



University of
New Haven

Statics

SECTION I: Course Overview

UNH Course Code: ENGR380CDG

Subject Area: Engineering

Prerequisites: Calculus I (fundamentals of integration and derivation)

Language of Instruction: English

Contact Hours: 45

Recommended Credits: 3

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will guide you through statics for engineering, the branch of mechanics that analyzes the forces and torques of bodies in equilibrium. Statics defines quantities such as the moment of a force, the centroid, and moments of inertia that describe how structures and bodies can remain at rest or maintain a constant velocity.

In this course you will learn about trusses, joints, frames, and machines. You will understand the use of forces and moments and how these combine to achieve equilibrium. As a tool for engineering, statics will provide you with the methods to design structures capable of supporting and moving loads safely and effectively from beams to bridges.

The course includes two- and three-dimensional force systems, moments, equivalent systems; trusses, frames, machines; centroids, centers of mass, moments of inertia, friction, internal axial and shear forces, and engineering applications.

The course will also give you the opportunity to discuss and analyze complex and composite rigid systems, considering their inner structure and identifying the forces and moments required to maintain equilibrium. You will explore the challenges engineers encounter in designing ever more functional structures and machinery and how these designs introduce requirements and constraint on materials.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Gain familiarity with concurrent and parallel forces and moments in two and three dimensions
- Learn the conditions of equilibrium for composite bodies, liquids, and gases
- Understand the role of internal forces in reaching equilibrium
- Understand important engineering methods involving trusses, frames, and machines
- Understand engineering concepts such as the centroid, center of mass, and moment of inertia

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- Learn about friction and its role in equilibrium
- Apply equilibrium conditions to analyze the forces acting on a body
- Determine the centroid, center of mass, and moment of inertia of complex bodies
- Combine trusses to achieve specific conditions of equilibrium
- Analyze internal forces and bending moment in a loaded beam
- Use virtual work to analyze equilibrium conditions
- Develop an approach to systems at equilibrium based on the evaluation of internal and external forces and moments

SECTION II: Instructor & Course Details

INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

Name:	TBA
Contact Information:	TBA
Term:	SUMMER

ATTENDANCE POLICY

All students are expected to arrive on time and prepared for the day's class session.

CEA enforces a mandatory attendance policy. You are therefore expected to attend all regularly scheduled class sessions, including any field trips, site visits, guest lectures, etc. that are assigned by the instructor. The table below shows the number of class sessions you may miss before receiving a grade penalty.

ALLOWED ABSENCES – SUMMER TERMS		
Courses Meeting X day(s) Per Week	Allowed Absence(s)	Automatic Failing Grade at X th Absence
Courses meeting 5 day(s) per week	1 Absence	4 th Absence

For every additional absence beyond the allowed number, your final course grade will drop down to the subsequent letter grade (ex: A+ to A). As a student, you should understand that the grade penalties will apply if you are marked absent due to tardiness or leaving class early. In the table below, you will find the grade penalty associated with each excessive absence up to and including automatic course failure.

ATTENDANCE DOCKING PENALTIES				
Absence	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Penalty	No Penalty	0.5 Grade Docked	1 Grade Docked	Automatic Failure
HIGHEST POSSIBLE GRADE AFTER ATTENDANCE PENALTIES				
Grade	A+	A	A-	F

CEA does not distinguish between excused and unexcused absences. As such, no documentation is required for missing class. Similarly, excessive absences, and the grade penalty associated with each, will not be excused even if you are able to provide documentation that shows the absence was beyond your control. You should therefore only miss class when truly needed as illness or other unavoidable factors may force you to miss a class session later on in the term.

GRADING & ASSESSMENT

The instructor will assess your progress towards the above-listed learning objectives by using the forms of assessment below. Each of these assessments is weighted and will count towards your final grade. The following section (Assessment Overview) will provide further details for each.

Class Participation	10%
Homework	10%
Quizzes	15%
Midterm Examination	25%
Final Examination	40%

The instructor will calculate your course grades using the CEA Grading Scale shown below. As a CEA student, you should understand that credit transfer decisions—including earned grades for courses taken abroad—are ultimately made by your home institution.

CEA GRADING SCALE			
Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Percentage Range	Quality Points
A+	9.70 – 10.0	97.0 – 100%	4.00
A	9.40 – 9.69	94.0 – 96.9%	4.00
A-	9.00 – 9.39	90.0 – 93.9%	3.70
B+	8.70 – 8.99	87.0 – 89.9%	3.30
B	8.40 – 8.69	84.0 – 86.9%	3.00
B-	8.00 – 8.39	80.0 – 83.9%	2.70
C+	7.70 – 7.99	77.0 – 79.9%	2.30
C	7.40 – 7.69	74.0 – 76.9%	2.00
C-	7.00 – 7.39	70.0 – 73.9%	1.70
D	6.00 – 6.99	60.0 – 69.9%	1.00
F	0.00 – 5.99	0.00 – 59.9%	0.00
W	Withdrawal	N/A	0.00
INC	Incomplete	N/A	0.00

ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

This section provides a brief description of each form of assessment listed above. Your course instructor will provide further details and instructions during class time.

Class Participation (10%): Student participation is mandatory for all courses taken at a CEA Study Center. The instructor will use the rubric below when determining your participation grade. All students should understand that attendance and punctuality are expected and will not count positively toward the participation grade.

CLASS PARTICIPATION GRADING RUBRIC	
Student Participation Level	Grade
You make major & original contributions that spark discussion, offering critical comments clearly based on readings, research, & theoretical course topics.	A+ (10.0 – 9.70)
You make significant contributions that demonstrate insight as well as knowledge of required readings & independent research.	A/A- (9.69 – 9.00)
You participate voluntarily and make useful contributions that are usually based upon some reflection and familiarity with required readings.	B+/B (8.99 – 8.40)
You make voluntary but infrequent comments that generally reiterate the basic points of the required readings.	B-/C+ (8.39 – 7.70)
You make limited comments only when prompted and do not initiate debate or show a clear awareness of the importance of the readings.	C/C- (7.69 – 7.00)
You very rarely make comments and resist engagement with the subject. You are not prepared for class and/or discussion of course readings.	D (6.99 – 6.00)
You make irrelevant and tangential comments disruptive to class discussion. You are consistently unprepared for class and/or discussion of the course readings.	F (5.99 – 0.00)

Homework (10%): You will be assigned homework on a weekly basis. Homework will involve solving problems on specific topics covered in the course and will build the skills needed for the midterm and final exams. A final assignment involves the description of a specific engineering application.

Quizzes (15%): Quizzes are short (15-minutes long) and will be taken in-class tests. These quizzes serve to evaluate your understanding of the course's key concepts, skills, and learning objectives.

Midterm Examination (25%): The midterm exam is a 40-minute long test that evaluates your understanding of the concepts of forces and moments and equilibrium.

Final Examination (40%): The final exam is an 80-minute long test with problems involving all topics covered in the course, including selected engineering applications.

REQUIRED READINGS

Listed below are the required course textbooks and additional readings. Whether you buy your books from our locally affiliated merchants or whether you acquire these before arrival, you must have constant access to these resources for reading, highlighting and marginal note-taking. It is required that you have unrestricted access to each. Additional copies will be placed on reserve in the Academic Affairs office for short-term loans. Access to additional sources required for certain class sessions will be provided in paper or electronic format consistent with applicable copyright legislation. In addition, the Academic Affairs Office compiles a bank of detailed

information about the many libraries, documentation centers, research institutes and archival materials located in the host city and accessible to CEA students. You will be required to use these resources throughout your studies. Direct access to additional resources and databanks are available to you through the online library of the University of New Haven. The required text for this course is:

- I. **Required Text(s):** You may purchase the required text(s) prior to departure or upon program arrival. The required text(s) are listed below:

Bedford, Anthony, and Fowler, Wallace. *Engineering Mechanics: Statics (5th Edition)*. Pearson, Upper Saddle River, 2008, 634pp.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

The recommended reading(s) and/or text(s) for this course are below. These recommended readings are not mandatory, but they will assist you with research and understanding course content.

On Statics, selected sections of Hibbeler, Russell. *Engineering Mechanics: Statics (14th Edition)*. Pearson, Upper Saddle, 2015, 704pp.

On Mechanics, selected sections of Kittel, Charles, Knight, Walter, Ruderman, Malvin, Helmholtz, A. Carl, Moyer, Burton. *Mechanics (Berkeley Physics Course, Vol.1, 2nd Edition)*. McGraw Hill, New York, 1973, 426pp.

On Physics and Mechanics, selected sections of Feynman, Richard, and Leighton, Robert. *The Feynman Lectures on Physics, Vol. I: The New Millenium Edition*. Basic Books, New York, 2011, 560pp.

On Materials, selected sections of Crandall, Stephen, Dahl, Norman, Lardner, Thomas, Sivakumar, M. *An introduction to Mechanics of Solids (in SI Units 3e Edition)*. McGraw Hill, New York, 2012, 586pp.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **UNH Online Library:** As a CEA student, you will be given access to the online library of CEA's School of Record, the University of New Haven (UNH). You can use this online library to access databases and additional resources while performing research abroad. You may access the UNH online library [here](#) or through your MyCEA Account. You must comply with UNH Policies regarding library usage.
- **CEAClassroom – Moodle:** CEA instructors use Moodle, an interactive virtual learning environment. This web-based platform provides you with constant and direct access to the course syllabus, daily schedule of class lectures and assignments, non-textbook required readings, and additional resources. Moodle includes the normal array of forums, up-loadable and downloadable databases, wikis, and related academic support designed for helping you achieve the learning objectives listed in this syllabus.

During the first week of class, CEA academic staff and/or faculty will help you navigate through the many functions and resources Moodle provides. While you may print a hard copy version of the syllabus, you should always check Moodle for the most up-to-date information regarding this course. The instructor will use Moodle to make announcements and updates to the course and/or syllabus. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have access to all Moodle materials and that you monitor Moodle on a daily basis in case there are any changes made to course assignments or scheduling.

To access Moodle: Please log-in to your MyCEA account using your normal username and password. Click on the “While You’re Abroad Tab” and make sure you are under the “Academics” sub-menu. There you will see a link above your schedule that says “View Online Courses” select this link to be taken to your Moodle environment.

COURSE CALENDAR
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SESSION	Topic	Activity	Student Assignments
1	Introduction to course, review of syllabus, & classroom policies Introductory concepts & definitions	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 1: 1.1, 1.2
2	Vectors & Vector algebra	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 2: 2.1, 2.5
3	Forces, equilibrium, free-body diagrams	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 3: 3.1
4	Two and three-dimensional force systems	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 3: 3.2, 3.3 Assignment: First Assignment (Forces and equilibrium)
5	Moments First quiz (Systems of forces & equilibrium)	Discussion in class <i>First quiz</i>	Reading (textbook): Chapter 4: 4.1, 4.2
6	Moment of a force	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 4: 4.3
7	Couples and equivalent systems	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 4: 4.4, 4.5
8	Equilibrium conditions and supports	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 5: 5.1, 5.2
9	Equilibrium in three dimensions	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 5: 5.3, 5.4 Assignment: Second Assignment (Equilibrium equations)
10	Structures	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook):

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	Second quiz (Equilibrium)	<i>Second quiz</i>	Chapter 6: 6.1-6.4 Second quiz
11	Frames & Machines	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 6: 6.5
12	Centroid & Distributed loads	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 7: 7.1-7.3
13	Composite Volumes & Lines	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 7: 7.4, 7.5
14	Review for Midterm		
15	Midterm Exam (forces, moments, equilibrium)		
16	Center of mass	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 7: 7.6, 7.7
17	Centers of mass of composite objects	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 7: 7.8
18	Moment of inertia	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 8: 8.1-8.4
19	Moments of inertia of simple objects	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 8: 8.5-8.6 Assignment: Third Assignment (Evaluating center of mass, moment of inertia, and friction)
20	Friction Third quiz (Moment of inertia)	Discussion in class <i>Third quiz</i>	Reading (textbook): Chapter 9: 9.1 Third quiz
21	Friction: applications	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 9: 9.2-9.6 (selected topics)
22	Axial & Shear Forces	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 10: 10.1, 10.2
23	Shear force diagrams & bending moment diagrams	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 10: 10.3
24	Loads on cables	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 10: 10.4-10.6 Assignment: Fourth Assignment (Open-ended discussion of an engineering application)
25	Internal forces for liquids and gases	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook):

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	Fourth quiz (friction and internal forces)	<i>Fourth quiz</i>	Chapter 10: 10.7 Fourth quiz
26	Virtual work & Potential Energy	Discussion in class	Reading (textbook): Chapter 11: selected topics
27	Review for Final		
28	Final Exam (cumulative)		

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SECTION III: CEA Academic Policies

The policies listed in this section outline general expectations for CEA students. You should carefully review these policies to ensure success in your courses and during your time abroad. Furthermore, as a participant in the CEA program, you are expected to review and understand all CEA Student Policies, including the academic policies outlined on our website. CEA reserves the right to change, update, revise, or amend existing policies and/or procedures at any time. For the most up to date policies, please review the policies on our website.

Class & Instructor Policies can be found [here](#)

General Academic Policies can be found [here](#)