

ME-280

**Fluid mechanics (for GM)**

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Mechanical engineering minor	E	Opt.
Mechanical engineering	BA4	Obl.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	4
Session	Summer
Semester	Spring
Exam	Written
Workload	120h
Weeks	14
<b>Hours</b>	<b>4 weekly</b>
Courses	3 weekly
Exercises	1 weekly
<b>Number of positions</b>	

**Summary**

Basic lecture in fluid mechanics

**Content**

Characteristic quantities of an incompressible flow, hydrostatic, viscous stress, dimensional analysis, Navier-Stokes equations, conservation of mass and momentum in integral and differential form, trajectories and streamlines, Bernoulli's equation, lift and drag of a solid body, theory of reduced scale models, inviscid flows, potential flows, unsteady flows, introduction to boundary layer concept and of turbulence.

**Keywords**

Incompressible flows, Navier-Stokes equation, lift, drag

**Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Explain and apply the concepts of mass, energy, and momentum balance, E1
- Define, describe and apply the basic flow equations, such as the Navier-Stokes equations, AH14
- Describe simplified governing equations, such as the Bernoulli or potential equations, their domain of validity and apply them in appropriate situations, AH15
- Describe flow in simple geometries, such as over a flat plate, in a tube, or around a sphere or airfoil, AH9
- Link flow behaviour with non-dimensional parameters (e.g. Reynolds and Mach numbers), AH2
- Identify similarity laws and their use for dimensioning an experimental testbed, AH23
- Describe the physical differences between laminar and turbulent flows, AH4

**Transversal skills**

- Use a work methodology appropriate to the task.
- Assess one's own level of skill acquisition, and plan their on-going learning goals.

**Teaching methods**

Lectures and sessions of exercises

**Assessment methods**

Written exam

## Resources

### Bibliography

Gerhart, Gerhart & Hochstein, Munson's Fluid Mechanics, Global Edition, 8th Edition

or previous versions including

Munson, Okiishi, Juebsch & Rothmayer, Fluid Mechanics, 7th Edition, SI Version

### Ressources en bibliothèque

- [Gerhart, Gerhart & Hochstein, Munson's Fluid Mechanics](#)
- [Munson, Okiishi, Juebsch & Rothmayer, Fluid Mechanics](#)

### Moodle Link

- <https://go.epfl.ch/ME-280>