

Thin structures and instabilities

ECTS credits
2 creditsSemester
Fall

In brief

➤ **Course language:** French

Presentation

Prerequisites

Continuum mechanics, linear elasticity (1st year [Mechanics](#) course)

Learning objectives

Acquire the knowledge necessary to understand structural models (hypotheses and application framework), as well as the associated dimensioning methods:

- Know how to model and analyze structures based on beams and plates
- Master the dimensioning methods in linear elasticity and buckling

Description of the programme

- Recalls of three-dimensional elastodynamics (kinematics, sthenic, Hooke's law, local equations, integral formulations)
- Beam models:
 - Euler-Navier-Bernoulli and Timoshenko hypotheses
 - Establishment of models
 - Energetic theorems (Ménabréa and Castigliano)
 - Elasticity dimensioning
- Plate models (Kirchoff-Love and Reissner-Mindlin)
- Instabilities of thin structures in compression under moderate rotations (Euler buckling, von-Karman model).

Generic central skills and knowledge targeted in the discipline

- Know how to model and analyze complex structures
- Master the methods of dimensioning in elasticity
- Know how to anticipate complex phenomena of instability
- Propose reduced approaches to minimize computational costs

How knowledge is tested

DS : written assessment, 2h (100%)

Bibliography

- Course handout (pdf)
- P. Ballard et A. Millard, Poutres et arcs élastiques, Edition Ecole Polytechnique, 2009.
- C.R. Calladine, Theory of shell structures, Cambridge University Press, 1983.

Teaching team

Stéphane Bourgeois

Total des heures

CM	Master class	24h
TD	Directed work	16h
		8h

Useful info

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