CIVIL ENGINEERING

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Insight

The civil engineering program at California State University, Chico offers broad exposure to all facets of civil engineering with opportunities to specialize in subareas, such as structural engineering or environmental/water resources engineering. The Civil Engineering Department houses the California Pavement Preservation Center (CP2) that provides students opportunities to work on real-world projects related to pavement and transportation engineering. Because our curriculum is packed with hands-on experiences, our students are known by the industry to be plug-in ready for the workforce upon graduation.

Experience

Students in our program engage in civil engineering competitions such as concrete canoe, steel bridge, geowall, and water treatment. While not required, most of our students do internships and can fulfill the Technical Elective requirement of their degree through the American Public Works Association (APWA) internship program.

Outlook

Civil engineering intersects and is essential for all aspects of life, from providing clean water to drink, to roads that we drive on, to safe buildings that can withstand earthquakes. A growing population, climate change, and aging infrastructure create a high demand for civil engineers. Our alumni work in both public and private sectors, do both field and office work, and use a variety of tools to tackle 21st century problems.

Programs

Undergraduate

Bachelor's

No results were found.

See Course Description Symbols and Terms (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/academic-standards-policies/course-description-symbols-terms/) for an explanation of course description terminology and symbols, the course numbering system, and course credit units.

CIVL 101 Introduction to Civil Engineering

1 Unit

Typically Offered: Fall only
Introduction to the profession of Civil Engineering and the various sub-disciplines of Civil Engineering. Overview of the professional engineer licensing process. Overview of the CSU, Chico Civil Engineering curriculum and the disciplinary patterns in the curriculum. Discussion of the importance and purpose of both professional societies and graduate education. 3 hours laboratory. (021141)

Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 1 unit

Course Attributes: Lower Division

CIVL 130 Surveying

3 Units

Prerequisite: MATH 120 (may be taken concurrently).

Typically Offered: Fall only

Theory and practice in measurement and computation of distances, angles, and areas on the earth's surface. Error of combined measurements analysis. Use of scientific calculator required. 2 hours discussion, 3 hours laboratory. (001484)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Lower Division

CIVL 140 Transportation Planning, Surveying, and Graphics

3 Units

Prerequisite: CIVL 130.

Typically Offered: Spring only

This course introduces civil engineering design standards, concepts, and procedures related to transportation engineering and construction management. Topics include the standards and design of horizontal curves, vertical curves, and earthwork related to transportation projects in addition to survey staking, state plane coordinates, geographic information systems, and global positioning systems related to project surveying. The laboratory portion of this course includes the application of 3-dimensional graphic modeling software requiring creativity in design, development of construction plans, and operation of modern surveying equipment, such as total stations and GPS systems. 2 hours discussion, 3 hours laboratory. (021126)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Lower Division

CIVL 175 Biological Processes in Environmental Engineering

3 Units

Prerequisite: High school biology and chemistry.

Typically Offered: Fall and spring

Introduction to biological processes used in environmental engineering analysis and design with emphasis on sustainability. Ecosystem structure and function, population dynamics, biochemical reactions, photosynthesis, microbial ecology, growth and kinetics. Engineering applications in control of communicable disease, aerobic and anaerobic degradation of organic waste, water quality management, drinking water treatment, wastewater and solid waste treatment, biomass energy, phytotechnology, and bioremediation. 2 hours activity, 2 hours lecture. (021145)

General Education: Laboratory Activity (B3); Life Science (B2)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Lower Division; Sustainable Course

CIVL 198 Special Topics

1-3 Units

Typically Offered: Fall and spring

This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. 3 hours lecture. (001490)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course more than once

Course Attributes: Lower Division
CIVL 199 Special Problems 1-3 Units
Prerequisite: Faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is an independent study of special problems offered for 1.0-3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 9 hours supervision.  (020092)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Lower Division

CIVL 205 Civil Engineering Computing 2 Units
Prerequisite: CHEM 111, CIVL 175 (may be taken concurrently).
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
Applications of spreadsheets, python programming, and spatial analysis via geographical informational systems (GIS) to civil engineering problems. 4 hours activity.  (001488)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 2 units
Course Attributes: Lower Division; Laptop required

CIVL 211 Statics 3 Units
Prerequisite: MATH 121, PHYS 204A with a grade of C- or higher.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
Force systems, moments, equilibrium, centroids, and moments of inertia. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion.  (001489)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Lower Division

CIVL 212 Civil Engineering Materials 3 Units
Prerequisite: CHEM 111.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
The goal of this course is for you to develop an understanding of several types of material behaviors, with emphasis on materials commonly used in the civil engineering profession. Materials studied include wood, steel, concrete, soil, and asphalt paving materials. Technical writing and report formatting are emphasized as well. 2 hours activity, 2 hours lecture.  (021735)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Lower Division

CIVL 231 Introduction to Environmental Engineering 3 Units
Prerequisite: CHEM 111, CIVL 175 (may be taken concurrently).
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
Introduction to environmental engineering and sustainability. Topics covered include: global and local environmental issues; UN's sustainable development goals; engineering in developing communities; life cycle assessment; material and energy balances; pollutant fate and transport; principles of green engineering; and environmental engineering pathways. 3 hours lecture.  (021736)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Lower Division; Sustainable Course; Laptop required

CIVL 302W Engineering Sustainability and Economic Analysis (W) 3 Units
Prerequisite: GE Written Communication (A2) requirement; MATH 105 and MATH 119, or MATH 121; Junior standing.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course provides a foundation for green engineering design through life cycle assessment and life cycle cost analysis considering economically viable, socially just, and environmentally sustainable solutions (triple bottom line). This course teaches quantitative environmental and economic assessment tools. decision-making strategies, risk, sensitivity analysis, and uncertainty analysis. These skills are applied to real-world problems through group projects, emphasizing applied engineering, critical thinking, communication skills and teamwork. 3 hours discussion.  (001495)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course; Laptop required; Writing Course

CIVL 311 Strength of Materials 4 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 211 with a grade of C- or higher; CIVL 260 (may be taken concurrently); CIVL 212 or MECH 210 (may be taken concurrently).
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
Strength and elastic properties of materials of construction; tension, compression, shear, and torsion stresses; deflection and deformation; stress analysis of beams and columns. 4 hours discussion.  (001491)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 313 Structural Mechanics 3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 311 with a grade of C- or higher; CIVL 205 (may be taken concurrently) or MECH 208 (may be taken concurrently).
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
Fundamentals of structural analysis for beams, trusses, and frames. Topics include loading (including seismic), influence lines, approximate analysis methods, deflection analysis, and statically indeterminate structures. Methods applicable to computer analysis are introduced. 3 hours discussion.  (001499)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 321 Fluid Mechanics 4 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 211 with a grade of C- or higher. Recommended: MATH 260, MECH 320 (may be taken concurrently).
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
Hydrostatics, principles of continuity, work-energy and momentum, viscous effects, dimensional analysis and similitude, flow in closed conduits, drag on objects. 3 hours discussion, 3 hours laboratory.  (001496)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
CIVL 331  Environmental Engineering Chemistry 3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 231.
Typically Offered: Fall only
Chemical principles applicable to the analysis of natural and
engineered water systems including acid base chemistry, precipitation
dissolution, oxidation-reduction, adsorption-desorption, and
complexation. 2 hours activity, 2 hours lecture. (021737)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course; Laptop required

CIVL 389 Internship in Civil Engr 1-3 Units
Prerequisite: Approval of supervising faculty member prior to off-campus assignment.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is an internship offered for 1.0-3.0 units. You must register
directly with a supervising faculty member. This program is designed for
students who wish to gain practical work experience with participating
civil engineering firms/organizations. 0 hours supervision. (001504)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 389M Summer Internship in Civil Engineering 1-3 Units
Prerequisite: Approval of supervising faculty member prior to off-campus assignment.
Typically Offered: Summer session only
This course is an internship offered for 1.0-3.0 units. You must register
directly with a supervising faculty member. This program is designed for
students who wish to gain practical work experience with participating
civil engineering firms/organizations. 0 hours supervision. (021287)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 398 Special Topics 1-3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the
topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term
and be different for different sections. See the Class Schedule for the
specific topic being offered. 0 hours lecture. (001505)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course more than once
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 399 Special Problems 1-3 Units
Prerequisite: Faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is an independent study of special problems offered for
1.0-3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 9 hours supervision. (001506)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 411 Soil Mechanics and Foundations 4 Units
Prerequisite: GE Written Communication (A2) requirement; CIVL 321 (may be taken concurrently).
Typically Offered: Spring only
Soil properties, tests, and classification. Analysis of soil stresses,
consolidation, shear strength, lateral pressures, and ground water
movement. Related design consideration involving spread footings, piles,
retaining walls, and slopes. Use of programmable scientific calculator
required. 3 hours discussion, 3 hours laboratory. (001511)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 413 Advanced Structures 3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 313.
Typically Offered: Spring only
Application of the material from CIVL 313 to advanced topics in
structural analysis, including virtual work, second-order effects, the
stiffness method, structural dynamics, and modal analysis. Use of
computer software for the analysis of both two-dimensional and three-
dimensional structural systems. Investigation of selected topics. 3 hours
lecture. (021738)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 415 Reinforced Concrete Design 4 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 313. Recommended: CIVL 411.
Typically Offered: Fall only
The analysis and design of reinforced concrete structures and elements
by the strength design method. Laboratory includes experiments on
concrete, concrete structural elements, and a design project. 3 hours
discussion, 3 hours laboratory. (001514)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 431 Water and Wastewater Engineering 4 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 231 or faculty permission; junior standing.
Typically Offered: Spring only
Introduction to water quality, water supply, distribution, and drinking
water treatment; wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal.
Disease transmission; water quality parameters; physical, chemical, and
biological processes in the treatment of water, wastewater, and biosolids.
3 hours discussion, 3 hours laboratory. (001529)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course

CIVL 441 Transportation Engineering 4 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 140; CIVL 302W (may be taken concurrently).
Typically Offered: Fall only
Transportation systems and facility planning, design, construction,
operations, and maintenance. Pavement design and traffic engineering
fundamentals. Laboratory includes field studies, design exercises,
and modeling/forecasting tasks. 3 hours discussion, 3 hours
laboratory. (001520)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course
CIVL 451  Civil Engineering Competition A  1 Unit
Typically Offered: Fall only
This course prepares students for regional and national civil engineering competitions. Areas of preparation include writing proposals, developing a budget, team organization and leadership, engineering design, testing, technical report writing, and presentations. 2 hours activity. (022432)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 2 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 452  Civil Engineering Competition B  2 Units
Typically Offered: Spring only
This course prepares students for regional and national civil engineering competitions. Areas of preparation include writing proposals, developing a budget, team organization and leadership, engineering design, testing, technical report writing, and presentations. 4 hours activity. (022433)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 461  Water Resources Engineering  3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 205 or MECH 208; CIVL 321 with a grade of C- or higher.
Typically Offered: Spring only
Water resources engineering covers principles of hydraulics and hydrology relevant to civil engineering applications. Topics include open channel hydraulics, rainfall-runoff predictions, ground water hydraulics, water budget modeling, storm water routing, and urban storm water management. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion. (021142)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course; Laptop required

CIVL 495  Professional Issues in Engineering  3 Units
Prerequisite: GE Written Communication (A2) requirement; senior standing.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
History of engineering, professional registration, codes of ethics, management issues, diversity, outsourcing, intellectual property, international development and technology transfer, sustainable design. A substantial written project with oral presentation is required. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion. (003716)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 498  Advanced Topics  1-3 Units
Prerequisite: To be established when courses are formulated.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See The Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 3 hours lecture. (001537)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course more than once
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 499  Special Problems  1-3 Units
Prerequisite: Faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is an independent study of special problems offered for 1.0-3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 3 hours supervision. (001539)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 499H  Honors Project  3 Units
Prerequisite: Completion of 12 units of upper-division C E courses, faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
This course may be taken twice for a maximum of 6 units. Prerequisite to the second semester is a B or higher in the first semester. Open by invitation to C E majors who have a GPA among the top 5% of C E students based upon courses taken at CSU, Chico. This is an "Honors in the Major" course, a grade of B or higher in 6 units of 499H certifies the designation of "Honors in the Major" to be printed on the transcript and the diploma. Each 3-unit course will require both formal written and oral presentations. 9 hours supervision. (001540)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 551  Foundations Engineering  3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 411, CIVL 415 (may be taken concurrently).
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
The application of soil mechanics principles to the design of foundations for buildings and earth structures. Integration of structural design and soil response. 3 hours discussion. (001513)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 554  Steel Design  3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 313.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
Theory, analysis, and design of steel structural elements and systems using the Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) method. 3 hours discussion. (001500)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 556  Timber Design  3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 313.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
Theory and design procedures for timber structures and their connections to resist gravity and lateral loads. Basic element design by the Allowable Stress Design (ASD) and/or Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) methods are detailed. Also covered is design of floor and roof systems and shear walls. One or two 3-hour field trips required. 3 hours discussion. (001516)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
CIVL 556H  Timber Design - Honors  
Prerequisite: CIVL 313.  
Typically Offered: Inquire at department  
Theory and design procedures for timber structures and their connections to resist gravity and lateral loads. Basic element design by the Allowable Stress Design (ASD) and/or Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) methods are detailed. Also covered is design of floor and roof systems and shear walls. One or two 3-hour field trips required. 3 hours discussion.  
(020404)  
Grade Basis: Graded  
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 558  Earthquake and Wind Engineering  
Prerequisite: CIVL 415, CIVL 554, or CIVL 556.  
Typically Offered: Inquire at department  
Earthquake and wind hazard related to the structural design of buildings. Topics include engineering seismology, wind environment and climatology, structural dynamics, structural loading, and design methodologies. Use of computer software for the static and dynamic analysis of three-dimensional building systems. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion.  
(001518)  
Grade Basis: Graded  
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Laptop required

CIVL 558C  Earthquake and Wind Engineering - Capstone  
Prerequisite: CIVL 415, CIVL 554, or CIVL 556.  
Corequisites: CIVL 595W.  
Typically Offered: Inquire at department  
Earthquake and wind hazard related to the structural design of buildings. Topics include engineering seismology, wind environment and climatology, structural dynamics, structural loading, and design methodologies. Use of computer software for the static and dynamic analysis of three-dimensional building systems. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion.  
(021175)  
Grade Basis: Graded  
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Laptop required

CIVL 559H  Earthquake and Wind Engineering - Honors  
Prerequisite: CIVL 313, MATH 260. Recommended: Concurrent enrollment in or prior completion of CIVL 415, CIVL 554, CIVL 556.  
Typically Offered: Inquire at department  
Earthquake and wind hazard related to the structural design of buildings. Topics include engineering seismology, wind environment and climatology, structural dynamics, structural loading, and design methodologies. Use of computer software for the static and dynamic analysis of three-dimensional building systems. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion.  
(020405)  
Grade Basis: Graded  
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 561  Hydrology and Open Channels Hydraulics  
Prerequisite: CIVL 461.  
Typically Offered: Inquire at department  
Principles and applications of modern hydrology, precipitation, surface-water runoff, and open channel hydraulics. Includes topics in urban hydrology, stormwater controls and pollution controls. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion.  
(001526)  
Grade Basis: Graded  
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course; Laptop required

CIVL 561C  Hydrology and Open Channel Hydraulics - Capstone  
Prerequisite: CIVL 461.  
Corequisites: CIVL 595W.  
Typically Offered: Fall and spring  
Principles and application of modern hydrology, precipitation, surface-water runoff, and open channel hydraulics. Includes topics in urban hydrology, stormwater controls, and pollution controls. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion.  
(021246)  
Grade Basis: Graded  
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course; Laptop required

CIVL 562  Groundwater Hydrology  
Prerequisite: CIVL 461.  
Typically Offered: Inquire at department  
An introduction to modern groundwater hydrology emphasizing quantitative analysis of subsurface flow. Topics include well hydraulics, stream/aquifer interactions, and contaminant transport. Use of modeling tools and techniques is emphasized. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion.  
(001498)  
Grade Basis: Graded  
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course; Laptop required

CIVL 562C  Groundwater Hydrology - Capstone  
Prerequisite: CIVL 461.  
Corequisites: CIVL 595W.  
Typically Offered: Inquire at department  
An introduction to modern groundwater hydrology emphasizing quantitative analysis of subsurface flow. Topics include well hydraulics, stream/aquifer interactions, and contaminant transport. Use of modeling tools and techniques is emphasized. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion.  
(021177)  
Grade Basis: Graded  
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course

CIVL 564  Spatial Hydrology  
Prerequisite: CIVL 461; ERTH 380 for ERTH majors.  
Typically Offered: Inquire at department  
This course builds on aspects of the rapidly emerging field of spatial hydrology, GIS, and Python introduced during earlier coursework. As spatially explicit remotely sensed and numerically modeled hydrology and climate datasets continue to increase, students need new tools to manage, analyze, and visualize them. This course focuses on applying two core tools already introduced to students in earlier classes (i.e. geographic information systems (GIS) and Python) to a culminating capstone project focused on managing, analyzing, and visualizing how real-world hydrology and climate data sets are changing in space and time. 2 hours activity, 2 hours lecture.  
(022207)  
Grade Basis: Graded  
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course

CIVL 565  Hydrology and Open Channels Hydraulics  
Prerequisite: CIVL 461.  
Typically Offered: Inquire at department  
Principles and applications of modern hydrology, precipitation, surface-water runoff, and open channel hydraulics. Includes topics in urban hydrology, stormwater controls and pollution controls. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion.  
(001498)  
Grade Basis: Graded  
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units  
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course; Laptop required
CIVL 564C  Spatial Hydrology - Capstone  3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 461; ERTH 380 for ERTH majors.
Corequisites: CIVL 595W.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
This course builds on aspects of the rapidly emerging field of spatial hydrology, GIS, and Python introduced during earlier coursework. As spatially explicit remotely sensed and numerically modeled hydrology and climate datasets continue to increase, students need new tools to manage, analyze, and visualize them. This course focuses on applying two core tools already introduced to students in earlier classes (i.e., geographic information systems (GIS) and Python) to a culminating capstone project focused on managing, analyzing, and visualizing how real-world hydrology and climate data sets are changing in space and time. 2 hours activity, 2 hours lecture. (022208)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Laptop required

CIVL 567  Pipeline Hydraulics and Design  3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 302W, CIVL 461.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
Quantitative analysis of pressurized pipelines, pipe networks. The course includes analysis of transients in pipeline systems caused by valve movement, pump power failure, etc; design of transient control devices. 3 hours discussion. (001528)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Laptop required

CIVL 571  Natural Systems for Wastewater Treatment  3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 431 or faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
Natural systems for the treatment of wastewater; transmission of excreta-related infections; treatment systems for removal of pathogens; wastewater and biosolids reuse in agriculture and aquaculture. Special emphasis on the problems of developing countries. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion. (001533)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course

CIVL 571C  Natural Systems for Wastewater Treatment - Capstone  3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 431.
Corequisites: CIVL 595W.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
Natural systems for the treatment of wastewater; transmission of excreta-related infections; treatment systems for removal of pathogens; wastewater and biosolids reuse in agriculture and aquaculture. Special emphasis on the problems of developing countries. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion. (021241)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course; Laptop required

CIVL 573  Water Quality and Contaminant Transport  3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 231 or CIVL 431.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
This course introduces and develops fundamental chemical concepts that explain pollutant fate and transport in soil, water, and air. In addition to chemical concepts, students learn how to develop and apply remediation strategies based on contaminant behavior. Remedial system design addresses topics such as acid mine drainage, organic solvent contaminated groundwater, crude oil in surface water, and other areas of student interest. 3 hours discussion. (001535)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course; Laptop required

CIVL 575  Solid and Hazardous Waste Management  3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 431 or faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
An introduction to the handling and management of solid and hazardous wastes. Emphasis on state-of-the-art engineering techniques and contemporary management issues based on social, economic, and legal considerations; risk assessment; case studies. Special emphasis on problems of developing countries. 3 hours discussion. (001536)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course

CIVL 575C  Solid and Hazardous Waste Management - Capstone  3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 431 or faculty permission.
Corequisites: CIVL 595W.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
An introduction to the handling and management of solid and hazardous wastes. Emphasis on state-of-the-art engineering techniques and contemporary management issues based on social, economic, and legal considerations; risk assessment; case studies. Special emphasis on problems of developing countries. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion. (021326)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Sustainable Course

CIVL 586  Advanced Transportation Engineering Design  3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 441.
Typically Offered: Spring only
This course presents selected topics in advanced transportation engineering techniques, design, and analysis. These topics cover the advanced technologies in the areas of transportation pavements, transportation materials, traffic engineering, and travel demand modeling. The course is also designed to equip students with practical design oriented experience with comprehensive knowledge learned through previous transportation related classes. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion. (021248)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Laptop required
CIVL 586C Advanced Transportation Engineering Design - Capstone 3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 441.
Corequisites: CIVL 595W.
Typically Offered: Spring only
This course presents selected topics in advanced transportation engineering techniques, design, and analysis. These topics cover the advanced technologies in the areas of transportation pavements, transportation materials, traffic engineering, and travel demand modeling. The course is also designed to equip students with practical design oriented experience with comprehensive knowledge learned through previous transportation related courses. 2 hours activity, 2 hours discussion. (021261)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Laptop required

CIVL 595W Capstone Design Project (W) 3 Units W, GW
Prerequisite: GE Oral Communication (A1) requirement, GE Written Communication (A2) requirement, Junior standing.
Corequisites: CIVL 558C, CIVL 561C, CIVL 562C, CIVL 564C, CIVL 571C, CIVL 575C, or CIVL 586C.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course provides a broad-based capstone design experience in a coordinated semester long project. In support of the design project, emphasis is placed on fundamentals of technical writing, contracts, and specifications common to many fields of civil engineering. 3 hours discussion. (021174)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course; Graduation Writing Assessment

CIVL 598 Advanced Special Topics 1-3 Units
Prerequisite: To be established when courses are formulated.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See The Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 3 hours lecture. (020064)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course more than once
Course Attributes: Upper Division

CIVL 599 Special Problems 1-3 Units
Prerequisite: Faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
This course is an independent study of special problems offered for 1.0-3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 0 hours supervision. (020171)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Laptop required

CIVL 682 Introduction to Pavement Preservation 3 Units
Prerequisite: Bachelor’s Degree or faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
An overview of terms related to pavement management systems and their use in identifying both functional and structural distresses in flexible and rigid pavement and their role in pavement preservation strategies. 3 hours lecture. (020773)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division; Sustainable Course

CIVL 684 Rigid Pavement Preservation 3 Units
Prerequisite: CIVL 682 or faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
Rigid pavement distress causes and measurements; project selection for preservation methods; construction best practices for preservation, maintenance, and rehabilitation processes. 3 hours lecture. (020775)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division; Sustainable Course

CIVL 697 Independent Study 1-3 Units
Prerequisite: Faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is a graduate-level independent study offered for 1.0-3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 9 hours supervision. (001551)
Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division

CIVL 698 Special Topics 1-3 Units
Prerequisite: Department permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 3 hours lecture. (001550)
Grade Basis: Graduate Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division

CIVL 699P Master’s Project 1-6 Units
Prerequisite: Department permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 3 hours supervision. (001558)
Grade Basis: Report in Progress: CR/NC
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division

CIVL 699T Master’s Thesis 1-6 Units
Prerequisite: Faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is a master’s study offered as either a Master’s Thesis or as a Master’s Project for 1.0-6.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 3 hours supervision. (001555)
Grade Basis: Report in Progress: CR/NC
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division

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