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# **CE 682 Risk Management in Construction Engineering**

College: Engineering
Department: Civil
First: Course Definition
1- Course Code: CE 682
2- Units: 3
3- Semester:
4- Prerequisite:
5- Co-requisite:
6- Location (if not on main Campus):
Second: Course Objectives

- 1. Develop an understanding of Concepts and current issues surrounding construction project, evaluation and financing.
- 2. Use of decision theory in evaluating project feasibility studies.
- 3. Learn about decision making under conditions of risk and uncertainty

1- Topics to be covered					
Subject	No of Weeks	Units			
Mapping risk management to construction engineering	1	3			
and construction processes.					
Human elements	1	3			
Proper planning prevents poor performance	1	3			
Identification and qualitative assessment of risks	2	6			
The qualitative assessment of risk	2	6			
Responding to risk	1	3			
Risk and the project structure: procurement and supply	2	6			
chains					
The "management" in risk management	1	3			

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Other risks related issues	1	3
Case Studies	2	6

### 2- Course components (Total hrs in a 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:

- The concept of risk management and benefits of a risk management course in construction engineering.
- The technical characteristics of risks and how those features can influence the ultimate risk management response to those risks.
- The concepts and principles of organizational risk and basic methods for organizing a comprehensive view of organization-wide risks.
- The risk management perspectives that exist at different levels within an organization (strategic, operational, tactical) and the implications that arise for effective risk communication.
- The issues, methods and challenges in risk data analysis that will help construction engineers to become competent consumers of risk information.
- The strategic planning, goal setting, and the actions necessary to lead construction companies risk management initiatives.
- The comprehensive range of risk management tools, techniques, systems and processes for managing construction companies risk including specifically risk financing, physical risk control, business continuity planning and project risk management.
- Different strategies for managing risk using options and futures, including an understanding of complexities and problems associated with the use of such strategies.

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

- Class lectures.
- Term projects.
- Student's presentations.
- Group discussion.

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

Exams.

- Quizzes.
- Homework assignments.
- Term projects.

### b- Cognitive (Intellectual) Skills

#### i) Cognitive skills to be developed

- The ability to identify, prioritize, mitigate and document project's risks.
- The ability to monitor projects risks as part of project monitoring.
- The ability to build a risk breakdown structure appropriate to construction companies.
- The ability to design a risk management program suited to the specific need of construction companies.
- The ability to communicate risk management plan to other constituents of event.
- The ability to control costs by applying the earned value analysis and other progress metrics.
- The ability to prepare, analyze and update bar charts and critical path method schedules.
- The ability to use critical thinking/problem solving skills necessary to the implementation and ongoing maintenance of risk management program.

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

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

#### iii) Methods of assessment of students' cognitive skills

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

#### c. Interpersonal Skills and Responsibility

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 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 Risk Management in Construction Engineering

#### 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.

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### 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

iii) Methods of assessment of student's psychomotor 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 %

#### 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)

- $\underline{Hull}$ , J. &  $\underline{White}$ , A.A. "Risk Management and Financial Engineering", Prentice Hall,  $4^{th}$  Edition, 2006. ISBN-10: 0130224448 , ISBN-13: 978-0130224446.
- Keey, R."The Management of Engineering Risk", Caenz, 2000. ISBN: 9780908993253
- Karolak, D. W. "Software Engineering Risk Management: Finding Your Path through the Jungle", Version 1.0 for Windows.Wiley-IEEE Computer Society Press. 2006. ISBN: 978-0-8186-7970-4

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#### ii) Course Notes

- NA

#### iii) Recommended Books

- Crouhy, M., Galai, D. & Mark, R. "The Essentials of Risk Management", McGraw-Hill, 2005.
- Hubbard, D. "The Failure of Risk Management: Why It's Broken and How to Fix It". Wiley & Sons, 2009.
- Hull, J.C.(2005). "Options, Features and other Derivatives", Prentice Hall. 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2005.
- Jorion, P. "Financial Risk Manager Handbook", Wiley & Sons, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2010.
- Kolb, R. "Enterprise Risk Management: Today's Leading Research and Best Practices for Tomorrow's Executives". Wiley & Sons, 2010.

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

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

#### v) Periodicals

- International Journal of Risk Assessment and Management
- Journal of Risk Management in Financial Institution
- Risk Management Association Journal

#### 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.

#### iii) Processes for Improvement of Teaching

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- 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.

# 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.