Courses
TAM 210 Introduction to Statics  credit: 2 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/210/)
Forces, moments, couples; resultants of force systems; equilibrium analysis and free-body diagrams; analysis of forces acting on members of trusses, frames, etc.; shear-force and bending-moment distributions; Coulomb friction; centroids and center of mass; applications of statics in design. Credit is not given for both TAM 210 and TAM 211. Prerequisite: MATH 211; credit or concurrent registration in either MATH 241 OR MATH 257.

TAM 211 Statics  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/211/)
Forces, moments, and couples; resultants of force systems; equilibrium analysis and free-body diagrams; analysis of forces acting on members of trusses, frames, etc.; shear-force and bending-moment distributions; Coulomb friction; centroids and center of mass; moment of inertia, polar moment of inertia, and product of inertia; virtual work; hydrostatic pressure; applications of statics in design. Credit is not given for both TAM 211 and TAM 210. Prerequisite: PHYS 211; credit or concurrent registration in either MATH 241 OR MATH 257.

TAM 212 Introductory Dynamics  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/212/)
Kinematics and dynamics of the three-dimensional motion of particles; kinematics and dynamics of the plane motion of rigid bodies; methods of work energy and impulse momentum; moving reference frames. Prerequisite: TAM 210 or TAM 211.

TAM 251 Introductory Solid Mechanics  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/251/)
Relationship between internal stresses and deformations produced by external forces acting on deformable bodies; and design principles based on mechanics of solids: normal stresses, shear stresses, and deformations produced by tensile, compressive, torsional, and bending loading of members; beam deflections; elastic energy and impact; multi-dimensional stress states; buckling of columns. Prerequisite: TAM 210 or TAM 211.

TAM 252 Solid Mechanics Design  credit: 1 Hour. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/252/)
Design problems and projects intended to accompany TAM 251. Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in TAM 251.
TAM 435  Intermediate Fluid Mechanics  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/435/)
Analytical solution methods for problems involving ideal and real fluids: potential flow theory, boundary-layer theory; surface waves, vortex dynamics, and compressible flows. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: One of AE 312, ME 310, TAM 335.

TAM 445  Continuum Mechanics  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/445/)
Tensor algebra and analysis; kinematics of continua; mass, force, stress, and the general balance laws of continuum mechanics; introduction to constitutive equations. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: TAM 251.

TAM 451  Intermediate Solid Mechanics  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/451/)
Analysis of stress and strain (definitions, transformation of axes, equilibrium equations, and symmetry of the stress tensor); linear materials, Hooke's law; strain energy, potential energy, energy principles and methods; two-dimensional problems in elasticity (torsion, axisymmetric problems); the finite-element method for two- and three-dimensional boundary-value problems in linear elasticity; plasticity (introduction, yield criteria, elastic-plastic behavior, and limit-load calculations); linear-elastic fracture mechanics (introduction, Griffith's approach, stress intensity factor, and energy release rate). 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: TAM 251.

TAM 456  Experimental Stress Analysis  credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/456/)
Basic theories for measuring stresses and deformations in load-carrying engineering components; use of optical, electrical, and mechanical instrumentation; laboratory sessions on brittle coatings, electrical resistance strain gages, photoelasticity, and moire interferometry. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 graduate hours. Prerequisite: TAM 251.

TAM 461  Cellular Biomechanics  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/461/)
Mechanics of biological cells and tissues: cell structure; mechanics of biomembranes; the cytoskeleton and cortex; dynamic cell processes; cell motility and control of cell shape and proliferation; experimental approaches and theoretical models. Same as BIOE 461. 4 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: TAM 251.

TAM 470  Computational Mechanics  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/470/)
Modern computational mechanics: mappings and iterative methods; stability; convergence; consistency; numerical and symbolic solutions of ordinary and partial differential equations; finite-difference methods; the finite-element method; spectral methods. Applications to problems in solid mechanics, fluid mechanics, and dynamics. Same as CEE 450. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: CS 101; MATH 285 OR MATH 286 OR MATH 441.

TAM 497  Independent Study  credit: 1 to 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/497/)
Individual studies in any area of theoretical and applied mechanics. 1 to 3 undergraduate hours. No graduate credit. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours in separate terms as topics vary. Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor. Students with Junior or Senior standing.

TAM 498  Special Topics  credit: 1 to 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/498/)
Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in theoretical and applied mechanics intended to augment the existing curriculum. See Class Schedule or departmental course information for topics and prerequisites. 1 to 4 undergraduate hours. 1 to 4 graduate hours. May be repeated in the same or separate terms if topics vary to a maximum of 9 undergraduate hours or 12 graduate hours.

TAM 500  Seminar  credit: 1 Hour. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/500/)
Lectures and discussion on current topics in theoretical and applied mechanics. Approved for S/U grading only.

TAM 514  Elastodynamics and Vibrations  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/514/)
Review of theory of multi-degree-of-freedom systems; problems in the free and forced vibration of continuous linear elastic structures, rods, beams, membranes, plates, and three-dimensional solid and fluid bodies; Lagrangian densities, Sturm-Liouville problems, time and frequency domains, damping, Green's functions, and elastic waves; propagation and modal analysis; modeling of damping in structures; response of complex structures. Same as AE 551. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: TAM 412, TAM 542, and TAM 551.

TAM 516  Dynamical Systems Theory  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/516/)
Same as AE 554. See AE 554.

TAM 518  Wave Motion  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/518/)
Linear waves in one-dimensional homogeneous and inhomogeneous media (both solids and fluids), linear elastic waves in a homogeneous halfspace, scalar waves in a layer and in a layered halfspace, nonlinear dispersive waves, nonlinear dispersive waves, and the inverse scattering transform. Prerequisite: TAM 541 or MATH 556; one of TAM 514, TAM 531, TAM 551.

TAM 524  Micromechanics of Materials  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/524/)
Advanced analysis of modern engineering materials with emphasis on relating microstructural phenomena to the mechanics of material behavior: prediction of elastic and thermal properties of materials with heterogeneous microstructure (such as composites), micromechanics of failure and damage, toughening mechanisms, mechanics of phase transformations; current topics in materials research (such as high-temperature response and ferroelasticity). Prerequisite: CEE 300 or ME 330; TAM 551.

TAM 529  Viscoelasticity Theory  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/529/)
Same as AE 529. See AE 529.

TAM 531  Inviscid Flow  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/531/)
Dynamics of fluids in the limit of zero viscosity: governing equations of motion, kinematics, and vorticity transport; general theory of irrotational flow, including two-dimensional potential flow, the complex potential, and three-dimensional potential flow; applications to thin airfoil theory and free streamline theory; inviscid flows with vorticity; vortex dynamics; water wave theory; aspects of inviscid compressible flow. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: MATH 285 OR MATH 286 OR MATH 441; TAM 435.
TAM 532 Viscous Flow  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/532/)
Dynamics of flow in which viscosity is significant or dominant, and the
development and use of theoretical and numerical tools for practitioners of
modern fluid mechanics; physics of viscous layers that arise in both high-
and low-Reynolds-number flows; dimensional analysis, exact solutions to the Navier-Stokes equations; jets and wakes;
microhydrodynamics; fluid stability; turbulence. Prerequisite: MATH 285 and
TAM 435.

TAM 534 Non-Newtonian Fluid Mechanics & Rheology  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/534/)
Mechanics of complex fluids exhibiting non-Newtonian behavior
including shear-thinning, viscoelasticity, extensional thickening, and
thixotropy. Key ideas include rheological property measurement, tensorial
constitutive models, flow calculations, and basic structure-property
relations. Concepts apply to a diverse range of materials such as polymer
solutions and melts, colloidal suspensions, gels, emulsions, foams, pastes,
biomaterials, and other soft materials. This interdisciplinary material requires previous intermediate level coursework in at least one
of the core areas of fluid mechanics, or solid mechanics, or polymer
physics, or colloid physics. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit.
Prerequisite: TAM 435 OR TAM 451 OR MSE 450 OR MSE 480.

TAM 536 Instability and Transition  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/536/)
Stability of fluid motion: linearized flow equations and normal-mode
analysis, Kelvin-Helmholtz instability, inviscid and viscous theory of
parallel shear flow, Squire's and Rayleigh's inflection-point theorems,
secondary instability theory; critical layers; boundary-layer stability; Orr-
Sommerfeld equations, Tollmien-Schlichting waves; non-parallel theory,
centrifugal instabilities, and Benard convection; nonlinear theory and
transition to turbulence; bifurcations, Landau's theory; routes to chaos,
strange attractors; transition modeling, prediction, and control; boundary-
layer receptivity, experimental evidence. Prerequisite: TAM 532.

TAM 537 Experimental Fluid Mechanics  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/537/)
Methods and techniques for measurement and analysis of data used in
experimental fluid mechanics: signal processing, electronics, and electro-
optics; fluid mechanical properties; experimental signal processing;
random data and signal analysis; analog and digital data processing;
dynamic similarity, self-preservation; pressure measurement, thermal
anemometry, and laser-Doppler velocimetry; flow visualization, particle-
image velocimetry. Prerequisite: TAM 531 or TAM 532.

TAM 538 Turbulence  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/538/)
Instability and origins of chaotic motion in fluid flow; Reynolds averaging
and statistical description of turbulence, correlations and spectral
dynamics of homogeneous turbulence, anisotropic flows, coherent
structures, inhomogeneous turbulence, transport models, and large-eddy
simulations. Prerequisite: TAM 532.

TAM 539 Fluid Mechanics Seminar  credit: 1 Hour. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/539/)
Weekly seminar on current research topics in turbulent and other
complex flows: theoretical modeling, numerical analysis, computational
techniques, and experimental investigations. Approved for S/U grading
only.

TAM 541 Mathematical Methods I  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/541/)
Vector and tensor algebra and complex-variable methods; ordinary
differential equations, qualitative questions of existence and uniqueness;
analytic solution methods, numerical methods, power-series solution
and special functions; eigenvalue problems, Green's functions, Laplace
transforms, stability of solutions; engineering applications drawn from
mechanics. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite:
MATH 285 OR MATH 286 OR MATH 441; TAM 251.

TAM 542 Mathematical Methods II  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/542/)
Continuation of TAM 541. Modeling, inequalities, elements of functional
analysis; partial differential equations, existence and uniqueness, second-
order equations; hyperbolic conservation laws; numerical methods,
eigenfunction expansions, integral transforms, and fundamental
solutions; engineering applications drawn from mechanics. Prerequisite:
TAM 541.

TAM 545 Advanced Continuum Mechanics  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/545/)
Unified treatment of modern continuum mechanics: mathematical
preliminaries; review of kinematics and general balance laws; general
theory of mechanical constitutive equations, including material
constraints and material symmetry. 4 graduate hours. No professional
credit. Prerequisite: TAM 445 OR TAM 551.

TAM 549 Asymptotic Methods  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/549/)
Advanced methods of perturbation theory and asymptotic analysis,
with examples drawn from classical dynamics, fluid mechanics, and
wave propagation: asymptotics of integrals, singular perturbation theory
(boundary layers, matched asymptotic expansions, and composite
expansions), multiple scales, summation of series; special topics.
Prerequisite: MATH 446 and TAM 541.

TAM 551 Solid Mechanics I  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/551/)
Mechanics of elastic deformable bodies, based on the fundamental
concepts of modern continuum mechanics: kinematics, balance laws,
constitutive equations; classical small-deformation theory; formulation of
initial boundary-value problems of linear elastodynamics and boundary-
value problems of linear elastostatics; variational formulations, minimum
principles; applications of theory to engineering problems. 4 graduate
hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: MATH 285 OR MATH 286 OR
MATH 441.

TAM 552 Solid Mechanics II  credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/552/)
Continuation of TAM 551. Selected topics in linear elasticity (including
St. Venant beam theory and plane problems of elastostatics), plasticity
(including yield surfaces, von Mises and Tresca yield criteria, Drucker's
stability postulate, J-flow theory, perfect plasticity, limit analysis, and slip-
line theory), and fracture mechanics (including linear elastic analysis,
fracture criteria for elastic brittle fracture, and elastic-plastic fracture).
Prerequisite: TAM 551.
TAM 554 Plasticity credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/554/)
Phenomenological and mathematical formulation of the constitutive laws of plasticity; yield criteria and their experimental verification; plastic stress-strain relations and their associated flow rules; correspondence between rate-independent and rate-dependent plasticity; solutions to basic boundary-value problems, including plane problems and those involving cylindrical and spherical symmetries; variational and minimum principles; limit analysis; plane-strain problems and crystal plasticity; finite-strain theory. Prerequisite: TAM 552.

TAM 555 Fracture Mechanics credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/555/)
Unified analytical treatment of modern fracture problems: macroscopic theories used to determine the static strength of bodies containing cracks; Griffith criterion, linear-elastic fracture mechanics, elastic-plastic fracture mechanics models; small-scale yielding results and their implications; general yielding; interfacial fracture; fracture control; micromechanisms of fracture. Prerequisite: TAM 424 or MSE 440; TAM 541; TAM 552.

TAM 557 Mechanics of Random Media credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/557/)
Methods to study mechanics of complex/random microstructures involving several scales: random geometry and stochastic processes and fields, including spatial point processes, mathematical morphology, geodesics, ergodicity, entropy; (non)stationary and (an)isotropic tensor random fields for fluids (turbulence) and solids (microstructures), representations and spectra; truss- and beam-lattices and corresponding (non-)classical continua for modeling crystals, cellular media (e.g. metallic foams), and granular matter; geometric and rigidity percolation; plasticity, fracture, slip statistics, and fractals in disordered media; scaling to Representative Volume Element (RVE) in conductivity, (non)linear elasticity, elasto-plasticity, flow in porous media, and coupled field phenomena; statistical continuum theories for problems without RVE (i.e., lacking separation of scales); stochastic finite elements; effects of microscale randomness on waves and wavefronts in (non)linear elastic/dissipative solid or fluid media; fractional calculus and mechanics of fractal media. Prerequisite: TAM 445 or TAM 551; MATH 362.

TAM 559 Atomistic Solid Mechanics credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/559/)
Fundamental concepts in solid mechanics, including measures of stress, strain, and displacement, as well as principles of equilibrium, compatibility, and constitutive theory, all derived from an atomistic perspective; atomistic considerations in treatment of simple boundary value problems. Virial stress theorem, classical and quantum based potential energy functionals, energy minimization algorithms for molecular statics, and principles of molecular dynamics. Atomistic treatment of dislocation theory and fracture mechanics. Survey of current mechanics literature and introduction to open-source atomistic modeling software. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: TAM 451 OR TAM 551.

TAM 561 Mechanics and Thermodynamics of Soft Matter and Biological Materials credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/561/)
Focuses on the physical principles and quantitative methods of describing the mechanical behavior of soft materials, particularly those of biological relevance (polymer networks, lipids, cell membranes). It has strong mathematics components, including an introduction to both variational calculus and differential geometry. Students will learn rigorous treatment of biological/soft matter topics relevant in current research, such as network and membrane mechanics, adhesion, and entropic effects. Practical exercises in numerical simulation are integrated into the course. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: Either TAM 541 or CHBE 521 or PHYS 508 or consent of instructor.

TAM 570 Computational Fluid Mechanics credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/570/)
Highly accurate and reliable techniques for large-scale numerical simulations of fluid flows: spectral numerical methods, including Fourier and other functional expansions, Galerkin and collocation projections, domain decompositions and the solution of partial differential equations, especially the Navier-Stokes equations; high-resolution methods for the solution of hyperbolic conservation laws with discontinuous solutions, and issues related to implementation on supercomputers. Same as CSE 560. Prerequisite: TAM 470 and TAM 542.

TAM 574 Adv Finite Element Methods credit: 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/574/)
Advanced theory and applications of the finite-element method, as needed for research in computational science and engineering: applications to mechanics of solids and fluids, thermal problems, etc.; variational foundations of the finite-element method, error estimates, and adaptive analysis; finite-element methods for parabolic and hyperbolic problems; mixed finite-element methods; applications to systems of equations. Same as CSE 517. Prerequisite: One of TAM 470, CEE 570, CS 555, ME 471.

TAM 597 Advanced Independent Study credit: 1 to 8 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/597/)
Analytical, experimental, or computational studies in one or more areas of theoretical and applied mechanics, including solid mechanics, behavior of materials, fluid mechanics, dynamics, applied mathematics, and computational science and engineering. May be repeated. (Summer session, 1 to 4 hours). Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

TAM 598 Advanced Special Topics credit: 1 to 4 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/598/)
Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in theoretical and applied mechanics intended to augment the existing curriculum. See Class Schedule or departmental course information for topics and prerequisites. May be repeated in the same or separate terms if topics vary to a maximum of 12 hours.

TAM 599 Thesis Research credit: 0 to 16 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/TAM/599/)
Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated.