Design and Analysis of Structural Systems (CEGE0062)

Description

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Indicative list of structural systems covered:

- Cable and arch systems
- Trusses
- Moment Resisting Frames
- Tall Buildings
- Shell roofs

Learning outcomes

By the end of the course,

- You will have a systematic awareness of existing standard structural systems
- You will appreciate how existing structures work (case studies)
- You will understand how they work qualitatively.
- You will gain practice in the qualitative analysis of simple plane frames

Key information

Year: 2019/20
Credit value: 15 (150 study hours)
Delivery: PGT L7, Campus-based
Reading List: View on UCL website
Tutor: Dr Philippe Duffour
Term: Term 2
Timetable: View on UCL website

Assessment

Coursework: 30%
Written examination (main exam period): 50%
Group coursework: 20%

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