Selected Topics on Advanced Composites in Engineering Structures

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**Frequency**
Every 2 years

**Remarque**
Every two years/ Next time: Spring 2019 Minimum 5

**Summary**
The course focuses on the current investigations in the fields of fatigue and fracture of composite materials and composite structural components, like adhesively-bonded joints. Students would be able to develop design concepts for composite structures under realistic loading conditions.

**Content**
Introduction to composite materials and the specific design concepts of structures with this type of material. Description of the characteristics of composite materials and their singularities. Selected topics to be addressed are:

- Failure modes and failure criteria for composite materials,
- Fatigue of composite materials and structures,
- Multiaxial static/fatigue behaviour,
- Fracture of composite materials,
- Joining techniques,
- Issues raised by the students, related to their PhD projects

**Note**
Students should deliver a project report

**Keywords**
Composite materials, fatigue, fracture, joining techniques.

**Learning Prerequisites**
Required courses
Basic knowledge about composite materials and theory of elasticity.

**Resources**
Websites
- http://www.cclab.ch