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STUDENT PROJECTS FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN AND OPTIMIZATION

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The aim of the presentation is to describe semester-long Design Projects supervised jointly by industrial and academic partners.

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-Training Objectives -Design-related MSc subjects -Project Preparation and Milestones -Description of the Design Project -Industrial project illustrations





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Training Objectives

-To learn the industrial environment for product innovations and development

-To integrate the knowledge of

-Engineering science fundamentals

-Design and manufacturing processes

-Economics, environment and society

-To develop practical skills in

-Communications (oral, graphic and written)

-Team work

-Thinking both creatively and critically





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Corelation with the industrial demand

PRODUCT REALIZATION PROCESS

- 1. Team work (I+A)
- 2. Communication
- 3. Design for Manufacturing
- 4. CAD Systems
- **5. Professional Ethics**
- 6. Creative Thinking
- 7. Design for Performance
- 8. Design for Reliability
- 9. Design for Safety
- **10. Concurrent Engineering**

(ASME survey)





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Design-related MSc subjects (before taking Design Project)

- -Design theory and methodology
- -CAD technology I. and II.
- -Product development
- -Design of ME structures
- -Structural analysis and optimization
- -Marketing
- -Applied ergonomics

-The Design Project is a regular course for the MSc Mechanical Engineering Design student.



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Project Preparation and Milestones

- 1. Specifying the design aims, list of requirements, selecting design variables
- 2. Collecting information and data, preparing a flowchart
- 3. Preparation of the design alternatives and evaluation
- 4. Approximate calculation and assumptions
- 5. Specifying the structural model (specific geometry, load cases, boundary conditions, material properties)



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Project Preparation and Milestones

- 6. Presentation 1
- 7. Working on 3D solid model for the selected solution
- 8. FE calculation (static, dynamic, thermal,...)
- 9. Results of the first model; critics and questions
- 10. Presentation 2
- 11. Selecting the final design solution
- 12. Preparing report and design documentation
- **13. Final presentations**
- 14. Submitting report and documentation





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Description of the Design Project

-Problems are raised by companies and selected by university as well as the design process is supervised by an academic and industrial instructors.

-Students start with conceptual design followed by the tasksspecifications within the team members.

-The design alternatives are evaluated and compared before starting the 3D modelling phase (using ProE, SolidWorks, SolidEdge, Inventor,...)

-Usually there are FE modelling tasks using the same CAD or additional FE packages.

-Structural optimization is a frequent requirements of the projects in order to search for the most economical/reliable/... solutions.

-The projects are usually finished by detailed documentations and reports.



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Difficulties in industrial & academic supervising

-Common goals and requirements should be discussed at first, -Similar and different motivations:

- -Industrial partners: product development on their specific way,
- -Academy: training requirements (design specifications, team work,...)
- -Different suggestions (methodology, manufacturing technologies),
- -Different language between industrial and academic supervisors,
- -Communication between students and industry is a critical issue,
- Personal contact first, followed by mainly e-mail communications.