

Course Unit Title	Soil Mechanics I	
Course Unit Code	CE361	
Type of Course Unit	Compulsory	
Level of Course Unit	1	
National Credits	4	
Number of ECTS Credits Allocated	6	
Theoretical (hour/week)	4	
Practice (hour/week)	--	
Laboratory (hour/week)	1	
Year of Study	3	
Semester when the course unit is delivered	1	
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Mode of Delivery	Face to Face; Formal Lectures and Laboratory practice	
Language of Instruction	English	
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Geo102	
Recommended Optional Programme Components	Basic knowledge of Physics.	
Objectives of the Course:		
The students are expected to get introduced to engineering problems involving soil and ground investigation. Topics including: Soil description and classification. Phase relationship. Compaction of soil, Hydrostatic and excess pore pressure, principles of effective stress. Permeability, Darcy's law, seepage and flow nets.		
Learning Outcomes		
When this course has been completed the students should be able to		Assessment
1	After completion of this course students are expected to be familiar to soil classifications and be able to solve phase relationship, soil basic stress and permeability related problems	1
Assessment Methods: 1. Written Exam 2. Assignment 3. Project/Report 4. Presentation 5. Lab. Work		
Course's Contribution to Program		
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1	Ability to relate and apply fundamental sciences to learning the essential civil engineering concepts and theories of different branches.	5
2	Ability to understand the derivation of these concepts and theories by relating them to the real-life engineering cases within the related civil engineering branch.	5
3	Ability to define clearly and analyze the engineering problems by applying the introduced civil engineering concepts and theories of the related branch.	3

4	Ability to use decision-making skills and perform design calculations correctly for the solution of the defined problem/project by applying the introduced theories of the related civil engineering branch.	3
5	Ability to understand and carry out the practical applications of learned civil engineering concepts and theories on site and/or laboratory.	4
6	Ability to use software packages for the analysis and/or the design of the defined civil engineering problems/projects.	2
7	Ability to manage time and resources effectively and efficiently while carrying out civil engineering projects.	4
8	Ability to participate in team-works in a harmonized manner for the solution of the targeted problem.	4
9	Ability to write technical reports and/or to carry out presentations on the studied engineering project using the modern techniques and facilities.	3
10	Ability to carry out and finalize a civil engineering study/project by showing professional ethics.	2
CL:Contribution Level(1:VeryLow, 2: Low, 3:Moderate,4:High,5:VeryHigh)		

Course Contents			
Week	Chapter		Exams
136.	1	Introduction to geotechnical engineering and soil problems	
137.	2	Phase relationships, theory, phase diagram	
138.	2	Phase relationship problems, solving example	
139.	2,3	Particle distribution analysis, sieve analysis, Hydrometer	
140.	3	Using standard tables for classification	
141.	3	Soil classification examples and Atterberg limits	Quiz
142.	4	Atterberg limits and related formulas, tests, examples	

143.			Mid-term Examination
144.	5	Soil compaction	
145.	5	Compaction examples	Quiz

146.	6	Stresses in Soil masses	
147.	6,7	Effective stress and hydrostatic pressure	
148.	7	Darcy's law, Flow-net	
149.	7	Calculation of permeability and uplift pressure in soil	Quiz
150.			Final Examination

Recommended Sources

Textbook: Principles of Geotechnical Engineering, Braja M. Das

Supplementary Material(s): Craig's Soil Mechanics, R. F. Craig

Assessment

Attendance & Assignment	5%	
Midterm Exam (Written)	30%	
Quiz (Written)	10%	
Final Exam (Written)	45%	
Lab reports	10%	
Total	100%	

ECTS Allocated Based on the Student Workload

Activities	Number	Duration (hour)	Total Workload (hour)
Course duration in class (including the Exam week)	15	4	60
Tutorials and Laboratory	6	2	12
Assignments	2	2	4
Project/Presentation/Report Writing	6	4	24
E-learning Activities	--	--	
Quizzes	3	1	3
Midterm Examination	1	2	2
Final Examination	1	2	2
Self-Study	15	4	60
Total Workload			167
Total Workload/30 (h)			5.6
ECTS Credit of the Course			6