

## Mechanical Design

### Structural design and modeling project

#### IDENTIFICATION

CODE : GCU-3-S2-EC-PMS  
ECTS : 2.0

#### HOURS

Lectures : 0.0 h  
Seminars : 0.0 h  
Laboratory : 22.0 h  
Project : 0.0 h  
Teacher-student  
contact : 22.0 h  
Personal work : 26.0 h  
Total : 48.0 h

#### ASSESSMENT METHOD

- Progress reports  
- Synthesis report and oral  
presentation

#### TEACHING AIDS

- computation software based on  
finite element method  
- video records of the failure tests

#### TEACHING LANGUAGE

French

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#### AIMS

This module is part of the course unit : GCU-S6-STRUCT-2 and contributes to:

Competences in Engineering Science:

- A1- Analyze a real or virtual system (or problem)
- A2- Operate a model of a real or virtual system
- A3- Implement an experimental approach
- A4- Design a system that meets specifications
- A5- Process data
- A6- Communicate a scientific analysis or approach

Competences in Humanities, Documentation and Physical and Sports Education:

- B2- Work, learn, progress autonomously
- B3- Interact with others, work as a team
- B4- Demonstrate creativity, innovate and undertake

Competences specific to the specialty:

- C7- Building structure (design, dimension and control a2)
- C8- Civil Engineering Structures (design, dimension and control a2)

Allows the student to work and be evaluated on the following abilities:  
design and build a physical model of a bridge from a set of specifications  
modelize by the finite element method to estimate its stiffness and understand how it works  
interpret and analyze the results of the experimental failure test  
work on a team to imagine, design, carry out, analyze and communicate your results

#### CONTENT

Design and construction of wood bridge specimens during the immersion week: intuitive design according to imposed specifications - realisation (by group of students).

Failure tests on wood bridge specimens with structural rigidity measure as well as strength of the specimen ; calculus of a structural performance index.  
Characterisation tests for mechanical characteristics of employed materials: wood and cord.

Three successive modelling supported by theoretical curses in structural analysis methods: finite element modelling for bar and beam systems.

Synthesis allows a confrontation between experimental and numerical approaches as well as a feed-back on the intuitive initial design.

#### PRE-REQUISITE

- Continuum solid mechanics (GCU-S5-MMC)
- Structural analysis methods (GCU-S5-IAS-1)
- Structures analysis methods(GCU-S6-MAS-1)