

MECH 2001 KINEMATICS AND KINETICS OF MACHINES

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 300035

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Description Kinematics is the study of the motion of objects, and Kinetics is the study of the causes of the motion. The focus for this subject is on rigid body kinematics which involves the study of a solid body with little or no deformation in planar motion, such as those in machines. The motion of key machine components and the forces they generate gives rise to design problems. Students gain an understanding of the relevance of kinematics and kinetics in the analysis and design of mechanical systems and of methods to ensure machines operate efficiently and safely.

School Eng, Design & Built Env

Discipline Mechanical Engineering

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 2 subject

Pre-requisite(s) MATH 1016 AND ENGR 1018

Equivalent Subjects MECH 2002 Kinematics and Kinetics of Machines (WSTC AssocD)

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Interpret the kinematic structure of mechanisms
2. Identify freedom and constraint in machine
3. Apply graphical velocity and acceleration analysis techniques to mechanisms
4. Predict the movement of particles, a single rigid body
5. Analyse translational and angular displacements, velocities and accelerations of a single rigid body
6. Analyse multi-body mechanisms, gear trains, and cams
7. Verify measurements in the real world against theory presented in the lectures.

Subject Content

Freedom and constraints in mechanisms
Velocity and acceleration analysis of mechanisms
Particle kinematics
Particle kinetics
Rigid body kinematics
Rigid body kinetics
Mechanism kinematics
Simple and epicyclic gear trains.
Involute geometry of gear teeth
The geometry of cams.

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Participation	2 x 2 hours in class; 12x2 hours before class	5	N	Group/ Individual	Y
Quiz	15 minutes (per Quiz)	20	N	Individual	Y
Practical	3 hours (per Practical)	15	N	Group/ Individual	Y
Final Exam	2 hours	60	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Hibbeler, RC 2017, Engineering mechanics: dynamics, 14th SI Global edn, Pearson Education, Hoboken, NJ.

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Penrith (Kingswood)

On-site

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Parramatta City - Macquarie St

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Sydney City Campus - Term 1 (2025)

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Sydney City Campus - Term 3 (2025)

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