Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering

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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