

**Module Description, available in: EN**

## **Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)**

**General Information**

Number of ECTS Credits

3

Module code

TSM\_CFD

Valid for academic year

2026-27

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Coordinator of the module

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**Explanations regarding the language definitions for each location:**

- Instruction is given in the language specified for each location and module execution.
- Documentation is available in the language(s) listed for each location and module execution. If the documentation is in multiple languages, the percentage distributed is indicated (100% = all documentation provided).
- The examination, including both questions and answers, is provided entirely (100%) in the language(s) specified for each location and module execution. The exams are on-site.

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<b>Instruction</b>					X	E 100%	
<b>Documentation</b>					X	E 100%	
<b>Examination</b>					X	E 100%	

**Module Category**

TSM Technical scientific module

**Lessons**

2 lecture periods and 1 tutorial period per week

**Entry level competences**

Prerequisites, previous knowledge

- Knowledge of fluid mechanics: laminar, turbulent, compressible, incompressible, steady-state and non-steady-state flow
- Knowledge of thermodynamics: conservation of mass and energy, equation of state (ideal gas, incompressible fluid), heat capacity, thermal conductivity
- Basic knowledge of numerical methods
- Basic knowledge of CFD simulation methods and tools is desirable

## Brief course description of module objectives and content

This module provides students with an introduction to CFD by imparting knowledge of state-of-the-art techniques in computational fluid dynamics, with the emphasis on fluid physics and verification/assessment.

## Aims, content, methods

### Learning objectives and competencies to be acquired

Students who have completed this module are able to:

- understand the potential of computational fluid dynamics for product development and be aware of its limits
- verify simulation results and critically assess simulation models
- understand the properties of the numerics behind the code

### Module content with weighting of different components

- **Motivation:** objectives of computational fluid dynamics, meaning and economic benefit of numerical simulation, integration of numerical simulation in product development, possibilities and limits
- **Introduction to physical and technical systems and their describing equations:** fluid mechanics, thermodynamics, others
- **Idealization and modeling:** classification of the simulation tasks (steady-state, transition, 2D, 3D, symmetry, etc.), modeling based on geometry, flow properties, boundary conditions
- **Verification and assessment:** solving equations correctly, solving the correct equations, interpretation of simulation results, error possibilities and sources

### Teaching and learning methods

Ex cathedra, practical exercises and case studies

### Literature

- H.K. Versteeg, W.Malalasekera, An Introduction to Computational Fluid Dynamics, Pearson Prentice Hall, 2007, Second Edition
- F. Moukalled, L. Mangani, M. Darwish, The Finite Volume Method in Computational Fluid Dynamics, Springer, 2015
- J. H. Ferziger, M. Peric, Computational Methods for Fluid Dynamics, Springer, 2002, Third Edition

## Assessment

### Additional performance assessment during the semester

The module does not contain an additional performance assessment during the semester

### Basic principle for exams

**As a rule, all standard final exams are conducted in written form. For resit exams, lecturers will communicate the exam format (written/oral) together with the exam schedule.**

### Standard final exam for a module and written resit exam

Kind of exam

Written exam

Duration of exam

120 minutes

Permissible aids

*Aids permitted as specified below:*

Permissible electronic aids

none

Other permissible aids

open book

**Exception: In case of an electronic Moodle exam, adjustments to the permissible aids may occur. Lecturers will announce the final permissible aids prior to the exam session.**

**Special case: Resit exam as oral exam**

**Kind of exam**

**Oral exam**

**Duration of exam**

**30 minutes**

**Permissible aids**

**No aids permitted**