Course syllabus

Beräkningsprogrammering
Scientific Computing

FMNF15, 6 credits, G2 (First Cycle)

Valid for: 2019/20
Decided by: PLED F/Pi
Date of Decision: 2019-03-26

General Information

Main field: Technology.
Compulsory for: V2
Language of instruction: The course will be given in Swedish

Aim

The course provides a basic understanding of how to apply computational tools to write programs to simulate and visualize various problems in civil engineering. The student should experience technical computations as a useful tool. The course should stimulate further studies.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding
For a passing grade the student must

- be able to answer questions about the MATLAB syntax and the online help function.
- be able to describe the Matlab output corresponding to a sequence of (possible incorrect) commands.

Competences and skills
For a passing grade the student must

- be able to write computational programmes needed in later courses in the civil engineering programme.
- be able to visualize, interpret and evaluate numerical results.
- be able to report solutions and numerical results in written and graphical form.

Judgement and approach
For a passing grade the student must

write a well structured report in suitable terminology on the numerical solution of a computational project within civil engineering

**Contents**

Files, editing. MATLAB’s basic functions: arithmetic operations, vectors, matrices, simple graphics functions. Syntax: [for], [if-then-else], [while]. Built-in functions, user-written functions, and m-files. Linear systems of equations. Non-linear equations. Least squares fitting of measurement data. Numerical integration. Interpretation and critical assessment of results. Applications and project work.

**Examination details**

**Grading scale**: UG - (U,G) - (Fail, Pass)
**Assessment**: Written exam and a computational project.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

**Parts**

**Code**: 0117. **Name**: Project.
**Credits**: 1.5. **Grading scale**: UG. **Assessment**: Computational project. **Contents**: See above.
**Code**: 0217. **Name**: Scientific Calculation.
**Credits**: 4.5. **Grading scale**: UG. **Assessment**: Written examination.

**Admission**

**Admission requirements**:

- FMAB20 Linear Algebra

**Required prior knowledge**: FMAA05 Calculus in One Variable and FMAB30 Calculus in Several Variables.

**The number of participants is limited to**: No

**The course overlaps following course/s**: FMN140, FMN065

**Reading list**

- Exercise material is provided by the department.

**Contact and other information**

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**Further information**: The applications are taken from structural design, building physics, hydrology and hydraulics. The students will work on a larger project, which is developed in cooperation with the teacher in Structural mechanics.