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# **CE 661 Dynamics of Soil and Foundations**

College: Engineering
Department: Civil
First: Course Definition
1- Course Code: CE 661
2- Units: 3
3- Semester:
4- Prerequisite:
5- Co-requisite:
<b>6- Location</b> (if not on main Campus):
Second: Course Objectives

- 1- To develop understanding of the concepts, theories of soil properties, behavior and response to types of dynamic loading.
- 2- To develop understanding of the basic principles and concepts of advanced analysis and design of dynamic foundations.

### **Third: Course Specifications**

1- Topics to be covered		
Subject	No of Weeks	Units
Dynamic Loads and Dynamic Soil Properties	1	3
Theory of Vibration and Tolerable Structure Vibration	2	6
Foundation Dynamics (1-Degree-Of-Freedom System)	1	3
Foundation Dynamics (Multi-Degree-Of-Freedom System)	2	6
Guidelines For Design and Analysis Foundation under	2	6
Dynamic Loads		
Soil-Structure Interaction (SSI)	2	6

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Shear Strength During Cyclic Loading (Soil Liquefaction)	1	3
Earthquake-Induced Deformations / Displacements	1	3
Seismic Stability of Side Slopes	1	3
Seismic Design of Earth Retaining Structures	1	3

# 2- Course components (Total hrs in the Semester): 42

Lecture	Exercise	Other
42	<del>-</del>	0

# 3- Intended Learning Outcomes of the Course (ILO's)

# a. Knowledge

#### i) Description of the knowledge to be acquired:

- Theory of vibration and its attenuation through soil.
- Dynamic loadings and dynamic properties of soil and
- Principles of machine foundation analysis and design.
- Shear Strength During Repeated Loading (Liquefaction)
- Earthquake-Induced Deformations / Displacements
- Seismic stability of side slopes
- Seismic design of earth retaining structures

#### ii) Teaching strategies to be used to develop that knowledge

- Class lectures.
- Term projects.
- Students' presentations.
- Group discussion.

#### iii) Methods of assessment of knowledge acquired

- Exams.
- Quizzes.
- Homework assignments.
- Term projects.
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#### b- Cognitive (Intellectual) Skills

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### i) Cognitive skills to be developed

- Advanced concepts of foundation analysis and design.
- Advanced foundation problem modeling.
- Investigation of advanced foundation design alternatives.

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#### ii) Teaching strategies to be used to develop these cognitive skills

- Class lectures.
- Case studies analysis.
- Term projects.

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# iii) Methods of assessment of students' cognitive skills

- Students' seminars and presentations.
- Term projects.
- Written reports.

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# c. Interpersonal Skills and Responsibility

#### i) Description of the interpersonal skills and capacity to carry responsibility to be developed

- Decision making based on engineering analysis.
- Communication skills.
- Team work.

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#### ii) Teaching strategies to be used to develop these skills

- Class lectures.
- Term projects.
- Case studies analysis.

# iii) Methods of assessment of students' interpersonal skills and capacity to carry responsibility

- Term project.
- Written reports.
- Students' seminars and presentations.

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### d. Communication, Information Technology and Numerical Skills

#### i) Description of the skills to be developed in this domain

- Literature research.
- Problems modeling.
- Utilization of computer applications in analysis and design.
- ii) Teaching strategies to be used to develop these skills
- Class lectures.
- Case studies analysis.
- Computer lab sessions.
- Term projects.

#### iii) Methods of assessment of students numerical and communication skills

- Term projects.
- Written reports.
- Students' seminars and presentations.

# e. Psychomotor (if applicable) & Other Non-cognitive Skills

# i) Description of the psychomotor or other skills to be developed and the level of performance required

NA

#### ii) Teaching strategies to be used to develop these skills-

- NA

#### **4- Student Assessment Schedule**

Serial	Assessment tool (test, group project, examination etc.)	Week due	Weight
1	Term Project – 1	3 <sup>rd</sup>	15 %
2	Mid Term Exam -1	7 <sup>th</sup>	15 %
3	Term Project – 2	10 <sup>th</sup>	15 %
4	Term Project – 3	13 <sup>th</sup>	15 %
5	Final Exam	16 <sup>th</sup>	40 %

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# **5- Student Support**

- Providing electronic library of textbooks and scientific periodicals.
- Providing the necessary computer applications for the course.

#### **6- Learning Resources**

#### i) Essential Books (References)

- Das, B. M. and G.V. Ramana, G. V. "Principles of Soil Dynamics, CL-Engineering," 2nd edition, 2011. ISBN-10: 0495411345, ISBN-13: 978-0495411345.
- Das, B.M. "Fundamentals of Soil Dynamics" Elsevier, 1993, ISBN-10: 0444007059, ISBN-13: 978-0444007056.
- Prakash, S. and Puri, V. "Foundations for Machines: Analysis and Design", J. Wiley & Sons, 1988, ISBN-10: 0471846864, ISBN-13: 978-0471846864.

### ii) Course Notes

- NA

#### iii) Recommended Books

- Bachman, H., "Vibration Problems in Structures," Birkhauser, 1995 Beer, F.P., and Johnston, E.R.Jr., "Mechanics for Engineers – Statics", McGraw-Hill
- Bowles, J.E. "Foundation Analysis and Design" McGraw-Hill Book Company
- Gazetas, G. (1991) "Foundation Vibrations" Foundation Engineeirng Handbook, 2nd Edition, Van Nostrand
- Kramer, S.L., "Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering", Prentice-Hall, Inc.
- Prakash, S., "Soil Dynamics" McGraw-Hill, Inc.
- Richart, F.E., Hall, J.R., and Woods, R.D., "Vibrations of Soils and Foundations", Prentice-Hall, Inc.

#### iv) Electronic Books & Web Sites:

- Scientific journals and forums.
- Instructor's instruction.

#### v) Periodicals

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- ASCE scientific journals.
- British Geotechnique journal.
- Canadian journal of geotechnical engineering.

### 7- Course Evaluation and Improvement Processes

#### i) Strategies for Obtaining Student Feedback on Effectiveness of Teaching

- Students' questioners.
- Students' evaluation of course and instructor.

# ii) Other Strategies for Evaluation of Teaching by the Instructor or by the Department

- Public faculty seminars.
- Assessment by external evaluators of students achievements.
- Instructor (Course) Report

#### iii) Processes for Improvement of Teaching

- Assessment of students' work by external examiners.
- Analysis of students' evaluation of course and instructor.
- Seminars by industry professionals.

### iv) Processes for verifying standards of student achievement

- Check marking by an independent faculty member of a sample of student work.
- Periodic exchange and remarking of a sample of assignments/exams with a external evaluator.

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# v) Describe the planning arrangements for periodically reviewing course effectiveness and planning for improvement.

- Assessment and evaluation of the level of achieving the course outcomes through a continuous improvement process (part of a quality assurance system established by the university),
- Consequently, actions are to be taken to improve the course delivery when necessary.
- Review of the course objectives, outcomes and curriculum every 2 years.

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