

# COURSE DETAIL

## THE FINITE ELEMENT METHOD

**Country**

United Kingdom - Scotland

**Host Institution**

University of Edinburgh

**Program(s)**

University of Edinburgh

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Civil Engineering

**UCEAP Course Number**

144

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

FINITE ELEMENT MTHD

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

2.70

## Course Description

This course introduces students to the fundamental theory of the finite-element method (FEM) as a general tool for numerically solving differential equations for a wide range of engineering problems, with special focus on solid and structural mechanics. The course covers the following topics: approximation, weighted residuals and Rayleigh-Ritz methods; finite-element formulation for solids; continuum elements; structural elements; material non-linearity; geometric non-linearity; heat transfer problems and thermal stress analysis; and transient problems.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

CIVE10034

## Host Institution Course Title

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## Host Institution Course Details

<http://www.drps.ed.ac.uk/25-26/dpt/cxcive10034.htm>

## Host Institution Campus

## Host Institution Faculty

School of Engineering

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

## Course Last Reviewed

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