



AH2905 Advanced Pavement Engineering Analysis and Design 7.5 credits

Avancerad analys och design av vägbeläggningar

This is a translation of the Swedish, legally binding, course syllabus.

Establishment

Course syllabus for AH2905 valid from Autumn 2013

Grading scale

A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Education cycle

Second cycle

Main field of study

The Built Environment, Technology

Specific prerequisites

AF2901 Road and Railway Track Engineering, or similar

AF2903 Road Construction and Maintenance, or similar

Language of instruction

The language of instruction is specified in the course offering information in the course catalogue.

Intended learning outcomes

This course deals with the design and analysis of asphalt and concrete pavements. Upon completion of this course the student should:

- Be able to perform mechanics based analyses of pavement structures.
- Have a basic knowledge of fracture mechanics and its applications to pavement engineering.
- Learn about the fracture mechanics testing for characterization of infrastructure materials.
- Be able to apply fundamental concepts of viscoelasticity and fracture mechanics to the optimization of flexible pavement cracking resistance.
- Understand the basics of plasticity and visco-plasticity and be able to use the FEM to evaluate the performance of the pavement structures at inelastic deformations.
- Have a basic understanding of the effect the internal structure of asphalt mixture has on the material performance.
- Be familiar with the modern methods for the characterization of the internal structure of asphalt.
- Understand the mechanisms of cohesive and adhesive interactions in asphaltic materials.

Course contents

- Mechanics of flexible pavements and infrastructure materials
- Fracture mechanics
- Theory of viscoelasticity
- Theory of plasticity and visco-plasticity
- FE modeling of the pavement structures
- X-Ray computed tomography & digital image analysis
- Micromechanics of infrastructure materials

Disposition

Eleven teaching days with 3h morning lectures followed by the exercise/tutorial sessions in the afternoons.

Course literature

- All course material will be covered in handouts which will be made available in class and on KTH Social.
- Suggested reading: Gudmundson, P. Material Mechanics, KTH Hållfasthetslära, 2004.

Examination

- ÖVN1 - Exercises, 3.0 credits, grading scale: P, F
- TEN1 - Examination, 4.5 credits, grading scale: A, B, C, D, E, FX, F

Based on recommendation from KTH's coordinator for disabilities, the examiner will decide how to adapt an examination for students with documented disability.

The examiner may apply another examination format when re-examining individual students.

If the course is discontinued, students may request to be examined during the following two academic years.

There will be 5 homeworks and 1 project assignment. In order to pass the course all exercises should be handed in and considered passed by the instructor.

Other requirements for final grade

The final grade in the examination (TEN1) will be awarded based on a 100 point scale.

Grading scale:

- A 90 - 100
- B 80 - 89
- C 70 - 79
- D 60 - 69
- E 55 - 59
- F < 55

Ethical approach

- All members of a group are responsible for the group's work.
- In any assessment, every student shall honestly disclose any help received and sources used.
- In an oral assessment, every student shall be able to present and answer questions about the entire assignment and solution.