

VIETNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, HCMC
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Department of Civil Engineering



STUDENT HANDBOOK

CIVIL ENGINEERING

2015 - 2016

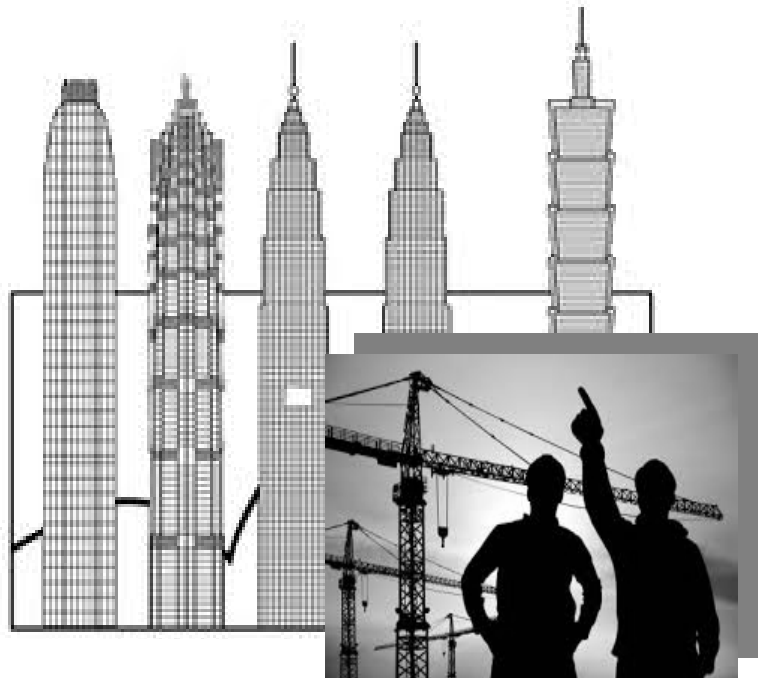


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A. OVERVIEW

1. International University

International University (IU), one of six member universities of Vietnam National University HCMC, was established in December 2003. As an interdisciplinary university, it is the first public university in Vietnam that uses English as the primary language in teaching and researching.

IU and its partner universities currently offer undergraduate and graduate accredited programs. The focus has been on offering academic majors that are aligned with the growing demand for human resources in such fields as economics, management, science, and technology. IU's overall model adheres to the international standards in developing syllabi or curricula in collaboration with several top universities in the United States, Europe, and Asia.

❖ Vision

Within five years the International University will become a high quality, research-oriented university with:

- courses taught to international standards;
- a large, dedicated, highly competent faculty;

- modern facilities for instruction and research;
- a professional administrative staff;
- high quality students;
- an alumni of well-trained graduates, familiar with modern technology, conversant with current, best practices in industry, and able to work in international settings; and
- a reputation as a pioneer in higher education management.

❖ **Missions**

- To provide international quality undergraduate and postgraduate education and training in Engineering and Economics in order to meet the development demands of Vietnam;
- To conduct research and apply it to industry and society; and
- To play a key role in the development of the community.

2. Civil Engineering Department

❖ Missions

The mission of the Department of Civil Engineering is to provide quality education to prepare undergraduate students for a successful career in civil engineering; to provide advanced skills and knowledge in research and design of civil engineering for graduate students; and to provide service to the university, engineering profession, and the public.

Consistent with the mission of the university, the mission of Department of Civil Engineering is:

- To produce civil engineers of high caliber, technical skills and ethical values to serve the society and nation.
- To provide knowledge base and consultancy services for civil engineering.
- To promote innovative and original thinking in the minds of engineers to face the challenges of future.

❖ Educational Objective

The objectives of Department of Civil Engineering were developed according to the regional, national and industrial demands and needs:

- Established a mastery of fundamental knowledge, problem solving skills, engineering experimental abilities, and design capabilities for a civil engineer.

- Established the knowledge and skills necessary for identifying and assessing design alternatives and the related social, economic, environmental, and public safety impacts.
- Demonstrated ability to deal effectively with ethical and professional issues.
- Contribute to the economic and social development of the region and country by maintaining mutually beneficial partnerships with the public and private sectors.

❖ **Job Opportunities**

Having a solid background in Civil Engineering as well as proficiency in English, students graduating from Department of Civil Engineering will have more opportunity to acquire employment different civil engineering fields, such as:

- Tall Building Structures Design
- Road and Bridge Structures Design
- Hydraulic Structures Design
- Steel Structures Design
- Construction Management

❖ Academic Program

Department of Civil Engineering offers two types of training programs:

- **The training program at International University (4 years)**

The 4-year undergraduate program in Civil Engineering is educated at International University. On completion of this course, students are awarded the degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering by Vietnam National University, HCMC.

- **The twinning program between the International University and a foreign partner university (2+2 program)**

These programs allow students to spend the first two years studying at the International University and the other two years at the partner universities. After completing the second phase and meeting all requirements from the partner universities, students will be awarded the Bachelor Degree by the partner universities. Currently, Civil Engineering Department has Rutgers University twinning program.

❖ Learning Outcomes

Graduates from Department of Civil Engineering should have attained:

- a. an ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering;
- b. an ability to design and conduct experiments, as well as to

- analyze and interpret data;
- c. an ability to design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs within realistic constraints such as economic, environmental, social, political, ethical, health and safety, manufacturability, and sustainability ;
 - d. an ability to function on multi-disciplinary teams;
 - e. an ability to identify, formulate, and solve civil engineering problems;
 - f. an understanding of professional and ethical responsibility;
 - g. an ability to communicate effectively;
 - h. the broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context;
 - i. a recognition of the need for, and an ability to engage in life-long learning;
 - j. a knowledge of contemporary issues;
 - k. an ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for civil engineering practice;
- and
- l. a knowledge of structure design, construction and management.

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B. CIVIL ENGINEERING PROGRAM

1. Overview

The Bachelor of Civil Engineering requires at least **143 credits** for graduation including required and elective courses. In addition to these required credits, students need to complete (1) two courses of physical training and (2) the certificate of military training. The English outcome requirement for graduates is TOEFL (paper test) of 550; or TOEFL (iBT) of 79; or IELTS of 6.5; or equivalence (Decision No. 796/QĐ-ĐHQT-ĐT issued on the 3rd of December, 2010).

The curriculum specification as the following table:

Semester	Group of Courses	Credits	Percentage (%)
1 st – 4 th	General knowledge	51	36
	Political education - Principles of Marxism (5 Crds) - Ho Chi Minh's Thoughts (2 Crds) - Revolutionary Lines of VCP (3 Crds)	10	7
	Social science and general education - Critical thinking (3 Crds)	3	2
	English proficiency - Academic English 1 (4 Crds) - Academic English 2 (4 Crds)	8	6
	Basic mathematics and science - Calculus 1 (4 Crds) - Calculus 2 (4 Crds) - Differential Equations (4 Crds)	30	21

Semester	Group of Courses	Credits	Percentage (%)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Numerical Methods (3 Crds) - Physics 1 (2 Crds) - Physics 2 (2 Crds) - Physics 3 (3 Crds) - Physics 3 Laboratory (1 Crd) - Chemistry for Engineers (3 Crds) - Chemistry Laboratory (1 Crd) - Introduction to Computer for Engineers (3 Crds) 		
1st – 6th	Core major requirement	33	23
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engineering Mechanics – Statics (3 Crds) - Engineering Mechanics – Dynamics (3 Crds) - Mechanics of Material 1 (2 Crds) - Mechanics of Material 2 (2 Crds) - Mechanics of Material Laboratory (1 Crd) - Structural Analysis 1 (2 Crds) - Structural Analysis 2 (3 Crds) - Fluid Mechanics (2 Crds) - Fluid Mechanics Laboratory (1 Crd) - Soil Mechanics (3 Crds) - Soil Mechanics Laboratory (1 Crd) - Surveying (2 Crds) - Surveying Practice (1 Crd) - Computer-Aided Design and Drafting (CADD) (3 Crds) - Practice CADD (1 Crd) - Civil Architecture (3 Crds) 		

Semester	Group of Courses	Credits	Percentage (%)
4 th – 7 th	Specialization requirement	46	32
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction Materials (3 Crds) - Hydrology – Hydraulics (3 Crds) - Water Supply Sewerage (3 Crds) - Reinforced Concrete 1 (3 Crds) - Reinforced Concrete 2 (3 Crds) - Reinforced Concrete Project (1 Crd) - Steel Structure (3 Crds) - Steel Structure Project (1 Crd) - Foundation Engineering (3 Crds) - Foundation Project (1 Crd) - Construction Engineering (3 Crds) - Construction Management (3 Crds) - Construction Project (1 Crd) - CE Elective (9 of 12 Crds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Bridges Engineering + Dynamics of Structures + Hydraulics Structures + Tall Buildings - IU Free Elective (6 Crds) 		
7 th – 8 th	Professional practice and research	13	9
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summer Internship - Thesis 		

❖ **List of General Electives**

Students have to take at least **02 course** from following list

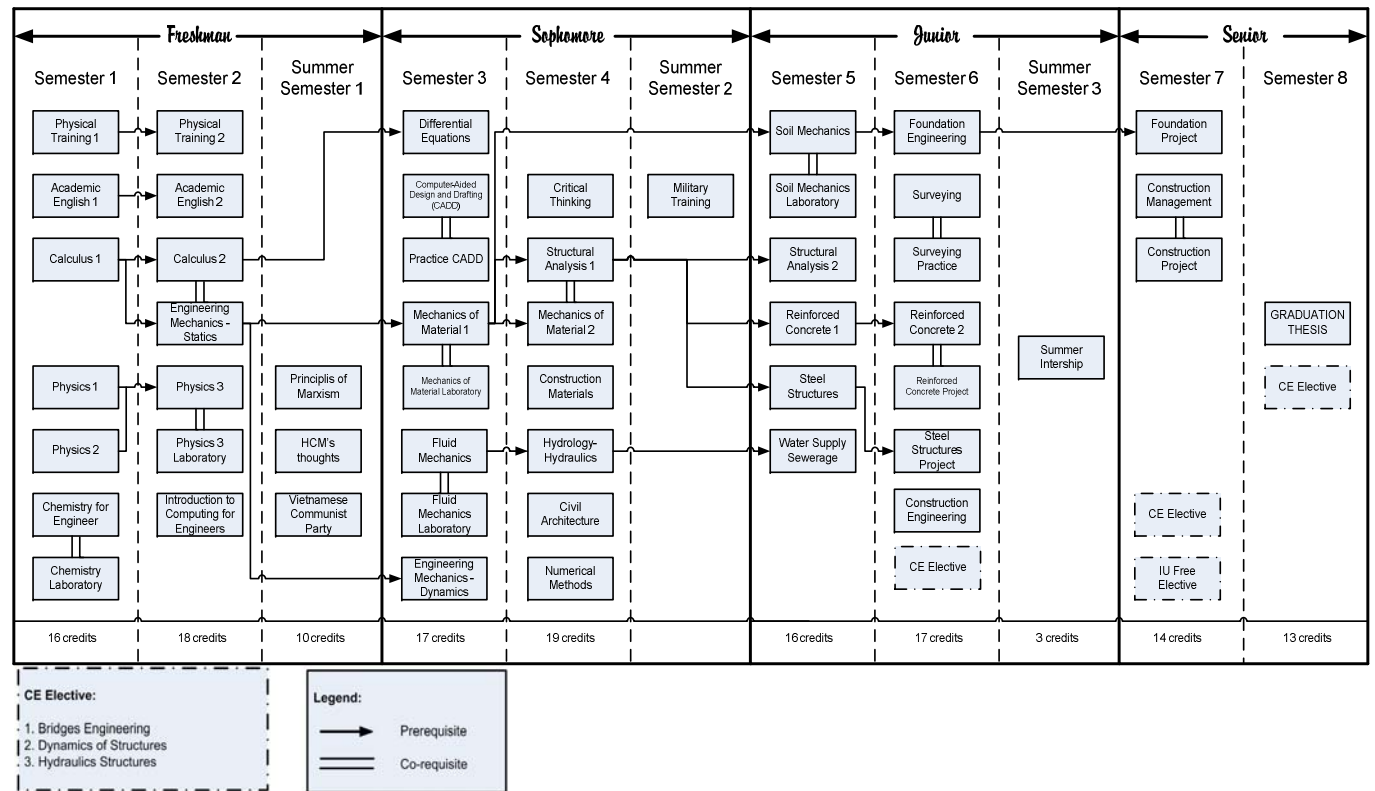
Code	Name of Courses	Credits
BA003IU	Principles of Marketing	3
BA006IU	Business Communication	3
BA020IU	Business Ethics	3
BA116IU	Introduction to Social Science	3
BA118IU	Introduction to Psychology	3
BA117IU	Introduction to Microeconomics	3
BA119IU	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3
BA123IU	Principles of Management	3
BA130IU	Organizational Behavior	3
BA167IU	Introduction to Vietnamese Legal System	3
BA169IU	Management Information Systems	3
BM007IU	Introduction to Biomedical Engineering	4
BM009IU	BME Capstone Design Course	4
BT158IU	Introduction to Bioengineering	3
BTFT201IU	Introduction to Food Science and Technology	3
AR009IU	Aquatic Resources Management	3
CH013IU	Analytical Chemistry	3+1
IS019IU	Production Management	3
IS026IU	Project Management	3
IT063IU	Theoretical Models in Computing	4
IT091IU	Computer Networks	4
IT094IU	Information System Management	4

❖ **List of CE Electives**

Students must take at least **03 courses** from following list

Code	Name of Courses	Credits
CE411IU	Bridges Engineering	3
CE412IU	Dynamics of Structures	3
CE413IU	Hydraulics Structures	3
CE414IU	Tall Buildings	3

2. Curriculum Map



3. Curriculum Distribution

Freshman Year

Semester 1			Semester 2		
EN007IU	Writing AE1	2	EN011IU	Writing AE2	2
EN008IU	Listening AE1	2	EN012IU	Speaking AE2	2
MA001IU	Calculus 1	4	MA003IU	Calculus 2	4
PH013IU	Physics 1	2	PH015IU	Physics 3	3
PH014IU	Physics 2	2	PH017IU	Physics 3 Laboratory	1
CH011IU	Chemistry for Engineer	3	CE101IU	Engineering Mechanics - Statics	3
CH012IU	Chemistry Laboratory	1	CE102IU	Introduction to Computing for Civil Engineers	3
PT001IU	Physical Training		PT001IU	Physical Training	
Total Credits		16	Total Credits		18

Summer Semester 1 - POLITICAL EDUCATION

PE011IU	Principles of Marxism	5
PE012IU	HCM's thoughts	2
PE013IU	Vietnamese Communist Party	3
Total Credits		10

Sophomore Year

Semester 3			Semester 4		
MA024IU	Differential Equations	4	CE213IU	Computational Methods for Civil Engineering	3
CE204IU	Computer-Aided Design and Drafting (CADD)	3	CE209IU	Structural Analysis 1	2
CE205IU	Practice CADD	1	CE208IU	Mechanics of Materials 2	2
CE201IU	Mechanics of Materials 1	2	CE210IU	Construction Materials	3
CE202IU	Mechanics of Materials Laboratory	1	CE211IU	Hydrology- Hydraulics	3
CE203IU	Engineering Mechanics- Dynamics	3	PE008IU	Critical Thinking	3
CE206IU	Fluid Mechanics	2	CE212IU	Civil Architecture	3
CE207IU	Fluid Mechanics Laboratory	1			
Total Credits		17	Total Credits		19

Summer Semester 2 - MILITARY TRAINING

Junior Year**Semester 5**

CE301IU	Structural Analysis 2	3
CE302IU	Soil Mechanics	3
CE303IU	Soil Mechanics Laboratory	1
CE304IU	Reinforced concrete 1	3
CE305IU	Steel Structures	3
CE306IU	Water Supply and Sewerage	3

Semester 6

CE307IU	Surveying	2
CE308IU	Surveying Practice	1
CE309IU	Foundation Engineering	3
CE310IU	Reinforced Concrete 2	3
CE311IU	Construction Engineering	3
CE312IU	Steel Structures Project	1
CE313IU	Reinforced Concrete Project	1
CE_ _ _	CE Elective	3

Total Credits**16**

Total Credits**17**

Summer Semester 3

CE314IU	Summer Internship	3
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Senior Year**Semester 7**

CE401IU	Construction Management	3
CE_ _ _	CE Elective	3
_ _ _ IU	IU Free Elective	3
_ _ _ IU	IU Free Elective	3
CE402IU	Foundation Project	1
CE403IU	Construction Project	1

Semester 8

CE_ _ _	CE Elective	3
CE420IU	GRADUATION THESIS	10

Total credit**14**

Total Credits**13**

Total credits: 143

IE – Intensive English Program

Students, who are not qualified with the entrance English requirement (TOEFL iBT 60; TOEFL PBT 500; or IELTS 5.5), have to study the Intensive English Program before start the academic curriculum. The table of English proficiency equivalency is as

Level	TOEFL iBT	TOEFL PBT	IELTS
IE1	< 24	< 373	< 4.0
IE2	24 – 35	374 – 417	4.5
IE3	36 – 48	418 – 460	5.0
IE4	49 – 60	461 – 500	5.5
AE1, AE2	61 – 79	501 – 550	6.0

English Program Distribution

Level	SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2	
	IE1	IE2	IE3	IE4
Skill Taught	4 skills	4 skills	4 skills	4 skills
Credits	11	11	11	11
Periods	165	165	165	165
Weeks	7	7	7	7

TOEFL iBT-based curriculum

Level	SEMESTER 3	SEMESTER 4
	AE1	AE2
Skill Taught	Listening & Note-taking Academic writing 1	Effective presentations Academic writing 2
Credits	4	4
Periods	60	60
Weeks	15	15

Academic English (Study Skills)

C. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

1. Specialization Selection

After completing the first two years of the program, students are allowed to choose their specialization. Specialization is the research area which students are interested in and wish to continue with for final thesis. Department of Civil Engineering currently offers three specializations:

- ❖ Tall Building Structures Design
- ❖ Roads and Bridges Structures Design
- ❖ Hydraulics Structures Design

Once specialization is chosen, students have to take the required courses for each specialization, relevant elective courses and final thesis.

2. Summer Internship Registration

Students are allowed to register for summer internship before the academic year when they aim to apply for thesis.

- ❖ **Objectives:**
 - To develop skills in the application of theory to practical work situations;
 - To develop skills and techniques directly applicable to their careers;

- To provide students the opportunity to get involve with company before graduated.

❖ **Internship duration:** minimum 8 weeks (full-time working)

3. Thesis Registration

❖ **Criteria:**

- Successfully accumulate at least 90% of credit numbers of the academic curriculum and finish all projects.
- Do not under any academic admonishment.

❖ **Duration:** minimum 12 weeks

4. Graduation Criteria

Students have to complete all of the following requirements for graduation:

- Successfully complete the academic curriculum (144 credits) with GPA ≥ 50
- Meet the minimum English requirement of 550 TOEFL PBT or its equivalence: 79 TOEFL iBT, 6.5 IELTS
- Military Education Certification
- Meet other requirements in accordance with the regulations for graduation set by the IU

5. Scholarship Information

❖ University Scholarship (Decision No 99 &100/DHQT-DT)

Each semester, top 10% of students with highest GPA will receive scholarship from the IU. 4% of students will receive full scholarship (12.620.000 VND for Fall/Spring semester or 6.310.000 VND for Summer semester) and 6% of students will receive half scholarship (6.310.000 VND for Fall/Spring semester or 3.165.000 for Summer semester).

❖ Minimum requirements:

- Complete the Academic English 1 (AE1)
- Register at least 12 credits for Fall/Spring semester or 6 credits for Summer semester
- Semester GPA ≥ 70 (with no course fails in that semester)

❖ Admission Scholarship 2016

- **Full scholarship** (full tuition exemption for 4 years – equivalent to 168.000.000 VND): Students have entrance examination scores ≥ 24.5
- **Partial scholarship** (half tuition exemption for 4 years – equivalent to 84.000.000 VND): Student have entrance examination scores ≥ 23.5
- **Condition to maintain Scholarships:** Students must have GPA each semester ≥ 70 and the score of every subject ≥ 50 .

6. Course Registration

Course registration aims at helping students gain full success in building their own training plan, selecting appropriate subjects for every semester in such a way that can meet his or her own personal capacity and conditions for the highest achievement.

- Students should register a minimum of 12 credits, except for the last semester.
- Students should register a maximum of 24 credits in one semester, except for the last semester, for those who have cumulative GPA ≥ 65
- The subject registration form must be approved by the academic advisors.
- For exceptional cases, students must file for the consideration of the Dean of Department.
- Students do online course registration on the website: <https://hcmiu.edu.vn/edusoftweb/> (username and password for student will be created by the university).
- The registration time will be informed at the Department of Civil Engineering.

❖ Adjusting Student Timetable

When receiving the timetables, students must check the information including the number of registered courses, tuition fees, etc... if there should any errors, students must report to the Department within three days of the timetable announcement.

The Department must check (through the academic advisors) and give their opinions on the students' file of document, and then send them to the Office of Academic Affairs for settlement

❖ **Adding and Dropping Courses**

In the first week of teaching, based on their timetables, ability and learning conditions, students can file for adding and dropping courses.

7. Academic Probation

University Academic Committee will consider to settle the academic matters after first and summer semester annually. The result of the summer semester will be added to that of second semester of the correspondent year upon academic settling.

Student violating the below regulation will be admonished academically:

- Those who acquire insufficient credits as required by the specialization in one semester;
- Cumulative GPA < 35.
- Having two consecutive cumulative GPA < 50.

The duration for academic probation will last in the succeeding formal semester.

8. Academic suspension

Students violating one of the below regulation will be suspended academically:

- The ultimate time for studying has finished;
- To drop out of university more than one semester without approval of IU;
- Students are warned more than 2 times;
- Do not register courses for each semester;
- Do not finish tuition fees in the prescribed time.

9. Academic Information

- Students can see all studying results in each semester and training results at the Department of Civil Engineering.
- In studying process, student can ask for student's transcript at the Office of Academic Affairs.
- For student who is warned or suspended, the university will send the information for student's family.

10. Grading Criteria

CLASSIFICATION	SCALE 0 OF 100	SCALE 0 OF 4	LETTER GRADE
PASS			
Excellent	$85 \leq \text{GPA} \leq 100$	4.0	A
Very Good	$75 \leq \text{GPA} < 85$	3.75	A-
Good	$65 \leq \text{GPA} < 75$	3.5	B+
Fairly good	$60 \leq \text{GPA} < 65$	3.0	B
Fair	$55 \leq \text{GPA} < 60$	2.5	C+
Average	$50 \leq \text{GPA} < 55$	2.0	C
FAIL			
Weak	$30 \leq \text{GPA} < 50$	1.3	D+
Rather weak	$10 \leq \text{GPA} < 30$	1.0	D
Too weak	$\text{GPA} < 10$	0.0	F

11. List of Academic Advisors

Following is list of Academic Advisor, please contact with your advisors for academic advices.

- Year 2011** : Assoc. Prof. PhD. Lê Văn Cảnh
- Year 2012** : PhD. Nguyễn Đình Hùng
- Year 2013** : PhD. Trần Cao Thanh Ngọc
- Year 2014** : MSc. Phạm Nhân Hòa
- Year 2015** : PhD. Phạm Ngọc
- Year 2016** : Assoc. Prof. PhD. Lưu Trường Văn

D. FACULTY DIRECTOR

CHU QUỐC THẮNG, Assoc. Prof. PhD – Head of Department of Civil Engineering

Degree: PhD, TTI – Hungary, 1984
BEng, Civil Engineering, National University of Civil Engineering, 1974

Teaching: Mechanics of Material 1, Mechanics of Material 2

Research Structure control

Interest: Finite element methods
Thin-walled structures
Dynamics of structures
Computational mechanics
Non-linear analysis (geometry, materials, connections)

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MSc in Mechanics of Construction, University of Liege - HCMC University of Technology, 2004
BEng, Industrial and Civil Engineering, Hanoi Architectural University, 2001

Teaching: Structural Analysis 1, Structural Analysis 2, Foundation engineering

Research Multi-scale modelling, macro-micro computational

Interest: homogenization
Computational Mechanics, Computational Plasticity (Limit and Shakedown Analysis)
Numerical Methods: meshfree methods, finite elements, SFEM, XFEM
Error estimation and adaptivity
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M.Eng in Construction Engineering and Management, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) - Thailand, 2002
B.Eng, Civil Engineering, HCMC University of Technology, 1991

Teaching: Construction Engineering, Construction Management, Project Management

Research Interest: Construction project management, Performance measurement, Applying System Dynamics in construction, Quality Function Deployment (QFD), Construction safety management, Financial management for construction, Project appraisal management, Procurement management in construction

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MEng, Tokyo Institute of Technology - Japan, 2008
BEng, Hanoi University of Transport and Communication, 2003

Teaching: Construction Materials, Construction Materials Lab., Soil Mechanics, Soil Mechanics Lab., Bridge Engineering, Structure Design and Maintenance

Research Interest: Mechanics of Structural Concrete,
Analysis and Design of Concrete Structures:
+ Reinforced Concrete Structures,
+ Pre-stressed/Precast Concrete Structures,
+ Segmental Concrete Structures/Bridges,
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BEng, Nanyang Technological University - Singapore, 2006

Teaching: Mechanics of Materials Lab, Reinforced Concrete 1, Reinforced Concrete 2, Reinforced Concrete Project, Tall Buildings

Research Earthquake and Blast Resistant Design

Interest: Structural Dynamics
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PHẠM NGỌC, PhD – Lecturer

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PhD, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Tohoku University, Japan, 2005-2008

M.Eng, Civil Engineering, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand, 2001-2003

B.Eng, Water Resources Engineering, Hanoi Water Resources University, Vietnam, 1992-1997

Teaching: Fluid Mechanics, Hydraulic Structures, Sustainable Building Systems

Research Eco-hydraulic/hydrology, probability design, , Climate Change

Interest: Integrated water resources management, Sustainable water infrastructures development, Sustainable river basin planning and management, Water related-disasters risk assessment and management.

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MSc. in Mechanics of Construction, University of Liege - HCMC University of Technology, 2006
BEng. in Civil Engineering Department, HCMC University of Technology, 2003

Teaching: Introduction to Computing for Civil Engineering, Engineering Mechanics, Steel Structure, Steel Structure Project

Research: Structural Control

Interest: Dynamics of Structures
Earthquake Engineering

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ANGELI DOLIENTE CABALTICA, MSc – Lecturer

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MSc Environmental Sanitation, Ghent University - Belgium, 2007
BSc Civil Engineering, University of The Philippines at Los Baños - Philippines, 1996

Teaching: Fluid Mechanics, Fluid Mechanics Lab, Hydrology – Hydraulics, Water Supply Sewerage

Research Interest: Flood studies (flood risks; flood forecasting; sustainable flood prevention/protection/mitigation strategy), River Assessment (habitat modelling; hydro peaking studies), Sanitation (solid waste management; wastewater treatment)

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VŨ XUÂN BÁCH, MSc – Lecturer

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BEng in Civil Engineering, HCMC University of Technology, 2010

Teaching: Foundation Engineering, Foundation Project

Research Seismic design of high rise buildings

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E. COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. Lower Division

MA001IU

4 credits

Calculus 1

Functions; Limits; Continuity; Derivatives, Differentiation, Derivatives of basic elementary functions, differentiation rules; Application of Differentiation: L'Hopital's rule, Optimization, Newton's method; Anti-derivatives; Indefinite integrals, definite integrals; Fundamental theorem of calculus; Technique of integration; Improper integrals; Applications of integration.

MA003IU

4 credits

Calculus 2

Sequence and series; Convergence tests; Power series; Taylor & Maclaurin series; Cartesian Coordinates; Lines, Planes and Surfaces; Derivatives and integrals of vector functions; Arc length and curvature; parametric surfaces; Functions of several variables; Limits, continuity, partial derivatives, tangent planes; Gradient vectors; Extrema; Lagrange multipliers; Multiple integrals: double integrals, triple integrals, techniques of integration; Vector fields, line integrals, surface integrals.

Prerequisite: MA001IU (Calculus 1)

MA024IU

4 credits

Differential Equations

First-order differential equations; second-order linear differential equations, undetermined coefficients, variation of parameters, applications, higher-order linear differential equations, systems of first-order linear equations, elementary partial differential equations and the method of separation of variables. This course also provides the laboratory by using MAPLE and MATLAB to solve many different types of differential equations.

Prerequisite: MA003IU (Calculus 2)

PH013IU

2 credits

Physics 1 (Engineering Mechanics)

An introduction to mechanics including: planar forces, free body diagrams, planar equilibrium of rigid bodies, friction, distributed forces, internal forces, shear force and bending moment diagrams, simple stress and strain and associated material properties, kinematics and kinetic of particles, work and energy, motion of rigid bodies in a plane.

PH014IU

2 credits

Physics 2 (Thermodynamics)

This course provides students basic knowledge about fluid mechanics; macroscopic description of gases; heat and the first law of thermodynamics; heat engines and the second law of thermodynamics; microscopic description of gases and the kinetic theory of gases.

PH015IU

3 credits

Physics 3 (Electricity & Magnetism)

To provide a thorough introduction to the basic principles of physics to physics and engineering students in order to prepare them for further study in physics and to support their understanding and design of practical applications in their fields. Content: Electrostatics, particles in electric and magnetic fields, electromagnetism, circuits, Maxwell's equations, electromagnetic radiation.

Co-requisite:PH016IU (Physics 3 Laboratory)

PH017IU

1 credit

Physics 3 Laboratory

This laboratory includes the topics on vector and uncertainties; electrostatic; Ohm's law; magnetic force; ampere law; faraday law and RLC circuits.

Co-requisite:PH015IU (Physics 3)

CH011IU

3 credits

Chemistry for Engineers

This course is designed for non-chemistry majors, as it is intended for students pursuing a degree in information technology, electronic and telecommunication. The course is designed to provide a strong background in the fundamentals of chemistry, preparing students for further study in their major field. Topics include important principles, theories, concepts of chemistry, and chemical calculations necessary for a comprehension of the structure of matter, the chemical actions of the common elements and compounds. The impact of chemistry on everyday life and on the environment is also introduced wherever possible.

Co-requisite: CH012IU (Chemistry for Engineers Laboratory)

EN007IU & EN008IU

4 credits

Academic English 1

This course concentrates on academic English listening and writing skills. Strategies for Academic Listening, Note-taking, and Discussion will help the student face the challenges of learning English in an Academic environment. The student will learn to do all the things that successful international college students do – listen actively to lectures, take effective notes, and participate confidently in discussions about the lecture with classmates and the lecturer. While learning these strategies, you will also learn and use common academic vocabulary as well as useful idioms. Writing skills are developed for pre-advanced academic writers. It focuses on composition writing using Writing process, Building Framework, Description, Opinion, Process, Comparison-Contrast, Cause-Effect, Problem-Solution, and Argument. Students will have writing practice in “Real-World Writing” formats.

EN011IU & EN012IU

4 credits

Academic English 2

This course concentrates on academic English speaking and writing skills.

Speaking subject provides students with the skills to be able prepare and deliver effective formal, structured presentations that are appropriate to the specific environment and audience. Writing subject provides an overview of the organizational format for a research paper and assists students in completing research projects in any content area course by providing assistance in writing effective research papers using a step-by-step process approach. Course content includes the components of a research paper, and techniques of selecting and narrowing topics; writing thesis statements; outlining; locating and documenting sources; taking notes; writing introductions, body paragraphs, and conclusions; and writing rough and final drafts. Students work with projects relating to their content area courses.

Prerequisite: EN007IU & EN008IU (Academic English 1)

PE008IU

3 credits

Critical Thinking

This course provides students the fundamental knowledge of critical thinking concept. This is a general thinking skill that is useful for all sorts of careers and professions. The course covers introduction to critical thinking; meaning analysis and argument analysis; basic logic, sentential logic (SL) and predicate logic; Venn diagrams; scientific reasoning; basic statistics; strategic thinking; values and morality; fallacies & biases; and introduction to creativity thinking.

CE102IU

3 credits

Introduction to Computing for Civil Engineers

This course is an introduction to solving engineering problems through the use of the computer. It introduces general problem-solving techniques including the concepts of step-wise refinement applied to the development of algorithms. This course will cover elementary programming concepts using the programming language MATLAB accompanied with VBA in Excel and apply those concepts towards the solution of engineering problems.

CE213IU

3 credits

Computational Methods for Civil Engineering

The goal in this course is to introduce numerical methods to students, emphasize the practical aspects of the use of these methods and establish the limitations, advantages, and disadvantages of these methods.

Prerequisite: MA001IU & MA003IU (Calculus 1 & 2)

CE101IU

3 credits

Engineering Mechanics - Statics

This course is an introduction to the principles of statics and the ability to construct free body diagrams. Students will understand properties of areas and be able to calculate centroids and moments of inertia for areas. Moreover, students understand how to solve equilibrium problems involving trusses frames and machines, be able to analyze distributed loads, understand the concept of internal forces in members, and be able to draw shear and bending-moment diagrams for beams. This course also obtain knowledge of the laws of dry friction.

Prerequisite: MA001IU (Calculus 1)

Co-requisite: MA003IU (Calculus 2)

CE203IU

3 credits

Engineering Mechanics - Dynamics

This course provide students with a basic understanding of forces and motion, and thus to give students a fundamental understanding and background in introductory (planar) dynamics at the second year university level. To provide the requisite background for further study at the junior and senior level in the MAE curriculum, as well as to prepare students for further study in the subject area. To provide students in other engineering curricula with a background in this fundamental engineering science.

Prerequisite: CE101IU (Engineering Mechanics - Statics)

CE201IU

2 credits

Mechanics of Material 1

This course is an introduction to the relationship between loads applied to a deformable body and the internal stress, strains and deformation. This course obtain knowledge of internal loading, axial force, shear, moment, and torque in structural members; stress, strain, and stress-strain relations; mechanical properties of material; strain energy; torsion of circular shafts; bending of singly symmetric beams.

Prerequisite: CE101IU (Engineering Mechanics - Statics)

Co-requisite: CE202IU (Mechanic of Material Lab)

CE208IU

2 credits

Mechanics of Material 2

This course is to develop analytical and problem solving skills. To show proficiency in the mathematics and basic sciences required to solve structural engineering and mechanics problem. To demonstrate the ability to organize, approach, and solve engineering problems that are multi-step problems in which the solutions are not visible at the beginning of the process. This course obtain knowledge of combined loadings, stress and strains transformation; stress-strain relationship; design of beams; buckling of columns and energy methods.

Prerequisite: CE201IU (Mechanic of Material 1)

CE202IU

1 credit

Mechanics of Material Laboratory

Students will apply the basic principles learned from mechanics of materials course. They will do experiments to understand about bending stress in beam; steel bar under pure tensile force; torsion of circular section; buckling of struts; continuous and indeterminate beams. Through this course, students understand about testing equipment, general procedures related to each test, and parameters measured by the tests.

Co-requisite: CE201IU (Mechanic of Material 1)

CE209IU

2 credits

Structural Analysis 1

This course is an introduction to basic structural engineering concepts. Determine magnitude of different types of loads in accordance to the related codes. Idealization of structures and loads in relation with real structures. Determine the internal forces and draw diagrams for frames. Understand numerical methods for computing displacements and slopes for beams and frames using integration, virtual work methods, and graph multiplication method. Understand force and displacement methods to solve indeterminate beams, frames and trusses.

Prerequisite: CE201IU (Mechanic of Material 1)

Co-requisite: CE208IU (Mechanic of Material 2)

CE301IU

3 credits

Structural Analysis 2

This course introduces computational analysis of structures and the practice of using programs to solve structural problems. Background in finite element analysis is developed. Plastic analysis of frames and slabs are introduced.

Prerequisite: CE209IU (Structure Analysis 1)

CE206IU

2 credits

Fluid Mechanics

Fluid Mechanics is the study of the mechanisms in which fluids, under all possible conditions (gases and liquids and a few other materials) respond to forces, exert forces, and move from one place to another in physical view. This course will provide fundamental knowledge on physical properties of fluid and characteristics of the fluid state as well. Moreover, students learn the laws and the governing equations representing different kinds of fluid at both static and motion state interacting to structures; and also know how to solve these equations or compute physical parameters in practical meaning. In addition, the practices to measure fluid properties are introduced in this course.

Co-requisite: CE207IU (Fluid Mechanics Laboratory)

CE207IU

1 credit

Fluid Mechanics Laboratory

Students will apply the basic principles learned from the basic fluid mechanics course. Some experiments such as discharge over notch; Reynolds number and transition flow; flow measurement apparatus; flow through orifice; fluid friction apparatus is included in this course. Through this course, students understand about testing equipment, general procedures related to each test, and parameters measured by the tests.

Co-requisite: CE206IU (Fluid Mechanics)

CE302IU

2 credits

Soil Mechanics

The course provides to students basic definitions, physical and mechanics properties of various soils in different states such as dry, wet and saturated states. The methods to determine the properties of soils and the effect of ground water on properties of soil are also guided in the course. The stresses acting on soil at any point beneath the ground caused by upper soil layers and structures constructed on the ground are mentioned. Therefore, it can be determined the safety of constructed structures based on ultimate shear strength of soils. Further, students are able to appreciate the effect of lateral earth pressure on wall structures those are commonly used in civil engineering construction.

Prerequisite: CE201IU (Mechanic of Material 1)

Co-requisite: CE303IU (Soil Mechanics Laboratory)

CE303IU

1 credit

Soil Mechanics Laboratory

The course provides to students the common methods to obtain necessary values of the properties of soil in laboratory for design such as: Water content and unit weight, particle size distribution, Atterberg limit, compaction test, direct shear test. The course includes understanding about testing equipment, general procedures related to each test, and parameters measured by the tests.

Co-requisite: CE302IU (Soil Mechanics)

CE307IU

2 credits

Surveying

This course covers the principles of measurements of distances, elevations, and angles. It also includes basic error theory in measurement and calculations, stakeout computations, and basic principles of surveying and map making.

Co-requisite: CE308IU (Surveying Practice)

CE308IU

1 credit

Surveying Practice

This course provide student skills that is applied in using all of components also functions of the instruments and the algorithms of measurements. It also includes practice control survey a closed-loop traverse, adjusts and calculates coordinates of control stations. Understand and use all instruments also method of detail surveying and mapping.

Co-requisite: CE307IU (Surveying)

CE204IU

3 credits

Computer-Aided Design and Drafting (CADD)

This course is an introduction to overview of CADD and describe its applications in different fields; common terms associated with CADD hardware and software; the basic principles associated with CADD and to demonstrate common drafting techniques and shortcuts used by professionals; the advanced capabilities of CADD and how they can be used to increase productivity; information about the CADD industry resources. They can apply this knowledge to any CADD program.

Co-requisite: CE205IU (Practice CADD)

CE205IU

1 credit

Practice CADD

The principles in creating technical drawings with the helps of ACAD software are offered. Lessons represented in this course consist of basic drawing commands, modifying tools, hatching, layers, and the like. Displaying many figures having different scales are given through the layout approach, which is in particular useful for civil engineering students.

Co-requisite: CE204IU (CADD)

CE212IU

3 credits

Civil Architecture

This course is an introduction to the basic principles and understanding in design, building construction and professional practice. This course also gives basic trainings in building design analysis, project presentation, and design project.

2. Upper Division

CE210IU

3 credits

Construction Materials

The course will introduce both conventional and modern construction materials those are commonly used in civil engineering construction. Those are as concrete, steel, asphalt concrete and other construction materials such as brick, mortar, grout, wood, fibers and so on.

CE211IU

3 credits

Hydrology - Hydraulics

This course provides students basic knowledge on hydrology and hydraulics, the fundamentals of water engineering, an important field in civil engineering. In the hydrology part of this course, the students will have a deeper understanding of the physical processes of the hydrological cycle. In the hydraulics part, the students will apply the basic principles learned from their basic fluid mechanics course in the analysis and design of open channels and other hydraulic structures. This course has practical applications in the fields of water supply, hydropower, flood mitigation, and other related fields.

Prerequisite: CE206IU (Fluid Mechanics)

CE306IU

3 credits

Water Supply and Sewerage

In this course, students will learn the different components of drinking water supply systems from the extraction of raw water from its sources to the distribution of treated water. They will also learn the sources and impacts of water pollution as well as wastewater collection systems and wastewater treatment technologies.

Prerequisite: CE211IU (Hydrology - Hydraulics)

CE304IU

3 credits

Reinforced Concrete 1

This course provides students basic design concepts: basic layout of concrete structures, loading; Basic material properties: concrete and reinforcing steel; Analysis of structures: limit state design, simplification of framed structures, moment redistribution; Analysis and design of flexural members; Shear; Bond and anchorage; Serviceability; One-way and two-way slabs; Compression members; Foundation: footings. Current building code and standards are referred to extensively in this course. The objective is to equip the students with basic understanding of the behavior of reinforced concrete structures and to develop the skill to analyze and design basic concrete members.

Prerequisite: CE209IU (Structure Analysis 1)

CE310IU

3 credits

Reinforced Concrete 2

This course provides knowledge to analysis and design of prestressed concrete members; beam; slabs; Analysis and design of composite slabs. Current building code and standards are referred to extensively in this course. This course is to equip the students with advanced understanding of the behavior of concrete structures (prestressed concrete and composite) and to develop the skill to analyze and design advanced concrete members.

Prerequisite: CE304IU (Reinforced Concrete 1)

Co-requisite: CE313IU (Reinforced Concrete Project)

CE313IU

1 credit

Reinforced Concrete Project

A practice construction project is carried out, including reinforced concrete buildings, and water supply or transportation structures. Students are supposed to apply the knowledge in the reinforced concrete structure course to this project composing of calculating loads, determining internal forces with an analysis structure software, designing with a certain code, and ultimately describing them on a report.

Prerequisite: CE304IU (Reinforced Concrete 1)

Co-requisite: CE310IU (Reinforced Concrete 2)

CE305IU

3 credits

Steel Structures

This course is an introduction to develop an understanding of Limit State Design as applied to structural steel members and connections based on the latest Euro Code 3 – Design of steel structures

Prerequisite: CE209IU (Structure Analysis 1)

CE312IU

1 credit

Steel Structures Project

A practice construction project is carried out, including steel buildings, and water supply or transportation structures. Students are supposed to apply the knowledge in the steel structure course to this project composing of calculating loads, determining internal forces with an analysis structure software, designing with a certain code, and ultimately describing them on a report.

Prerequisite: CE305IU (Steel Structure)

CE309IU

3 credits

Foundation Engineering

This course covers the fundamental concepts of foundation analysis and design to civil engineering students. Topics discussed in the courses includes: bearing capacity, settlement and structural design of shallow foundations, lateral earth pressure, retaining and sheet pile walls, introduction to deep foundations, and other topics as time permits. The overall objective of this course is to make Civil Engineer major students acquainted with basic knowledge of foundations for different types of civil engineering structures.

Prerequisite: CE302IU (Soil Mechanics)

CE402IU

1 credit

Foundation Project

This course is to provide an organizational and procedural understanding in geotechnical and foundation engineering. Topics covered in this course include subsurface soil investigation and integrated design of building foundations. This class will equip students the knowledge necessary to apply geotechnical and foundation principles in analyzing and designing an economical substructure system.

Prerequisite: CE309IU (Foundation Engineering)

CE311IU

3 credits

Construction Engineering

This course is to guide students in planning, estimating, and directing construction operations safely and effectively. Topics covered in this course include overview of the construction industry, earthmoving materials and operations, excavation and lifting, loading & hauling, compacting & finishing, steel construction, concrete construction, concrete form design.

Prerequisite: CE309IU (Foundation Engineering), CE305IU (Steel Structure), CE304IU (Reinforced Concrete 1), CE201IU (Construction Materials), CE307IU (Surveying)

CE401IU

3 credits

Construction Management

This course covers a wide range of subjects, reflecting the breadth of knowledge needed to understand the dynamics of the construction industry. This course focuses on the processes and tasks required for management of construction projects. Students will work in project teams and perform various tasks associated with construction project administration including, developing construction budgets, record keeping and documentation, interpreting contracts and specifications, and other duties necessary for efficient project operation and successful completion.

Prerequisite: CE311IU (Construction Engineering)

Co-requisite: CE403IU (Construction Project)

CE403IU

1 credit

Construction Project

This course is to provide the comprehensive understanding in construction engineering and management. Topics covered in this course include design of construction engineering and operations, developing construction budgets, preparing construction schedule. This course will help students to master the knowledge learned in construction engineering and management.

Co-requisite: CE401IU (Construction Management)

CE420IU

10 credits

Graduation Thesis

Theses are structure design projects, designed to ensure students have master their studies in the program. All projects are based on real projects provided by companies for students to work on developing skill and applying knowledge gained from all courses throughout the program. Students will work by themselves to develop requirements, design, implementation, and provide design documents and drawings for construction. Students must do the project by themselves, following all appropriate project techniques.

3. Elective courses

CE411IU

3 credits

Bridges Engineering

The course will introduce a modern method to high way bridge analysis, design and evaluation based on 22TCV272-07 that is referred by on American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials LRFD Bridge Design Specification, 4th edition 2007. Course topics will include types of bridges, site design overview, Highway bridge loading, bridge analysis, bridge deck slab, prestressed concrete bridge design, substructure design.

Prerequisite: CE309IU (Foundation Engineering), CE304IU (Reinforced Concrete 1), CE201IU (Construction Materials)

CE412IU

3 credits

Dynamics of Structures

This course covers the fundamental concepts of structural dynamics. Formulations of the equation of motion. Free vibrations of linear, single and multiple degree of freedom systems. Damping. Mode superposition. Analysis dynamic response for structures subjected to time-varying including earthquake, wind and blast loading.

Prerequisite: CE203IU (Dynamics)

CE413IU

3 credits

Hydraulics Structures

This courses involves the application of flow theory to the design of hydraulic structures. Most existing types of water infrastructures is introduced in the course, including: storage structures, control structures, energy dissipation structures, and so on. Beside of conventional procedures, students also is provided the sustainable approach practicing in designing some typical hydraulic structures, which strongly impact on society and natural environment, such as: dam, hydro-power plants, urban drainage systems, and so forth.

Prerequisite: CE206IU (Fluid mechanic)

Co-requisite: CE211IU (Hydrology - Hydraulics)

CE414IU

3 credits

Tall Buildings

Philosophy and design criteria of tall buildings; structural systems for tall buildings: moment-resisting frames, shear walls, braced frames; P-Delta effects and instability; structural design process: functional requirements; design criteria and loading: dead, live, wind, and earthquake loads; preliminary and computer-aided proportioning; analysis of tall buildings; very tall buildings including framed tube, tube in tube, trussed tube and hat trusses, etc.

Prerequisite: CE412IU (Dynamics of Structures)