Civil Engineering

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Degree Offered: B.S. in Civil Engineering; Areas of Specialization: Geotechnical, Water Resources, and Structural

Department Mission Statement
The primary objective of this program is to produce well-balanced civil engineers capable of entering the civil engineering profession or continuing their studies at the graduate level. Graduates will be well-prepared to solve current civil engineering problems, and they will have the ability to adapt to problems of the future.

The achievements of civil engineers are well-known to the general public, because civil engineers build the world’s infrastructure. In doing so, they can shape the history of nations. Projects that civil engineers work on include: airports, bridges, buildings, dams and waterways, drainage and sewer systems, city roads, and highways.

The undergraduate program offers a balanced approach to civil engineering education. Students take a common core of civil engineering courses, and they can specialize in the areas of geotechnical, water resources, or structural engineering. The program is also designed to give students a solid foundation in engineering and science. Students take courses in chemistry, physics, and math, in addition to a core set of engineering courses common to most engineering disciplines. The civil engineering courses teach students the fundamentals of engineering design, as well as potential applications. Students are taught how to use computer software to expedite the design process, and they are also taught how to balance engineering designs with economic constraints. During their senior year, undergraduate students work with a professor on a design project.

Program Educational Objectives
1. To develop graduates with competence in the fundamentals of civil engineering and across a specialty area of structural, geotechnical or water resources engineering.
2. To prepare graduates in the general areas of logical analysis, critical thinking, rational design, and ethical engineering practice.
3. To prepare graduates for advanced education in civil engineering and related fields, and to prepare graduates for professional licensure.

Undergraduate Program
Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Minimum credit hours required—132
In addition to the General Degree Requirements (page 54), the following courses are required:

• CE 101 (1), 201 (3), 301 (3), 302 (3), 401 (3), 402 (3), CE 406 (3), CE 408 (3), 413 (3), 423(3), 481 (3)
• ES 316 (3)
• ES 110 (2), 111 (3), 201 (3), 216 (3), 302 (3)
• MATH 231 (4), 283 (3), 335 (3)
• ME 220 (3), 420(3), 422 (3)
• Technical Electives (12): Minimum of 12 credit hours from the list of approved civil engineering electives. Students may take approved elective courses from more than one specialty area to satisfy the B.S. degree without prior approval from their advisor or the Department Chair. Courses are grouped by specialty to assist students who may want to specialize in a particular area.
Civil engineering approved electives include:

- **Geotechnical** (12): CE 420 (3), CE 422 (3), ME 360 (3), ME 409 (3), ME 427 (3), ME 434 (3), ME 442 (4), EXPL XXX (3)

Additional technical electives must be approved by the Department Chair.

Students pursuing a B.S. in Civil Engineering must take all engineering courses for a letter grade. Civil engineering majors must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 in required courses in order to graduate. All engineering majors are required to take the Fundamentals in Engineering (FE) exam as a requirement for graduation.

**Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering**

**Semester 1**
1. CE 101 (civil engineering seminar)
2. CHEM 121 & 121L (general)
3. ENGL 111 (college English)
4. ES 110 (intro)
5. MATH 131 (calculus)
6. Social Science

| Total credit hours | 17 |

**Semester 2**
1. ENGL 112 (college English)
2. ES 111 (intro)
3. MATH 132 (calculus)
4. PHYS 121 & 121L (general)

| Total credit hours | 15 |

**Semester 3**
1. CHEM 122 & 122L (general)
2. ES 201 (statics)
3. MATH 231 (calculus)
4. PHYS 122 & 122L (general)

| Total credit hours | 16 |

**Semester 4**
1. CE 201 (materials, properties, and testing)
2. ES 216 (fluid mechanics)
3. ES 302 (mechanics of materials)
4. MATH 335 (ordinary differential equations)
5. ME 220 (surveying and map preparation)
6. Humanities / Social Science

| Total credit hours | 18 |

**Semester 5**
1. CE 301 (construction engineering)
2. ME 420 (soil mechanics)
3. ENGL 341 (technical writing)
4. MATH 283 (statistics)
5. Social Science

| Total credit hours | 18 |
Semester 6

3 CE 302 (structural engineering)
3 ME 422 (rock mechanics)
3 ES 316 (engineering practice and economics)
6 Humanities

15 Total credit hours

Semester 7

3 CE 401 (finite element analysis for civil engineers)
3 CE 406 (steel)
3 CE 408 (concrete)
3 CE 413 (foundation design & analysis)
6 CE Electives

18 Total credit hours

Semester 8

3 CE 402 (transportation engineering)
3 CE 423 (open channel hydraulics)
3 CE 481 (senior design)
6 CE Electives

15 Total credit hours

Approved Civil Engineering Electives

CE students must take a minimum of 12 elective credit hours. Students may take approved elective courses from more than one specialty area to satisfy the B.S. degree without prior approval from their advisor or the Department Chair. Courses are grouped by specialty to assist students who may want to specialize in a particular area.

Water Resources Engineering

3 ENVE 201 (environmental engineering)
3 ENVE 301 (applied principles of environmental engineering)
3 ENVE 303 (water treatment process design)
3 ENVE 304 (wastewater treatment process design)
3 ENVE 406 (environmental engineering unit operations)
4 ERTC 440 (hydrological theory and field methods)
1 ERTC 441 (aquifer mechanics)
1 ERTC 442 (vadose zone processes)
1 ERTC 443 (atmospheric dynamics and rainfall processes)
3 ES 347 (engineering thermodynamics)
3 ES 350 (heat and mass transfer)

Geotechnical Engineering

3 CE 420 (pavement design)
3 CE 422 (geotechnical waste containment design)
3 ME 360 (exploration and field mapping)
3 ME 409 (design of structures)
3 ME 427 (site investigation)
3 ME 434 (drilling & blasting)
4 ME 442 (applied geomechanics)
3 Some explosives (EXPL) courses – check with Department Chair
Structural Engineering

3 CE 410 (reinforced masonry and timber design)
3 CE 412 (advanced design of steel structures)
3 CE 414 (advanced design of concrete structures)
3 CE 418 (structural dynamics)
3 CE 420 (pavement design)
3 MATE 470 (corrosion phenomena)
3 MENG 304 (advanced strength of materials)
3 MENG 441 (dynamics and vibrations in structural design)
3 ME 409 (design of structures)
3 ME 434 (drilling & blasting)
3 Some explosives (EXPL) courses – check with Department Chair

Additional technical electives must be approved by the Department Chair.

Minor in Civil Engineering

Minimum credit hours required – 18
The following courses are required:
• 18 total credit hours of CE courses, ME 420, or ME 422

Civil Engineering Courses

CE 101, Civil Engineering Seminar, 1 cr, 1 cl hrs
Brief overview of civil engineering topics, including structures, water resources, geotechnical and transportation engineering in the form of seminars by faculty, and guest speakers from industry, consulting, and government.

CE 201, Construction Materials, Properties, and Testing, 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Prerequisite: CHEM 122
Mechanical behavior of engineering materials, including metals, ceramics, polymers, concrete, wood, bitumens, and asphaltic concretes; explanations of macroscopic behavior in terms of phenomena at the microscopic level.

CE 301, Introduction to Construction Engineering, 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Topics covered include: contracting and bonding, planning and scheduling, estimating, project control, and productivity models.

CE 302, Introduction to Structural Engineering, 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Prerequisites: ES 201, 302 or consent of instructor
Basic topics in the analysis, behavior, and design of trusses and framed structures under static loads; analysis topics include member forces in trusses, shear and moment diagrams, deflections, simple applications of the force method and slope–deflection; and an introduction to computer applications by means of a general purpose structural analysis program.

CE 401 – Finite Element Analysis for Civil Engineers, 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Prerequisite: CE 302 or consent of instructor
Introduction to finite element analysis (FEA) for Civil Engineering students. Students will learn the fundamentals of FEA, and they will learn to use software packages to analyze complex structures. Topics include: 1-D systems, trusses, 2-D problems, axis-symmetric solids, beams, frames, and some types of 3-D problems.
CE 402, Introduction to Transportation Engineering, 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Prerequisite: CE 301 or consent of instructor
Introduction to the design, planning, operation, management, and maintenance of transportation systems. Principles for planning integrated multi-modal transportation systems (highways, air, rail, etc.). Introduction to the layout of highways, airports, and railroads with traffic flow models, capacity analysis, and safety. Functional design concepts for both the facilities and systems areas of study with life cycle costing procedures and criteria for optimization.

CE 406, Design of Steel Structures, 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Prerequisite: CE 302 or consent of instructor
Behavior and design of steel members subjected to tension, compression and flexural loads, according to AISC specifications. Topics covered include: elastic and inelastic design, buckling of beams and columns, and structural connections.

CE 408, Design of Concrete Structures, 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Prerequisite: CE 302 or consent of instructor
Study of the strength, behavior and design of reinforced concrete members, including beams, columns and slabs. Topics covered will include serviceability of beams and slabs, control of deflections and cracking, shear design, and bonding.

CE 410, Reinforced Masonry and Timber Design, 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Prerequisite: CE 302 or consent of instructor
Reinforced masonry design topics covered include: the properties and performance of masonry materials; design criteria and methods in reinforced masonry; and design examples including reinforced masonry walls, masonry columns and pilasters, and rectangular beams. Timber topics covered include: design of beams, columns, trusses, and diaphragms in wood; design of gluelaminated beams; design of wood connections; use of timber design codes and the International Building Code (IBC).

CE 412, Advanced Design of Steel Structures, 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Prerequisite: CE 406 or consent of instructor
Behavior and design of structural steel beams, columns, frames, and connections. Topics include: elastic and inelastic design, composite beam design, stability of beams and columns, behavior of steel frame structures, design of bolted and welded connections, metallurgical and mechanical properties of welds, braced frame and moment frame design for lateral loads. Extensive use of the current AISC-LRFD design code.

CE 413, Foundation Design and Analysis, 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Prerequisite: CE 302 or consent of instructor
Principles of foundation engineering. Shear strength of soil. Theories related to and design of retaining structures, shallow foundations, deep foundations, and slope stability.

CE 414, Advanced Design of Concrete Structures, 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Prerequisite: CE 408 or consent of instructor
Topics covered include: strut and tie models, footings, retaining walls, principles of prestressed concrete, materials and techniques used in these systems, advantages and disadvantages of prestressing methods over regular reinforced concrete, and the design of prestressed concrete structures, such as axially loaded members, beams (for flexure and shear), and slabs.

CE 418, Structural Dynamics, 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Prerequisites: Math 335 and CE 302 or consent of instructor
Fundamentals of structural dynamics. Analysis of single and multi-degree-of-freedom structures subjected to various types of vibrations. Topics covered will include structural responses to free, harmonic and periodic excitations, step and pulse excitations, and earthquake loads.

CE 420, Pavement Materials and Design, 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Prerequisites: CE 201
Analysis, behavior, performance, and structural design of pavements for highways, bridges and airfields. Topics include: climatic factors, maintenance strategies and life cycle design economics, traffic loadings, recycled pavement materials, evaluation by nondestructive testing (roughness, skid resistance, structural capacity), destructive testing, and rehabilitation of pavement systems.
CE 422, Geotechnical Waste Containment Design, 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Prerequisites: ME 420; MATH 335
Design procedures consisting of waste disposal methods, various containment systems, and associated remediation techniques. Waste characterization and soil-waste interactions, contaminant transport in low permeability soils, geosynthetics and soil materials use in waste containment, remedial issues of solidification and stabilization and barrier design, and landfill- and surface impoundment-related design, including liners, leachate and gas collection and removal, final covers, static and seismic slope stability, and settlement analysis. Geotechnical problem definition, application of field and laboratory test data, use of computer models for analysis and design.

CE 423, Open Channel Hydraulics, 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Prerequisites: ES 216; MATH 335

CE 481, Senior Engineering Design , 3 cr, 3 cl hrs
Prerequisite: Senior standing
A semester-long civil engineering design project organized and directed by a faculty member.

CE 491, Special Topics in Civil Engineering, 2-3 cr
Prerequisite: Senior standing or consent of instructor
New and developing areas of knowledge in civil engineering offered to augment the formal course offerings.

Faculty Research Interests
Cal—Air quality engineering, chemical fate and transport, transportation engineering, blast response to structures
Ghosh—Macro behavior of composites, structural health monitoring and restoration
Hendrickx—Vadose zone hydrology, water and salt balance of natural and irrigated systems, evapotranspiration, remote sensing, soil physics, electromagnetic induction
Kuhn—Geotechnical engineering
McCord—Water resources engineering
McMullin—Structural engineering
Richardson—Biological wastewater treatment, groundwater contamination, site remediation
Wilson—Structural vibration control, fuzzy control, earthquake engineering