



WACO, TEXAS

**COURSE SYLLABUS
AND
INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

ENGINEERING MECHANICS I: STATICS

ENGR 2301 02

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NOTE: This is a 16-week Hyflex course.

COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website at <https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/index.html> on any changes to these guidelines.

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Course Description:

Basic theory of engineering mechanics, using calculus, involving the description of forces, moments, and couples acting on stationary engineering structures; equilibrium in two and three dimensions; free-body diagrams; friction; centroids; centers of gravity; and moments of inertia. Semester hours 3 (3 lec, 1 lab/recitation)

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

Students must have a C or better in PHYS 2425 – Principles of Physics I. Also concurrent enrollment in or previous completion of MATH 2414 – Calculus II

Instructor Information:

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Required Text & Materials:

- ModifiedMasteringEngineering Access Code for Statics & Dynamics 15e and *any* hard copy Statics or Statics & Dynamics Textbook
- A scientific calculator. TI-89s are great!

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

Additional requirements:

MCC Engineering uses Slack for communication. All major course announcements will be posted in Slack – failure to check Slack will result in you missing important information. Also, anything we hear about jobs, scholarships, speakers, etc., will also be posted to Slack in the #general channel.

Slack is free and used in the professional community as a workflow management system, so it is good to gain experience with the tool. All “general questions” like “I’m stuck on problem 5” will be directed to Slack, which will allow you and your classmates to support each other, especially in “time-crunch” situations. (Your classmates are a lot more likely to be up at 3 am doing homework than I am going to be checking email.) Always be respectful and professional in your participation.

Please bear in mind that Slack is an open communication tool. Please do not ask for or reveal personal information through the tool. Note that anything you post in Slack in channels will be viewable by other channel participants. Do not post anything about personal grades, due dates, or personal issues. Do not post your own correct solutions to assignments, but you can post incorrect work and ask if anyone can see where you went wrong.

Slack can be used on both a desktop computer and as an app. For more information about Slack in general, visit <https://slack.com/>. You will be invited to our class channel via your MCC student account. Detailed guidelines for Slack are on Brightspace and on Slack itself.

Campus Carry Reminder: According to our new campus carry policy on concealed handguns: “A license holder may carry a handgun in a manner such that it must be close enough to the license holder that he or she can grasp it without materially changing position.” Keep this in mind on exam days, during group work, or at other times when moving about the classroom. During exams, you will have to put all backpacks, purses, etc., away from you and against the wall of the classroom for the duration of the exam.

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

Students will learn through lecture and reading, as well as through work on homework, labs, and exams. Additional methods may be used as opportunities present themselves.

This class is all about productive frustration! I expect you to learn by staring at problems and messing around with them and trying a million things until something works. Guess. If that doesn't work, guess again. Repeat this process.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. State the fundamental principles used in the study of mechanics. (*all course work*)
2. Define magnitude and directions of forces and moments and identify associated scalar and vector products. (*Chapter 2*)
3. Draw free body diagrams for two- and three-dimensional force systems. (*Chapter 2*)
4. Solve problems using the equations of static equilibrium. (*Chapter 3*)
5. Compute the moment of force about a specified point or line. (*Chapter 3*)
6. Replace a system of forces by an equivalent simplified system. (*Chapter 4*)
7. Analyze the forces and couples acting on a variety of objects. (*all course work*)
8. Determine unknown forces and couples acting on objects in equilibrium. (*Chapters 4-5*)
9. Analyze simple trusses using the method of joints or the method of sections. (*Chapter 6*)

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10. Determine the location of the centroid and the center of mass for a system of discrete particles and for objects of arbitrary shape. (*Chapter 9*)
11. Analyze structures with a distributed load. (*Chapter 7*)
12. Calculate moments of inertia for lines, areas, and volumes. (*Chapter 10*)
13. Apply the parallel axis theorem to compute moments of inertia for composite regions. (*Chapter 10*)
14. Solve problems involving equilibrium of rigid bodies subjected to a system of forces and moments that include friction. (*Chapter 8*)
15. Solve problems involving dry sliding friction, including problems with wedges and belts. (*Chapter 8*)

Course Outline or Schedule:

You are responsible for everything listed in the detailed calendar below. Refer to the Course Objectives above to see how they relate to assessments and assignments. Any changes in this schedule will be announced in class, on Slack, or through email.

Note the test and presentation dates, including Scholar Day. All tests and presentations will be 11:10 am to 1 pm. Scholar Day is at the time provided in the calendar. The expectation is that you can clear out these specific dates/times since we're giving them to you at the beginning of the semester, but if you know you cannot make these, you must let me know at least two weeks in advance to make other arrangements. ADA accommodations will of course be honored, and other MCC-approved absence policies will apply.

If we have to change the calendar below, I will give you at least one full week's notice to make sure you can re-arrange your schedule.

Week Starting	Tuesday	Thursday	Due Friday	Due Monday
Mon, Aug 22	Sections 1.1 – 1.6	Sections 2.1 – 2.3	<i>Visualization Test</i>	HW 1, 2
Mon, Aug 29	Sections 2.4 – 2.6	Sections 2.7– 2.9		HW 3, 4 Quiz 1
Mon, Sep 5	Sections 3.1 – 3.3	Section 3.4, 4.1		HW 5, 6 Quiz 2
Mon, Sep 12	Test on Chapter 1 – 2	Sections 4.2 – 4.4	<i>Visualization Remediation</i>	HW 7
Mon, Sep 19	Sections 4.5 – 4.7	Steps 1 – 3 Presentation		HW 8 Quiz 3
Mon, Sep 26	Sections 4.8 – 4.9	Sections 5.1 – 5.2		HW 9, 10 Quiz 4
Mon, Oct 3	Test on Chapters 3 – 4	Sections 5.3 – 5.4		HW 11

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Week Starting	Tuesday	Thursday	Due Friday	Due Monday
Mon, Oct 10	Sections 5.5 – 5.7	Section 6.1 - 6.3		HW 12, 13 Quiz 5
Mon, Oct 17	Sections 6.4 & 6.6	Steps 1 – 6 Presentation		HW 14 Quiz 6
Mon, Oct 24	Section 7.1	Sections 7.2 – 7.3		HW 15, 16 Quiz 7
Mon, Oct 31	Test on Chapters 5 – 6	Sections 8.1 – 8.2		HW 17
Mon, Nov 7	Sections 8.3 – 8.5	Sections 9.1 – 9.2		HW 18,19 Quiz 8
Mon, Nov 14	Sections 10.1 – 10.3	Steps 1 – 10 Presentation	<i>Scholar Day, 9 am to 1 pm</i>	HW 20 Quiz 9
Mon, Nov 22	Sections 10.4, 10.8	<i>No class - Thanksgiving</i>	<i>Statics Concept Inventory</i>	HW 21 Quiz 10
Mon, Nov 29	Test on Chapters 7 – 10	Final Exam Review		

The Final Exam is on Thursday, Dec 8, 11:10 am - 1:10 pm

Important: IN ORDER TO PASS THE COURSE, YOU MUST HAVE A PASSING TEST AVERAGE (70.0% or higher). The test average will be calculated based on your four highest test grades. If your test average is 70.0% or higher, then your grade will be calculated based on all of your work. If your test average is lower than 70.0%, then your grade in the class will be based on your test average, with a maximum grade of D.

Course Grading Information:

Grade Distribution	
Homework	25%
Visualization	5%
Quizzes	15%
Project	20%
Tests	35%
Total	100%

A: 90%+ B: 80% – 89% C: 70% – 79% D: 60% – 69% F: 0% – 59%

Grades will be posted on Brightspace periodically. It is your responsibility to confirm that your grades are correct. Any issues with grading, including what appears on Brightspace, must be addressed with me before the final exam.

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Homework: Specific problems will be posted on MasteringEngineering, along with additional requirements. There will usually be two homework assignments. *Homework will always be due on Mondays at 11:59 pm.*

Visualization: A Visualization skills assessment will be given the first week. Any student who passes the assessment will automatically earn 100% on this portion. Any student requiring remediation must complete the remediation activities before 11:59 pm on the date posted in the syllabus. Successful completion of remediation will earn 100%. Incomplete work will be awarded reduced points.

Quizzes: There will be quizzes at the beginning of class on Tuesdays when we don't have tests. Details on Brightspace.

Project: There will be a significant team project assigned for the semester. Details will be provided on Brightspace. Every team member will need to submit a team evaluation at every submission deadline, which is 11:59 pm the same day as the presentation or Scholar Day.

Tests: Five tests will be given during the semester (four during the regular semester and one during the final exam period). The lowest test grade will be dropped.

You must complete each test during the time given. If you are late for class, you forfeit that amount of time to work. Makeup exams will only be given in rare cases, following the policy outlined elsewhere in the syllabus.

If you are on the graduation list for this semester and want to take the final exam early, you must notify me by email before 5 pm on the second Friday in November. All students taking the final exam early must take it at the same time on Monday, the first day of final exams. The exact time will be established so as not to interfere with any other final exams, but may take place outside of "normal" classroom hours.

You may not use your textbook on the tests. ***You will need a scientific calculator (not on your phone) to complete the tests.*** Tests will focus on new material but may cover anything that we've covered in the class so far in the semester.

Learning Lab. The Learning Lab in the Science Building, room 135, has many reference books available, and you may find some success studying there. There are also five computers you can use to work on your homework.

Academic Dishonesty. Any student that is found guilty of academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, or collusion, will receive the zero grade on every test or assignment involved. For repeated violations, a guilty student can be assigned a failing grade in this course and can be recommended for suspension from the McLennan Community College District.

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

Since this course is Hyflex, you have three options for daily attendance (not including test days):

- **In Person.** Come to class, as you would for any other class.
- **Zoom.** Log into Zoom using the link provided on Brightspace.
- **Online, on your own time.**

For test and project days (including Scholar Day), all students must either be in the classroom or have made alternative arrangements at least two weeks in advance.

MCC allows for “excused” absences caused by (1) authorized participation in official College functions, (2) personal illness, (3) an illness or a death in the immediate family, or (4) the observance of a religious holy day. It is your responsibility to let me know the reason for an absence the day you return to campus and provide sufficient documentation (doctor’s note, email from coach, etc.).

Late assignments will not be accepted and makeup tests cannot be rescheduled without documentation of an MCC-excused absence.

Attendance is mandatory. ***Per MCC policy, you may be dropped after missing 25% of class, or 4 weeks, prior to the drop date.*** For this purpose, if you have a non-zero grade for any grade item for that week, you are considered Present. If you are dropped before the official drop date, you will receive a grade of W.

If you wish to drop this class, you must email me from your MCC student account before 5 pm on the last day for student-initiated drops, with the request “Please drop me from COURSE ID and SECTION NUMBER.” An email that says something like, “I would like to drop...” or, “I was thinking about dropping...” or, “I was wondering if I should drop...” will **not** be considered a drop request. (*Just like saying, “I would like to get married,” does not mean anyone is going to automatically marry you.*) If the email does not come from your student account, or if the request is verbal, I cannot drop you. Alternatively, there is a form you can fill out and have me sign before 5 pm on the last day for student-initiated drops. (make an appointment to ensure I am on campus to provide the signature). After submitting your request, you must verify the drop

was processed, notifying me in writing within 48 hours of your original request if it was not. Otherwise, you will stay on the roster for the rest of the semester and be awarded the grade earned. Drops past the drop date are only done in documented, extreme, life-crisis circumstances, which usually involve withdrawing from school entirely.

For any face-to-face class meetings, please do not bring your children, friends, or guests to the class. (Please discuss this with me because I do not want you missing class if you cannot make child care arrangements.)

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Students are expected to maintain classroom decorum that includes respect for other students and the instructor, prompt and regular attendance, and an attitude that seeks to take full advantage of this educational opportunity.

[Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)

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Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have additional guidelines specific to this course.



ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

Accommodations/ADA Statement:

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit www.mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

Title IX:

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Chief of Staff for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at (254) 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at www.mclennan.edu/titleix/. It contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

Student Support/Resources:

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu. Students may visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to schedule a meeting with a Success Coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff based on household size. Text (254) 870-7573 to schedule a pantry appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf.

MCC Academic Integrity Statement:

Go to www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty-and-Staff-Commons/requirements.html> for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be notified via your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

Email Policy:

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy (<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>) regarding college email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails. For more information about your student email account, go to www.mclennan.edu/student-email.

Instructional Uses of Email:

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with their students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

Email on Mobile Devices:

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email Helpdesk@mclennan.edu for help.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-an-outlook-account-in-the-ios-mail-app-b2de2161-cc1d-49ef-9ef9-81acd1c8e234?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us) (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-an-outlook-account-in-the-ios-mail-app-b2de2161-cc1d-49ef-9ef9-81acd1c8e234?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us>)
- [Email Setup for Androids](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-email-in-android-email-app-71147974-7aca-491b-978a-ab15e360434c?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us) (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-email-in-android-email-app-71147974-7aca-491b-978a-ab15e360434c?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us>)

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support Cheat Sheet](#) or email helpdesk@mclennan.edu.

Disclaimer:

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.