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- Ability to identify structural deficiencies in existing structures exposed to seismic action.
- Understanding of socioeconomic consequences of structural damage and the process of recovery
- Proficiency in computing response of existing concrete and masonry structures to seismic performance target for given seismic intensity and return period.
- Proficiency in deriving fragility and vulnerability functions for single structures or structural types
- Proficiency in the design of most common strengthening techniques for RC structures and load bearing masonry structures

Key information
- Year: 2019/20
- Credit value: 15 (150 study hours)
- Delivery: PGT L7, Campus-based
- Reading List: View on UCL website
- Tutor: Prof Dina D’Ayala
- Term: Term 2
- Timetable: View on UCL website

Assessment
- Written examination (main exam period): 70%
- Coursework: 30%

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