

Course Information

Mechanical Vibrations

ENG ME 441

Fall 2012

Course Description

One- and multi-degree-of-freedom systems. Natural frequencies and modes of vibrations, resonance, beat phenomenon, effect of damping, applications to practical problems, and methods to avoid excessive vibrations. Lagrange's equations.

Learning Outcomes

- i. Become proficient in the modeling and analysis of one-dof-systems - free vibrations, transient and steady-state forced vibrations, viscous and hysteric damping. (A, E, L)
- ii. Become proficient in the modeling and analysis of multi-dof systems - Lagrange's equations, reduction to one-dof systems for proportionally damped systems, modal analysis, vibration absorbers, vibration transmission, Fourier transforms. Use of Matlab for matrix computations and Fourier analysis. (A, E, K, L)

Prerequisite

ENG ME 302: Engineering Mechanics II

Lectures

Lectures are held in PHO 201 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. You are strongly encouraged to ask questions during lecture and to offer answers to questions asked by the professor, even if you are not sure they are correct. Attendance will be taken at these lectures and used as one indicator of your level of effort. Ringers on cell phones should be turned off during lecture.

Discussion Section

The discussion section will not be held.

Instructor

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Course Materials

- Required Text: *Mechanical Vibrations, Fifth Edition*, Singiresu S. Rao, ISBN 0132128195.
- Supplementary Text: *Mechanical and Structural Vibrations, First Edition*, Jerry H. Ginsberg, ISBN 0-471-12808-2.

Grading

Your final course grade is calculated according to the following distribution:

- Quizzes: 40%
- Midterm Examination: 30%
- Final Examination: 30%

Your grades will be recorded on blackboard and should be checked for accuracy by you whenever a quiz or examination is returned. A curve may be applied to any quiz or examination.

Quizzes

Quizzes will be given roughly once a week. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped.

Midterm Examination

The midterm examination will be given in class on Monday, October 22.

Final Examination

The final examination is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 18 9:00 a.m. - 11:00a.m. Early examinations will not be given.

Missed Quizzes and Examinations

Here is the policy regarding a missed event (i.e. quiz or examination):

- If you know ahead of time that you will miss the event, you must notify the instructor by email and describe your reason for missing the event.
- If the instructor determines that the reason is appropriate, you will be excused from the event and the grade will not count in determining your course grade. If the instructor determines that the reason is not appropriate, you will receive a zero for that event.
- The following reasons are not appropriate: oversleeping, working on an assignment for another course, travel for pleasure.
- If you do not know ahead of time that you will miss the event, you must notify the instructor in writing as soon as possible after the event and describe your reason for missing the event.

Withdrawals, Drops, and Incompletes

Please see the important dates listing from the University Registrar. These will be strictly enforced. Incompletes will be permitted only for extenuating circumstances and they must be arranged before the final examination.