



Subject card

Subject name and code	Experimental methods in mechanics, PG_00064830						
Field of study	Mechanical Engineering						
Date of commencement of studies	February 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2026/2027		
Education level	second-cycle studies		Subject group		Specialty subject group Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	Full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	2		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	general academic profile		Assessment form		assessment		
Conducting unit	Institute of Mechanics and Machine Design -> Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Ship Technology -> Faculties of Gdańsk University of Technology						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. inż. Jacek Łubiński				
	Teachers		dr hab. inż. Jacek Łubiński dr inż. Jakub Kowalski prof. dr hab. inż. Marek Szkodo				
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		11.0		34.0	75
Subject objectives	Attendance to the course builds acquaintance with the fundamentals of experimental research in mechanics and machine design. The introduction covers the historic and civilisational sources of empiric methods with quantified measurement of physical parameters driving the course of experimental and industrial systems. In each segment of the course, based on examples, illustration is given of technical means of inflicting desired phenomena in controlled conditions or for observation and detailed data gathering in real-life systems, e.g. industrial machinery.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[K7_W03] demonstrates a well-structured and theoretically grounded knowledge of the key issues in Mechanical Engineering to enable the design and diagnosis of mechanical systems, processes and devices		The student understands and is able to apply in practice knowledge and skills covering key issues in the field of Mechanics and Mechanical Engineering, allowing for the design and diagnostics of mechanical systems, processes and devices.		[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge		
	[K7_U13] evaluates the feasibility and potential for utilizing new technical and technological achievements in accomplishing tasks characteristic for the field of study		The student is able to assess the usefulness and possibility of using new achievements in the field of experimental instruments to perform tasks typical of mechanical engineering and other fields of engineering art.		[SU4] Assessment of ability to use methods and tools		
	[K7_U03] plans and carries out experimental investigations to determine the parameters of devices, processes or systems in the field of Mechanical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, appropriately selects methods, techniques and tools, interprets results and estimates measurement errors		An adept of the course efficiently and confidently a professional plans and implements experimental research to determine the parameters of devices, processes or engineering systems, correctly selects methods, techniques and tools, interprets the results and estimates measurement errors.		[SU2] Assessment of ability to analyse information		

Subject contents	Course content – lecture Organisation of the course. Basics of the philosophy of science - the origins of experiment in mechanics. Sliding friction. Significance in technology and experimental testing. Hydrodynamic sliding friction. Significance in technology and experimental testing. Examples of practical applications of the measurement of physical parameters in the assessment of machines' condition Measurement of force and displacement with regard to specimen and structure The use of strain gauges in deformation/stress and torque measurement, Other methods: thermography, DIC. The quality of measurement results - independent party calibration of sensors, measurement errors and uncertainty Examples of practical application of measurements by strain gauges, thermography, DIC and other methods. Temperature in sliding contacts and methods of its measurement. Wear particles emissions in sliding contact and methods of measurement. Sliding friction induced vibration and methods of its measurement. What happens in metals and metal alloys in indentation test? What properties of materials can be evaluated in indentation tests? Internal stress in cristalline materials. Hall - Williamson analysis. Why dislocations are important in metals and how to evaluate the structure of dislocations.		
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Prerequisites and co-requisites	Completed courses or advanced self-acquired knowledge and engineering skills in technical mechanics, materials science, machine design. Comprehension in the principles of measurement of physical parameters with the use of transducers outputting signal proportional to the magnitude of the parameter being measured. Fond knowledge on the principles of operation of typical mechanisms and machines used in industry and in everyday life.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	tests	59.0%	33.0%
	laboratory reports	60.0%	67.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	Tribology Handbook Mechanical Engineer's Handbook Materials' Engineering Handbook Fundamentals of analogue and digital measurements	

Supplementary literature	Michał Heller, Tadeusz Pabjan: Elementy filozofii przyrody. Kraków: Copernicus Center Press, 2014. ISBN 978-83-7886-065-5. Andrzej Kajetan Wróblewski: Historia fizyki. Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, 2007, s. 2833. ISBN 978-83-01-14635-1 Edward Dolnick: Wielki zegar Wszechświata. Wiek geniuszy i narodziny nowoczesnej nauki. Warszawa: Prószyński i S-ka, 2012. ISBN 978-83-7839-172-2. Michał Heller: Wszechświat u schyłku stulecia. Kraków: Znak, 1994. ISBN 83-7006-348-9. Michał Heller, Tadeusz Pabjan: Elementy filozofii przyrody. Kraków: Copernicus Center Press, 2014. ISBN 83-7886-065-5. Kirk, Mechanism, [w:] Honderich (red.), The Oxford Companion to Philosophy, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005 Margaret J. Osler: Divine Will and the Mechanical Philosophy: Gassendi and Descartes on Contingency and Necessity in the Created World. Cambridge University Press, 2004-06-07. ISBN 978-0-521-52492-6 Osler, Mechanical Philosophy, [w:] Horowitz (red.), New Dictionary of the History of Ideas, 2005, s. 1389-1392, ISBN 0-684-31452-5. Stathis Psillos: Philosophy of Science A-Z. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2007 Stephen D. Snobelen: The Myth of the Clockwork Universe. Newton, Newtonianism, and the Enlightenment. W: The Persistence of the Sacred in Modern Thought. Chris L. Firestone, Nathan Jacobs (red.). Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2012 Acton H.B., Dialectical Materialism, [w:] D.M. Borchert (red.), Encyclopedia of Philosophy, t. 3, Thomson Gale, 2006, s. 5667, ISBN 0-02-866072-2. Mortimer Adler: Dialectic. New York, London: Columbia University, Routledge, 2001, seria: International Library of Philosophy. ISBN 0-415-22550-7. Monika Bogdanowska: Topika. W: Retoryka. Piotr Wilczek, Maria Barłowska, Agnieszka Budzyńska-Daca (red.). Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, 2008, s. 3556. ISBN 978-83-01-15678-7. Wojciech Chudy: Dialektyka. W: Powszechna encyklopedia filozofii. Lublin: Polskie Towarzystwo Tomasza z Akwinu, Katedra Metafizyki KUL, 2001, s. 110. ISBN 83-914431-4-0. Ernst Robert Curtius: Literatura europejska i łacińskie średniowiecze. Kraków: Wydawnictwo Universitas, 1997. ISBN 83-7052-128-2. Etienne Gilson: Historia filozofii chrześcijańskiej w wiekach średnich. Sylwester Zalewski (tł.). Warszawa: Instytut Wydawniczy PAX, 1987. ISBN 83-211-0453-3. Hall R., Dialectic, [w:] D.M. Borchert (red.), Encyclopedia of Philosophy, t. 3, Thomson Gale, 2006, s. 5256, ISBN 0-02-866072-2.
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		George Alexander Kennedy: Classical Rhetoric & Its Christian & Secular Tradition from Ancient to Modern Times. Second edition, revised and enlarged. Chapel Hill, Londyn: The University of North Carolina Press, 1999. ISBN 0-8078-2467-4. (ang.) Brian Lawn: The rise and decline of the scholastic Quaestio Disputata. Leiden, New York, Köln: Brill, 1993. ISBN 90-04-09740-6. Heinrich Lausberg(ang.): Retoryka literacka. Podstawy wiedzy o literaturze. Albert Gorzkowski (tł.), Jerzy Axer, Andrzej Borowski, Maria Cytowska, Romuald Turasiewicz (konsultacja naukowa). Bydgoszcz: Wydawnictwo Homini, 2002. ISBN 83-87933-21-X. Tadeusz Kwiatkowski. Dialektyka Arystotelesa. Roczniki Filozoficzne. 11 (1), s. 81101, 1963. Lublin: Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski. ISSN 0035-7685. David Ross: Aristotle. John L.Ackrill(ang.) (Introduction and new material). London: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, 2016. ISBN 1-138-14104-6. Sara Rubinelli: Ars topica.The classical technique of constructing arguments from Aristotle to Cicero. Dodrecht: University of Lugano, Springer, 2009, seria: Argumentation Library. ISBN 978-1-4020-9548-1. Schwemmer O., Dialektik, [w:] J. Mittelstraß (red.), Enzyklopädie Philosophie und Wissenschaftstheorie, t. 2, Stuttgart - Weimar: Verlag J.B. Metzler, 2005, s. 181187, ISBN 978-3-476-02101-4. Marek Skwara. O Arystotelesowskiej teorii dowodzenia retorycznego. Pamiętnik Literacki: czasopismo kwartalne poświęcone historii i krytyce literatury polskiej. 85 (4), s. 130152, 1994. Wrocław: Instytut Badań Literackich Polskiej Akademii Nauk. ISSN 0031-0514. Marta Spranzi: The art of dialectic between dialogue and rhetoric. The Aristotelian tradition. Amsterdam, Philadelphia: University of Paris Descartes, John Benjamins, 2011. ISBN 978-90-272-8684-0. Jerzy Ziomek: Retoryka opisowa. Wrocław, Warszawa, Kraków: Zakład Narodowy im. Ossolińskich, 1990. ISBN 83-04-03544-8. Mario Bunge, O przyczynowości (1959, wyd. pol. 1968),
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Platonic concept of methods of obtaining knowledge. What is dialectics? Aristotelian views on the methods of obtaining knowledge by humans. What is logics and what is its purpose? Define the concept of mechanics as science. What are the principles of reductionistic analysis of complex systems? What are the fundamental assumptions of the determinism of cause and physical determinism? Define the concept of materialism. Describe the basic laws of sliding friction. Is the basic model of sliding friction a fully accurate reflection of reality? Is the coefficient of sliding friction a constant? The role of friction induced vibrations in sliding friction.	
Practical activities within the subject	Not applicable	

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