

# Vibrations and Fatigue in Mechanical Structures

Programme course

6 credits

Mekaniska svängningar och utmattning

TMMI09

Valid from: 2017 Spring semester

**Determined by**

Board of Studies for Mechanical  
Engineering and Design

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## Main field of study

Mechanical Engineering

## Course level

First cycle

## Advancement level

G2X

## Course offered for

- Mechanical Engineering, B Sc in Engineering

## Entry requirements

Note: Admission requirements for non-programme students usually also include admission requirements for the programme and threshold requirements for progression within the programme, or corresponding.

## Prerequisites

Basic courses in Mathematics (Analysis), Mechanics, and Solid Mechanics

## Intended learning outcomes

Many failures in mechanical structures are caused by material fatigue. Fatigue may appear when a structure is loaded by a cyclic load, and in many cases this load may come from resonance vibrations of the structure. Thus, knowledge of the vibrational behaviour of mechanical systems is a prerequisite in understanding the fatigue phenomenon. The course Vibrations and Fatigue in Mechanical Structures will provide understanding and knowledge about these phenomena. After the course, the student should be familiar with the following items that are dealt with in the course:

- the physical behaviour of vibrating mechanical systems,
- theories used when analysing practical vibrational problems,
- influence of different structural parameters on the vibrational behaviour of structures, material fatigue phenomena, and
- theories used when analysing fatigue problems.

## Course content

On vibrations: Fundamental relationships describing the behaviour of vibrating mechanical systems. Equations of motion for vibrating systems. Influence of mass, stiffness, and damping. Resonances and its consequences for the mechanical system. Vibrations of discrete systems and continuous systems.

On fatigue: Fundamental relationships describing the fatigue phenomenon. High-cycle fatigue and low-cycle fatigue. The Wöhler diagram and the Haigh diagram. Safety factors. Damage accumulation, the Palmgren-Miner rule. Load spectra. The Ramberg-Osgood material model. Fatigue life models according to Morrow and Coffin-Manson. Influence of stress concentration.

## Teaching and working methods

Lectures, tutorials, laboratory work, and problem solving.

## Examination

UPG1	Laboratory work and home assignments	1.5 credits	U, G
TEN1	A Written Examination	4.5 credits	U, 3, 4, 5

## Grades

Four-grade scale, LiU, U, 3, 4, 5

## Department

Institutionen för ekonomisk och industriell utveckling

## Director of Studies or equivalent

Peter Schmidt

## Examiner

Robert Eriksson

## Course website and other links

## Education components

Preliminary scheduled hours: 48 h

Recommended self-study hours: 112 h

## Course literature

### Additional literature

#### Books

Dahlberg, T, (2001) *Teknisk hållfasthetslära, med tillhörande formelsamling*  
ISBN: 91-44-01920-3

#### Compendia

Dahlberg, T, Material fatigue, Kompendium

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