



BLAR12054 *Structural Design Processes*

Term 1 - 2018

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General Information

Overview

This unit develops an understanding of: structural drawings and computational methods associated with timber, reinforced concrete and steel structures; design processes for timber structures including: beams, columns, tension members, compression members and connections; design processes for reinforced concrete structures including; approximate analysis and sizing of members; singly reinforced beams; doubly reinforced beams; T beams; L beams; One-way slabs; Two-way slabs; columns-short and long; footings; design process for steel structures including approximate sizing of beams and columns, tension members, compressing members, beams, columns-short and long, stiffeners and connections.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 2*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prerequisites - BLAR11032

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2018

- Distance

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 30%

2. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 30%

3. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 40%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Moodle unit evaluation

Feedback

Informative. It was a good grounding in the design of structural elements using the formulae in the Australian Standards.

Recommendation

Good to know that the content was useful towards learning progress and knowledge development.

Feedback from Moodle unit evaluation

Feedback

This unit is totally irrelevant to Building Designers and Surveyors.

Recommendation

Noted the comment. However, unit's content is based on the requirement of the relevant accrediting institutions' guidelines and graduate attributes. The unit content was checked by relevant department and assessment items were linked to learning outcomes and learning outcomes were linked to unit's content.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Describe structural analysis processes.
2. Analyse statically indeterminate structures by both rigorous and approximate methods.
3. Perform preliminary designs for structures and also sizing and design of simple structural members in buildings
4. Use effectively a range of appropriate communication modes.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Written Assessment - 30%	•	•	•	•
2 - Written Assessment - 30%	•		•	•
3 - Written Assessment - 40%			•	•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes			
	1	2	3	4
1 - Communication	•			•
2 - Problem Solving		•	•	
3 - Critical Thinking	•	•	•	
4 - Information Literacy		•	•	
5 - Team Work				
6 - Information Technology Competence			•	•
7 - Cross Cultural Competence				
8 - Ethical practice	•	•	•	
9 - Social Innovation				
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures				

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - Written Assessment - 30%	•	•	•	•		•		•		
2 - Written Assessment - 30%	•	•	•	•		•		•		
3 - Written Assessment - 40%	•	•	•	•		•		•		

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

BLAR12054

Prescribed

Understanding Structures

Edition: 5th (2014)

Authors: Seward, D

Palgrave Macmillan

Swindon , UK

ISBN: 1137376562

Binding: Paperback

[View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop](#)

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- Microphone and headset
- WebCam

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 05 Mar 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Structural analysis processes: An overview of the design of multi cell building		

Week 2 - 12 Mar 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
The analysis of indeterminate structures		

Week 3 - 19 Mar 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Combined stress analysis and limit state design. Design of timber structures		

Week 4 - 26 Mar 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Design of timber structures

Week 5 - 02 Apr 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Design of timber structures.		A1 Written Assessment Due: Week 5 Wednesday (4 Apr 2018) 11:45 pm AEST

Vacation Week - 09 Apr 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Week 6 - 16 Apr 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Design of concrete structures		

Week 7 - 23 Apr 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Design of concrete structures		

Week 8 - 30 Apr 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Design of concrete structures		A2 Written Assessment Due: Week 8 Wednesday (2 May 2018) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 9 - 07 May 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Design of steel structures		

Week 10 - 14 May 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Design of steel structures		

Week 11 - 21 May 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Design of steel structures		

Week 12 - 28 May 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Professional practice: The future		

Review/Exam Week - 04 Jun 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Program Review week		A3 Written Assessment Due: Review/Exam Week Wednesday (6 June 2018) 11:45 pm AEST

Exam Week - 11 Jun 2018

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Term Specific Information

Assessment Tasks

1 A1 Written Assessment

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

This assessment item aligns to course learning outcomes 1,2 and 4 as outlined in the unit profile. Assessment questions include theory and analysis of structures.

Assessment Due Date

Week 5 Wednesday (4 Apr 2018) 11:45 pm AEST

Submit the assessment item on or before the due date and time. Late submission penalty is 5% per day of the allotted marks.

Return Date to Students

Week 7 Wednesday (25 Apr 2018)

Marks and feedback will be available via Moodle

Weighting

30%

Minimum mark or grade

To pass this unit you must score minimum 10marks for this assessment item and must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%.

Assessment Criteria

(5%) Presentation and layout—includes the selection of typeface, written and general appearance, detail and quality of the assessment item submission

(90%) Content—includes the accuracy and relevance of information, application of knowledge, language and grammar used in answering questions, and proper referencing of sources of information, equations, images, data and tables used in the assessment submission. When referencing, use of the Harvard Referencing System

(5%) Reference - Use of the Harvard Referencing System. Harvard referencing guide can be available via course profile.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Must be submitted as a single word or pdf file. Hand-written answers are accepted. Students should scan the hand-written answers and submit it as a pdf file for online submission.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Describe structural analysis processes.
- Analyse statically indeterminate structures by both rigorous and approximate methods.
- Perform preliminary designs for structures and also sizing and design of simple structural members in buildings
- Use effectively a range of appropriate communication modes.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

2 A2 Written Assessment

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

This assessment item aligns to course learning outcomes 1,3 and 4 as outlined in the unit profile. Assessment questions include theory and design of structural elements .

Assessment Due Date

Week 8 Wednesday (2 May 2018) 11:45 pm AEST

Submit the assessment item on or before the due date and time. Late submission penalty is 5% per day of the allotted

marks.

Return Date to Students

Week 10 Wednesday (16 May 2018)

Marks and feedback will be available via Moodle

Weighting

30%

Minimum mark or grade

To pass this unit you must score minimum 10marks for this assessment item and must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%.

Assessment Criteria

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Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

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Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Describe structural analysis processes.
- Perform preliminary designs for structures and also sizing and design of simple structural members in buildings
- Use effectively a range of appropriate communication modes.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

3 A3 Written Assessment

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

This assessment item aligns to course learning outcomes 1,3 and 4 as outlined in the unit profile. Assessment questions include theory and design of structural members .

Assessment Due Date

Review/Exam Week Wednesday (6 June 2018) 11:45 pm AEST

Submit the assessment item on or before the due date and time. Late submission penalty is 5% per day of the allotted marks.

Return Date to Students

20 June 2018 - University Vacation period

Weighting

40%

Minimum mark or grade

To pass this unit you must score minimum 15marks for this assessment item and must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%.

Assessment Criteria

(5%) Presentation and layout—includes the selection of typeface, written and general appearance, detail and quality of the assessment item submission

(90%) Content—includes the accuracy and relevance of information, application of knowledge, language and grammar used in answering questions, and proper referencing of sources of information, equations, images, data and tables used in the assessment submission. When referencing, use of the Harvard Referencing System

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Referencing Style

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Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

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Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Perform preliminary designs for structures and also sizing and design of simple structural members in buildings
- Use effectively a range of appropriate communication modes.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem