Course guide

240244 - 240AU111 - Steering, Suspension and Braking Systems

Unit in charge: Barcelona School of Industrial Engineering
Teaching unit: 712 - EM - Department of Mechanical Engineering.
Degree: MASTER’S DEGREE IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2014). (Optional subject).
MASTER’S DEGREE IN AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2019). (Optional subject).
Academic year: 2023  ECTS Credits: 6.0  Languages: Spanish

LECTURER

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PRIOR SKILLS


REQUIREMENTS

Have taken the Q1 course: Vehicle Dynamics.

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:
CEAU 3. (ENG) Explicar l’arquitectura d’un vehicle d’automoció, el seu comportament, les seves parts i els sistemes que l’integren.
CEAU13. (ENG) Avaluar el comportament d’un vehicle mitjançant l’aplicació de sistemes motrius i de transmissió i establir solucions viables econòmicament en el sector de l’automoció (competència específica de l’especialitat Motors i Mecànica).

General:
CGAU 1. Ability to apply appropriate knowledge of mathematical aspects, analytical, scientific, instrumental, technological and management, the resolution of the problems of the automotive
CGAU 4. Be able to conduct research, development and innovation in relation to automotive technology.
CGAU11. Develop independent learning skills to maintain and enhance the powers of Automotive Engineering, to allow the continued development of the profession.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The teaching methodology is based on two types of activities: i) class sessions in which the lecturer provides concepts and knowledge and, using practical exercises, shows how to apply them to solve real problems and situations. In several of these sessions, exercises are set out and students have to resolve them in class with the professor’s guidance; ii) practical laboratory sessions in small groups where students carry out activities under the Professor’s supervision. In these practical sessions, students learn the use of pre-design and system development support tools as well as testing, measurement and data analysis techniques.
LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

- Theoretical and practical understanding of steering, suspension and braking systems, as well as their influence on the vehicle dynamic performance.
- Knowledge of the different types of designs and components used in steering, suspension and braking systems, and ability to assess their advantages and disadvantages.
- Competence in the preliminary design of steering, suspension and braking systems. Ability to apply design criteria and assess the results of calculations and simulations.
- Competence in the testing of steering, suspension and braking systems. Knowledge of the instrumentation and equipment required for testing, and ability to programme tests and to analyse and assess the test results.

STUDY LOAD

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Total learning time: 150 h

CONTENTS

1: Steering Systems

Description:
Types and components of steering systems. Geometry of a steering system: Ackerman condition and specific dimensions and angles. Maneuverability at very low speed. Power steering systems.

Specific objectives:
Knowledge of the different types of steering systems: their advantages, disadvantages and areas of application. Ability to characterise geometrically a steering system and how the different steering parameters affect vehicle dynamics. Ability to define the steering mechanism through simulation tools.

Related activities:
Carrying out exercises regarding to steering system geometry. Simulation of the performance of a steering system by means of multibody simulation software.

Full-or-part-time: 41h
  Practical classes: 9h
  Laboratory classes: 6h
  Self study: 26h
2: Suspension Systems

Description:

Specific objectives:
Knowledge of the purpose of a suspension system. Identification of the different types of suspension systems, their components and areas of application. Ability to characterise the geometry of a suspension system and determine its main elements following stability and comfort criteria.

Related activities:
Carrying out design and dimensioning exercises of a suspension system: calculation of the stiffness and damping ratio. Characterisation of 1 and 2 degrees of freedom systems in the frequency domain.

Full-or-part-time: 59h
Practical classes: 15h
Laboratory classes: 6h
Self study: 38h

3: Braking Systems

Description:
Braking system types and characteristics. Braking system hydraulic circuits. Power-assisted brake. Braking system dynamics. Optimal balance of the braking loads. Introduction to active safety systems: ABS, ESP, etc.

Specific objectives:
Knowledge of the different types of braking systems: their characteristics and areas of application. Ability to make brake-system design calculations. Knowledge of the different systems of power-assisted brakes and main concepts of the electronics involved in active safety systems related to braking: ABS, ESP, etc.

Related activities:
Carrying out braking system dimensioning exercises.

Full-or-part-time: 50h
Practical classes: 12h
Laboratory classes: 6h
Self study: 32h

GRADING SYSTEM

Assessment is based on three types of evaluation activities: a mid-term, partial test; a final exam; and an evaluation of the practices. Both the partial test and the final exam, assess the theoretical and practical aspects of the course. Practices are assessed on the basis of the report that every student must write and deliver to the Professor at the end of each practical session. The assessment criteria for practices is the degree of understanding of the work carried out during the practical session and the clarity when writing and presenting the report.

The algorithm to calculate the final mark is: \( N_{final} = 0.2 \cdot NEP + 0.8 \cdot \max\{NEF; 0.7 \cdot NEF + 0.3 \cdot NPP\} \)
Where: \( NEP = \) mark of the practices, \( NEF = \) final exam mark, and \( NPP = \) partial test mark.

A special exam will be offered in July to those students that have not passed the subject. The mark obtained with this exam, \( N_{REAV} \), replaces the final exam mark, \( NEF \).
EXAMINATION RULES.

Personal notes and reference material can be used during the practical exercises in both the partial test and the final exam. No documentation may be consulted during the theory part.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Basic:

Complementary:

RESOURCES

Audiovisual material:
- Transparències de classe. Audiovisual material prepared by the teaching team. This material is accessible through the Atenea Campus.