

# CE 203 Engineering Geology (SPRING 2024)

## Syllabus

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### Class:

CE 203 Engineering Geology

Credit Value: (2+2) 3

Course will last 14 weeks,

One day a week and approximately, 4 hours a day.

Every Tuesday, 13:30-17:30 at CE 212 class

### Objectives:

1. Give basic information on site investigation techniques and rock material/rock mass characteristics, 2. Integrate student's basic information on site investigation techniques, rock material and rock mass characteristics with previous background to solve engineering geological problems, 3. Educate students to plan, execute and evaluate the results of site investigation techniques applied to a number of engineering geological problems, 4. Educate students to deal with open-ended problems to enhance their thinking and problem solving abilities, 5. Improve student's background through discussing engineering geological case studies and stressing the importance of past mistakes on the safe design of engineering structures

### Course Contents:

This course explores the fundamentals of geology applied to civil engineering problems. Topics include rock and mineral types, soil properties, rock mechanics, geologic structures, active tectonics and earthquake hazards, slope stability and landslides, groundwater, dams and tunnel and effect of geological factor on environmental and engineering structure. Team projects include classic engineering geology case studies and site assessment field investigations. Instruction is conducted through lecture and field trips.

1. Introducing Geology
2. Minerals and Rocks
3. Maps, Aerial Photographs and Remote Sensing
4. Weathering
5. Rock Mechanics
6. Soil Mechanics

7. Soil Mechanics and Exam
8. Mass wasting
9. Groundwater
10. Geologic Structures
11. The Essentials of Plate Tectonics, and Other Important Concept
12. Earthquakes
13. Dam
14. Urban Geology
15. Environmental Geology

### Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students will: analyze problems from different view points  
apply logic in solving problems use knowledge from various courses in an  
integrated manner integrate basic knowledge of other engineering disciplines  
within the scope of the course's project use appropriate engineering tools and  
methods to solve problems

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### Grading:

Midterm exam: 30%  
Project reports (Presentation + Report): 30%  
Final Exam: 40%