AE 6769 / ME 6769 – Linear Elasticity

Fall 2026

Tue: 2:00 – 3:15 PM / Thu: 2:00 – 3:15 PM

Credit:	3-0-3 (3 credits, 3 hours per week)
Prerequisites:	Graduate standing; Principles of Continuum Mechanics (ME6201) or equivalent (recommended); Mechanics of Deformable Bodies (COE3001) or equivalent (recommended)
Instructor:	Dr. Stephane Berbenni Georgia Tech Europe campus Email: stephane.berbenni@georgiatech-metz.fr
Office Hours:	• Tue: 3:15 – 4:15 PM / Thu: 3:15 – 4:15 PM
Textbook (optional):	• Barber, J.R., *Elasticity*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 2002 (2nd edition).
Other reference books:	• Bower, A.F., Applied Mechanics of Solids, CRC Press, 2009; (http://solidmechanics.org/) • Timoshenko, S.P. and Goodier, J.N., Theory of Elasticity, 3rd Ed., McGraw-Hill, 1970; • Love, A.E.H., A Treatise on the Mathematical Theory of Elasticity, 4th Ed., Dover, 1944; • Landau, L.D., and Lifschitz, E.M., Theory of Elasticity (English Translation by Sykes, J.B., and Reid, W.S.), Pergamon/Addison Wesley, 1959. (physicists' view of elasticity)
Objectives:	This class will introduce governing equations of linear elasticity and will focus on solutions of boundary value problems in two and three dimensions using several formulations and methods.
Topics:	-Review of continuum mechanics and field equations (3 weeks): Strain, stress, strain compatibility, stress equilibrium, linear elasticity constitutive law, uniqueness of solution, boundary conditions. -Two-dimensional elasticity (9 weeks): *Plane strain, plane stress, Airy stress function method, *Problems in Cartesian coordinates: rectangular beams, general solution, *Problems in polar coordinates: circular hole problems, Michell general solution, contact problems * Singular solutions: dislocations, cracks, Kelvin problem.

- Three-dimensional elasticity problem (2 weeks)
* Principle of virtual work
* Green function method,
* Galerkin vector and applications

Assignments: Homework assignments will be graded, and the solutions will be posted on Canvas. No late assignments will be accepted (except acceptable reason). All class handouts will be posted on Canvas.

Evaluation:
30% Homework
30% Mid-term
40% Final Exam

Grading Scale Your final grade will be assigned as a letter grade according to the following scale:

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	0-59%

Important dates:
1st class day: August 25 (introductive lecture)
Last instructional class day : December 8
Drop day: October 23
Mid-term examination: *TBD* (at least two weeks before)
Recess week: October 26-30
Final examination: 2 hours 50 minutes (*TBD* during the semester).
The final examination period is December 10-17.

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