a range of unfamiliar engineering problems; be able to apply typical product/service lifecycle scenarios to a project at the initial concept stage; be able to integrate knowledge and understanding of advanced materials and apply them in the solution of engineering problems. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B – Intellectual Skills This programme provides opportunities for students to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> recognise the key changes that happen in a material's properties as its size is reduced to the nanoscale; formulate, plan, execute and report on a project involving original mechanical engineering design in a structured and disciplined manner; critically reflect upon interpersonal skills required to operate in a team environment as a professional mechanical design engineer; develop a high level of ability to analyse, evaluate and critically appraise a range of complex/unfamiliar engineering problems to formulate a solution strategy; quantify the environmental impact of a product/system through Life Cycle Analysis techniques; identify appropriate sources of information and evaluate them critically in terms of reliability and relevance to a particular topic; deal with complex issues both systematically and creatively, make sound judgements in the absence of complete data. | | | | | | | | | | | | D – Transferable Skills This programme provides opportunities for students to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrate problem solving skills and the application of knowledge across the discipline areas; gather, select, and analyse a range of experimental and fieldwork data and present professionally using appropriate media; distil, synthesise and critically analyse alternative approaches and methodologies to problems and research results reported in literature and elsewhere; demonstrate initiative, self-direction and exercise personal responsibility for management of own learning; work autonomously and become reflective learners; communicate effectively and confidently to appropriate professional and academic standards. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

