STATICS: MECH 1321

Class Reference Number: 25943
Prerequisite: MATH 1411 Calculus

Class/Lab Meeting: 12:00 - 1:20 pm., TR
Class Room: Physical Science Building 115

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Course Objectives
At the end of the course, students will learn the principles that govern the behavior of rigid-body mechanical engineering systems in static equilibrium. Specifically, students will be able to do the following:

1. Identify an engineering problem appropriate for engineering mechanics analysis;
2. Draw a free-body diagram and identify all forces and moments acting on an object at rest;
3. Represent force and moment systems with equivalent systems;
4. Perform an analysis to identify all forces and moments acting internally or externally on an object;
5. Determine the geometric properties of one, two and three-dimensional objects

Topics covered

1. General Principles (Chapter 1)
2. Force Vectors (Chapter 2)
3. Equilibrium of a Particle (Chapter 3)
4. Force System Resultants (Chapter 4)
5. Equilibrium of a Rigid Body (Chapter 5)
6. Structural Analysis (Chapter 6)
7. Internal Forces (Chapter 7)
8. Friction (Chapter 8)
9. Center of Gravity and Centroid (Chapter 9)
10. Moment of Inertia (Chapter 10)
Grades
Your grade for this course will be assessed based on your performance in the following:

Mid-term exams (60 %)
Homework (10 %)
Quizzes (10 %)
Final exam (20 %)

Several quizzes will be given throughout the semester. Lowest quiz score will be eliminated. The content of a quiz could be from the materials covered in previous sessions or to be covered that day. There will be no make-up quizzes. At least three exams will be given during the semester. If you miss one of the exams during the semester, your exams average will be based on other exams. If you miss two exams, you will get an F in the class. Every student is required to take the final exam at the end of the semester.

Your final grade will be calculated based on the points you have accumulated as follows:

- A >88.5
- B ≥78.5 but <88.5
- C ≥68.5 but <78.5
- D ≥58.5 but <68.5
- F <58.5

(**NOTE: 88.4 IS B, 78.4 IS C, 68.4 IS D, 58.4 IS F. The instructor reserves the right to revise this grading plan). However, students will be informed of any changes during the semester.

Allowed Calculators
The following will be the only calculators allowed in exams:
- Casio: All fx-115 models. Any Casio calculator must contain fx-115 in its model name.
- Hewlett Packard: The HP 33s and HP 35s models but no others.
- Texas Instruments: All TI-30X and TI-36X models. Any Texas Instruments calculator must contain either TI-30X or TI-36X in its model name.

These are the same calculators that are currently being allowed in the Fundamental of Engineering (FE) and Professional Engineering (PE) exams (http://www.ncees.org/exams/calculators/). It is your responsibility to get acquainted with the features of the calculator you decide to use. I recommend that you use this calculator for all your work (including other courses) since this will help you learn how to use all the features of your calculator.

Lectures Videos Link

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJAvT95YIjo&list=PLLbVfERDon3mb73rkKIeFA8Q7yt-7tku&index=1
Homework

All students are required to register for the course through Mastering Engineering.

http://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/masteringengineering/students/get-registered/index.html

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Homework will be assigned through Mastering Engineering. Late homework will be penalized by 33% deduction per day after the deadline. You have 6 trials to submit the correct answer.

Expected Exams Dates:

Exam #1: Thursday, Feb.28th
Exam #2: Tuesday, April 2nd
Exam #3: Thursday, May 2nd
Final Exam: Tuesday, May 14th (1:00- 3:45pm, same classroom)

Dropping Class Deadline: April 5th, 2019

Academic Honesty

During exams and quizzes, you are not allowed to use any form of wifi enabled electronic device, including cell phones or other electronic communication devices or methods (wrist watches, earbuds, etc.). No wristwatch or another electronic device may be worn.

No electronic version of the book, loose paper print-outs of the book or extra sheets of paper of any kind are allowed unless explicitly mentioned in writing by the instructor. As a part of the zero-tolerance policy, if you have a cellphone or other electronic device capable of communication on your person; or if any proctor sees or hears any electronic device during the exam or if you share your work with someone else, you will be reported to the proper authorities, and you may receive a zero on the exam and an F in the class. Other actions including suspension may also be pursued.

If anyone leaves the exam room during an exam, they must be accompanied by a proctor. This includes restroom breaks. University approved recording devices may also be located at various locations in the room and may be out of sight of the students. These recordings will be managed according to the UTEP approved regulations for such media.

If you are suspected of scholastic dishonesty, you may not be directly confronted about your conduct by the instructor or proctor. You will, however, be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR) and your exam will not be admissible. Your grade in the class may not
be available until OSCCR makes a final ruling, this may adversely impact your ability to enroll in other classes.

If you arrive more than 15 minutes late to an exam, you will not be allowed to take the examination.

There will be no makeup exams administered. If you have a university approved excuse, your instructor will have a process for determining how to handle the missing grade outlined in the syllabus. However, no makeup exams will be given.

If you miss more than one exam, the instructor may choose to drop you from the class administratively. This may adversely impact a visa and financial aid.

Any food or drink brought into the examination room is subject to careful inspection by a proctor.

Departmental policy allows for the use of assigned seats. All students must present their UTEP issued ID prior to and during every exam and may be required to sign in. Not having a UTEP issued ID when asked will result in forfeiture of the exam.

Scholastic dishonesty on homework, lab assignments, and all other class assignments will be held to the same standards and requirements of academic honesty as quizzes and exams.

Class Attendance Policy

Attendance is mandatory. Anyone with 5 or more absences will be dropped from the class. A drop for not attending will count toward the State Allowed Six-Drop Limit. If you are failing the class at the time of the drop, you may also be given a WF designation. Be advised that a drop could adversely impact visa status, financial aid, and other programs.

As per UTEP rules, you may be asked to show a UTEP ID at any time during class. Anyone who is present and not registered in the class will be subject to disciplinary action unless the instructor gives prior approval.

Excused Absence for Exams

The UTEP catalog allows Exam Absence to be excused ONLY for University-recognized Activities and very specific other situations. Medical absence is NOT allowed in the UTEP catalog. For consistency with the catalog, students will NOT be excused from exams due to illness.

Harassment Policy

The department has a zero-tolerance policy for harassment. Engagement in any behavior considered harassment would be reported to the proper authorities. In addition to generally understood forms of harassment, the department also treats the following behavior as harassment:

- Repeated emails and/or calls regarding subjects that have already been addressed. Once a decision has been made, or a question answered, a student who continues to ask the same question will be given a warning by the recipient of the email/call. If the student continues, the
behavior will be reported. Questions that seek understanding of course material are not harassment, but repeated questions about a grade or an administrative decision are.

- Grades are NOT negotiable, ever. If you believe a grading mistake has been made, you must follow the process described in the UTEP catalog. Any request for a grade elevation that is NOT based on a mistake is considered harassment and will be reported immediately.
- Remaining in an office after the occupant requests you leave is considered harassment and potentially threatening. You will be reported immediately without warning and depending on the severity, may be reported to law enforcement.
- Similar behavior towards department staff and student advisors will also be treated as harassment, including persistent phone calls, emails, and badgering. Department staff and student advisors are there to help students and should be treated with due respect.

ACES & Tutoring Center

Students are reminded of the tutoring services available in the ACES and the library. These services are provided to you by the University. Check the schedules and make use of the services.

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Study Aids

Instructor’s Office Hour

During the specified office hours, you can drop by the office for any questions regarding the subjects discussed in the class without making an appointment. Of course, you are always welcomed to visit me at any other times, but I may not be available for discussion because of other commitments. Leave me a note, call for an appointment, or send me an e-mail will be the most effective way to catch me for your questions. Remember, do not pile up questions and expect me to answer all your questions the day before an exam.

Teaching Assistant

There will be a teaching assistant (TA) assigned to each session. The TA will assist the instructor in grading homework, proctoring exams, and answering questions. In addition to the instructor’s office hour, there will be TA’s office hours to answer your questions. The TA’s schedule will be announced in the second week of the class.
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References
Students are encouraged to study materials related to the subjects discussed in the class. There are many books that can help students to improve their understanding of the subjects and their problem-solving skills. Some of the books that you can find in the library are:

Wolstenholme and Cantab, *Elementary Vectors*. QA433.W64
Davis and Snider, *Introduction to Vector Analysis*. QA433.D38