DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) DEGREE

The department offers the following PhD degrees: PhD in Civil Engineering and Interdisciplinary PhD. The doctoral program is designed to be flexible with respect to subject area and may be adapted to any subject area in civil and environmental engineering, including interdisciplinary options within the department or across departments or colleges.

The PhD is awarded to students who demonstrate high academic achievement and research competence in the selected field. Students must pursue the PhD program on a basis consistent with the residence requirements for the degree that may be found under the Program Requirements (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/civil-environmental/civil-engineering-phd/#text) tab.

Graduate Certificate Options

Students enrolled in a master's degree have the opportunity to also pursue one of the many engineering graduate certificate options in addition to or in combination with the MS degree. Students should consult their faculty advisor regarding these options (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/graduate-certificate-programs/).

GORDON INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP OPTION

Students have the opportunity to pursue the Gordon Engineering Leadership Program (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/leadership/) in combination with the MS degree.

Programs

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

- Civil Engineering (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/civil-environmental/civil-engineering-phd/)
- Civil Engineering—Advanced Entry (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/civil-environmental/civil-engineering-phd-advanced/)

Master of Science (MS)

- Engineering and Public Policy with Concentration in Energy and Environment (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/civil-environmental/engineering-public-policy-energy-environment-ms/)  
- Engineering and Public Policy with Concentration in Infrastructure Resilience (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/civil-environmental/engineering-public-policy-infrastructure-resilience-ms/)

Master of Science in Civil Engineering (MSCivE)

- Civil Engineering with Concentration in Construction Management (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/civil-environmental/civil-engineering-concentration-construction-management-mscive/)
- Civil Engineering with Concentration in Water, Environmental, and Coastal Systems (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/civil-environmental/civil-engineering-concentration-water-environmental-coastal-systems-mscive/)
- Civil Engineering with Concentration in Geotechnical/Geoenvironmental Engineering (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/civil-environmental/civil-engineering-concentration-geotechnical-geoenvironmental-mscive/)
- Civil Engineering with Concentration in Structures (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/civil-environmental/civil-engineering-concentration-structures-mscive/)
- Civil Engineering with Concentration in Transportation (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/civil-environmental/civil-engineering-concentration-transportation-mscive/)

Mission of the Department

Advancing innovative civil and environmental solutions for society and creating globally oriented engineering leaders by integrating experiential education and use-inspired interdisciplinary research.

Academic Programs

Within our graduate programs, students work alongside world-class faculty on advanced research and courses, developing a solid base for their careers. Three overarching themes are emphasized in our programs: environmental health, civil infrastructure security, and sustainable resource engineering. These themes are aligned with the department’s premier strengths in simulation (both computational and experimental), smart sensing, data and network science, and urban informatics and are all reflected in the courses offered in our graduate programs.

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE

The department offers four MS degree programs in the following areas: civil engineering (students can choose one out of five concentrations); environmental engineering; engineering and public policy (students can choose one out of two concentrations); and sustainable building systems. Options for a master’s thesis or report in place of course work are available. All civil and environmental engineering master’s programs are available on a full-time or part-time basis. For a full list of the department’s academic program offerings, please refer to the Programs (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/civil-environmental/#programstext) tab.

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Overview

With a strategic focus in urban engineering and through a range of teaching and research strengths, anchored by several multidisciplinary, multi-institutional centers and programs, our academic programs are designed to prepare professionals to address the global, complex, and ever-evolving engineering challenges of our time by building on current department strengths and expanding into vital areas. We give our future master’s and PhD graduates the opportunity to make real-world impact on and long-lasting contributions to the well-being and development of society.

Civil and Environmental Engineering
Master of Science in Environmental Engineering (MSENVE)
- Environmental Engineering (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/civil-environmental/environmental-engineering-msenve/)

Master of Science in Sustainable Building Systems (MSSSBS)
- Sustainable Building Systems (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/civil-environmental/sustainable-building-systems-mssbs/)

Courses
Civil and Environmental Engineering Courses
Search CIVE, SBSY Courses using FocusSearch (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/class-search/?subject=CIVE%2CSBSY/)

CIVE 5221. Construction Project Control and Organization. 2 Hours.
Overviews the organization of construction firms at the general corporate level and the project level. Covers cost, schedule, budget, and financial control of projects. Also examines the flow of information between parties to the project.

CIVE 5231. Alternative Project Delivery Systems in Construction. 2 Hours.
Offers a comprehensive overview of alternative construction project delivery systems in the public and private sectors; project life cycle including project development, schedule, cost and risk management, quality assurance/control, project management, and project closeout; innovative financing strategies including contractor financing, franchise, and super turnkey. Focuses on the analysis of designs/ build execution compared to design/build and construction management systems of delivery. Examines international projects, contracts, and partnering options—for example JVs and alliances—as vehicles to ensure the meeting of project objectives. Uses case studies to identify and practice the management skills required for successful D/B project execution including effective communication, negotiations, and team building.

CIVE 5260. Environmental Fluid Mechanics. 4 Hours.
Focuses on fundamentals of fluid mechanics, but with application to the natural and built environment based on transport and dispersion phenomena. Reviews theory necessary for an understanding of environmental fluid flows and methods of observation, including acoustic Doppler current profiles, profiling towers, and modeling, including large eddy simulation (LES).

CIVE 5261. Dynamic Modeling for Environmental Investment and Policymaking. 4 Hours.
Introduces the theory, methods, and tools of dynamic modeling for policy and investment decision making, emphasizing environmental issues. Makes use of state-of-the-art computing methods to translate theory and concepts into executable models and offers extensive hands-on modeling experience. Topics include management of discrete flows (e.g., models of traffic systems); discounting, intertemporal optimization (e.g., models of resource extraction); dynamic games (e.g., models for adaptive management); and treatment of risk, uncertainty, novelty, and complexity (e.g., for investment and policymaking).

CIVE 5271. Solid and Hazardous Waste Management. 4 Hours.
Introduce various aspects of integrated solid waste management system and hazardous waste management practices. Includes both engineering principles as well as socioeconomic and regulatory issues surrounding solid and hazardous waste management. Provides sufficient background to enable the student to understand, evaluate, and critique the design of and the decisions in various waste management alternatives.

CIVE 5275. Life Cycle Assessment of Materials, Products, and Infrastructure. 4 Hours.
Covers the conceptual and mathematical basis of life cycle assessment (LCA), including engineering models of industrial energy use and emissions and environmental science models of fate and transport, exposure, and toxicology. LCA is a widely used systems-modeling method for quantifying the emissions and environmental/health implications of a product over its life cycle, from manufacturing to use to disposal. This guides design, technology decisions, and policy on topics ranging from consumer products to green buildings to large-scale energy technologies. Presents Monte Carlo simulation, structural path analysis, and model sensitivity analysis for the industrial network structure that underlies LCA modeling. Offers students an opportunity to receive hands-on training for open-source LCA software packages and then carry out independent group projects for real clients in industry and government.
CIVE 5376. Traffic Engineering and Sustainable Urban Street Design. 4 Hours.
Covers street and intersection design for meeting societal needs related to traffic capacity, level of service, safety, walkability, bikeability, and the quality of public space. Intersection analysis and design topics include traffic flow theory and measurement; capacity; queuing and delay for both vehicles and pedestrians; and signal timing plan design, including design for pedestrian crossings. Street design topics include street functions; speed control; street and intersection layout; bicycling facilities, including bike lanes and separated bike paths; and pedestrian facilities, including sidewalks and crossings. Offers students an opportunity to practice with standard design manuals and intersection analysis software.

CIVE 5520. Structural Systems. 4 Hours.
Covers the design of structural systems. Includes the major aspects of structural behavior and design (loads, load paths, structural system concepts, analysis, member and connection design, and structural detailing). Discusses typical structural building materials along with a brief introduction to less conventional materials. Emphasizes wood and masonry design. Also presents structural principles behind some innovative structural systems. Utilizes current professional practice with a focus on approximate hand methods of structural analysis. Requires one semester of undergraduate structural analysis.

CIVE 5522. Structural Systems Modeling. 4 Hours.

CIVE 5525. Prestressed Concrete Design. 4 Hours.
Introduces analysis and flexural design of prestressed concrete members, allowable stress in concrete and steel, pre- and posttensioned concrete beams, strength evaluation, and prestressed concrete bridge design. Requires one semester of undergraduate concrete design or one semester of undergraduate structural analysis.

CIVE 5536. Hydrologic and Hydraulic Design. 4 Hours.
Introduces principles of engineering hydrology. Covers the hydrologic cycle, rainfall and flood frequency analysis, rainfall intensity-duration-frequency relationships, rainfall-runoff processes, hydrologic flood routing, and culvert/channel hydraulics. Utilizes these concepts in design applications of civil infrastructure such as stormwater detention basins, drainage pipes, culverts, etc. Uses hydrologic and hydraulic modeling software such as HEC-HMS and HEC-RAS. Includes project component.

CIVE 5699. Special Topics in Civil Engineering. 4 Hours.
Offered when the need for a special topic is evident to faculty and students. Topics are initiated by appropriate faculty members and discipline committee and approved by the department. May be repeated up to two times for up to 12 total credits.

CIVE 5978. Independent Study. 1-4 Hours.
Offers theoretical or experimental work under individual faculty supervision. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 5984. Research. 1-4 Hours.
Offers an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 5566. Sustainable Urban Transportation: Netherlands. 4 Hours.
Examines how Dutch communities and their transportation systems are planned and designed to promote ABC (all-but-car) transportation, traffic safety, and livability. Topics include design of urban bicycling infrastructure for the mainstream population; planning and service design for high-quality public transportation; urban planning in support of transit, bicycle, and foot transportation, including both suburban development and urban redevelopment; and Vision Zero/Systematic Safety policy and design for traffic safety and its application to urban areas. Taught in study-abroad format in the Netherlands.

CIVE 6777. Climate Hazards and Resilient Cities Abroad. 4 Hours.
Combines the science, engineering, economic, social, and policy aspects of how cities can prepare themselves for climate change and natural hazards. Focuses on the science of unprecedented changes in weather caused by global warming and natural climate variability. Introduces the physical-science basis of climate, computer models and statistical tools, and remote sensor data. Introduces the concept of urban resilience, focusing on preventing natural hazards from turning into catastrophic disasters in densely populated regions. Examines resilience, including governance, emergency response, infrastructural, informational, social, and policy aspects. Encourages students to consider the science, engineering, and policy challenges in transforming vulnerable urban and coastal regions to climate-resilient cities and to examine how societies can learn from each other by comparing Boston with the country visited. Taught abroad.

CIVE 6778. Climate Adaptation and Policy Abroad. 4 Hours.
Explores how the country visited plans to adapt to climate change and natural hazards and how it chooses to participate in international climate and emissions negotiations. Focuses on how an emerging economy adjusts to the reality of climate change/extremes and how the will of citizens may drive decisions and policy. Incorporates topics from climate change, environmental sciences, civil and chemical engineering, remote sensing, social sciences, electrical engineering, computer science, and the management sciences. Encourages students to think about possible policy lessons for the United States. Culminates with a mock climate change war game, simulating an event in which international negotiators meet to formulate treaties on climate change adaptation and mitigation. Taught abroad.

CIVE 6962. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 6964. Co-op Work Experience. 0 Hours.
Provides eligible students with an opportunity for work experience. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 6965. Co-op Work Experience Abroad. 0 Hours.
Provides eligible students with an opportunity for work experience abroad. May be repeated without limit.
CIVE 7100. Time Series and Geospatial Data Sciences. 4 Hours.
Offers an interdisciplinary course covering the fundamentals of time series and spatial statistics with applications in engineering, science, and business. Introduces analysis and forecasting methods for time series, spatial, and spatiotemporal data. Discusses classical time or frequency domain methods, as well as recent techniques motivated from computer science, physics, statistics, or engineering. Case studies relate to ongoing research and to real-world examples. A demo project is selected by the instructor based on discussion with individual students. A computer-based final project can be tailored to student interests in environmental engineering, sustainability sciences, security threat assessments, social sciences, business, or management science and finance. Requires undergraduate probability and statistics (CIVE 3464 or equivalent); background in programming languages such as MATLAB or R helpful but not required.

CIVE 7110. Critical Infrastructure Resilience. 4 Hours.
Introduces the concept of resilience by exploring engineering concepts and perspectives to offer students an opportunity to develop the ability to be prepared for and adapt to challenging situations and scenarios—e.g., globalization, climate change, security threats, and natural disasters—on critical infrastructures and key resources. Topics include application of tools for infrastructure modeling and risk assessment; identification of natural and man-made hazards; management of disaster risks and communications; resilience design; and future challenges, policy, and novel approaches to advance resilience. Explores application to real-life examples through group projects. Requires one semester of undergraduate statistics.

CIVE 7220. Construction Management. 4 Hours.
Presents all aspects of construction management, with emphasis on cost and schedule. Provides conceptual and detailed cost estimates and network-based scheduling techniques (CPM and PERT). Covers project cash flow and finances. Requires one semester of undergraduate probability and statistics.

CIVE 7230. Legal Aspects of Civil Engineering. 4 Hours.
Overviews the U.S. legal system and the theories necessary for the comprehension of business and contractual liabilities. Discusses various types of contracts, forms of business ownership, claims and disputes, and environmental law.

CIVE 7240. Construction Equipment and Modeling. 4 Hours.
Focuses on the selection and application of earthmoving equipment. Topics include equipment production systems and cost analysis, simulation modeling of equipment operations, statistical aspects of computer simulation, and risk analysis fundamentals. Requires one semester of construction management or one semester of undergraduate soil mechanics.

CIVE 7250. Environmental Chemistry. 4 Hours.
Examines applications of chemistry to environmental engineering. Covers properties of water and pollutants, acid-base reactions, pH, alkalinity, equilibrium chemistry, chemical kinetics, chemical thermodynamics, coordination chemistry, precipitation-dissolution reactions, surface chemistry, adsorption-desorption, redox reactions, and organic chemistry as it relates to the environment. Includes relevant laboratory exercises such as colorimetry, gravimetric, and electrochemical methods; atomic absorption spectrophotometry; and ion and gas chromatography. Requires one semester of undergraduate chemistry.

CIVE 7251. Environmental Biological Processes. 4 Hours.
Examines microbiology with emphasis on biological processes in environmental engineering applications. Topics include cell structure, morphology, cell nutrition and growth, energy transfer and utilization, aerobic and anaerobic microbial metabolism, biological wastewater process theory and modeling, biological nutrients removal, and disinfection of relevant microorganisms. Includes relevant laboratory exercises of treatment parameters used to monitor the biological processes, such as BOD, TOC, COD, gravimetric methods, and dissolved oxygen. Also covers enzyme kinetics and evaluation of kinetic coefficients for biotreatment. Requires one semester of undergraduate chemistry or one semester of undergraduate biology.

CIVE 7252. Water Engineering: Planning, Design, and Management. 4 Hours.
Covers the design principles and applications of major wastewater treatment processes, including the planning and procurement phases of design and construction services, sanitary sewer collections systems, waste treatment, handling and disposal, energy recovery, and future challenges and opportunities in the wastewater management field. Designed to provide students with theory and principles applicable to the water industry. Requires one semester each of undergraduate chemistry and undergraduate biology.

CIVE 7255. Environmental Physical/Chemical Processes. 4 Hours.
Examines the processes of physical and chemical phenomena related to water quality and water treatment within environmental engineering. Presents the use of fundamental theory, mathematical description, and applied knowledge of these processes and how they are used to characterize water quality in natural systems (lakes, rivers) and to predict performance in engineered systems (water treatment systems). Uses a mass balance and reaction kinetics approach to derive analysis and design equations for water treatment unit operations. Covers physical and chemical processes, including reaction kinetics, flow regimes, dissolved solute removal, particulate removal, phase transfer processes, and redox processes. Includes laboratory demonstrations. Basic knowledge of water quality, environmental chemistry, and differential equations preferred.

CIVE 7260. Hydrologic Modeling. 4 Hours.
Covers the vertical and lateral fluxes and stores of water within the terrestrial hydrologic cycle such as precipitation (rain and snow); infiltration; runoff; snowmelt; evapotranspiration; streamflow; groundwater recharge/discharge; and surface (snowpack, lakes, rivers) and subsurface (soil moisture and groundwater) storages. Individual simulation models are developed to represent key processes within the hydrologic cycle. Process models are then integrated to approximate the hydrologic cycle of a watershed. Covers model parameterization, calibration, validation, and uncertainty (model parameters and forcings). Knowledge of geographic information systems and programming is recommended.

CIVE 7261. Surface Water Quality Modeling. 4 Hours.
Offers a quantitative analysis of the fate and transport of contaminants in surface water systems. Water quality models are developed using a mass balance approach to describe the transport, dispersal, and chemical/biological reactions of substances introduced into river and lake systems. Covers water quality standards; model formulation and application; waste load allocation; and water quality parameters such as biochemical oxygen demand, dissolved oxygen, nutrients, and toxic chemicals. Requires one semester of undergraduate hydrologic engineering, hydrolgy, or equivalent.
CIVE 7272. Air Quality Management. 4 Hours.
Explores engineering theory and practice related to air resources management. Focuses on modeling dispersion and reactions for atmospheric pollutants and on analysis of systems for controlling gaseous and particulate emissions including dry collection, wet collection, absorption, and catalytic processes. Also addresses biological and chemical aspects of air pollution including toxicological issues, physiological effects of aerosols, analysis of organic and inorganic constituents of the atmosphere, and rationale for establishing air quality criteria and standards. Requires one semester of undergraduate chemistry.

CIVE 7281. Coastal and Nearshore Hydrodynamics. 4 Hours.
Presents the basic principles and theories of coastal and nearshore hydrodynamics as well as related engineering applications, including water waves, wave transformation and breaking, wave-induced nearshore circulation, wave setup, wave run-up, fluid vegetation interaction, wave-current interaction, storm surges, tide and wind-driven circulation, and tidal inlet hydraulics.

CIVE 7301. Advanced Soil Mechanics. 4 Hours.
Studies characterization of soils, soil mineralogy and chemistry, stresses within a soil mass, basic porous media flow principles, effective stress principle, compaction, drained and undrained stress-strain-strength concepts, and consolidation theory and its application. Requires one semester of undergraduate soil mechanics.

CIVE 7302. Advanced Foundation Engineering. 4 Hours.
Focuses on bearing-capacity and settlement analysis of conventional shallow foundations and combined footings; mat design; lateral earth pressure theory and application to retaining wall design, braced excavations, sheet pile wall design, and slurry trench walls; bearing-capacity design and analysis for deep foundations; and laterally loaded piles, friction piles, and pile-driven analysis. Requires one semester of undergraduate soil mechanics.

CIVE 7311. Soil and Foundation Dynamics. 4 Hours.
Considers dynamic loads, blast vibrations and monitoring, dynamic response of single-mass, multi degree-of-freedom systems, design of machine foundations, dynamic soil properties, ground response analysis, liquefaction, and seismic analysis of slopes and dams. Requires one semester of undergraduate statics.

CIVE 7312. Earthquake Engineering. 4 Hours.
Studies plate tectonics, seismology, faults and characteristics, ground motions, seismic hazard analysis, dynamic response of single degree-of-freedom system, response spectrum, site effects, and seismic design considerations for buildings, bridges, and earth-retaining structures. Requires one semester of undergraduate statics.

CIVE 7330. Advanced Structural Analysis. 4 Hours.
Explores modern methods of structural analysis, matrix formulation of flexibility and stiffness methods, and analysis of structures with material and geometric nonlinearities. Also introduces energy methods. Requires CIVE 5522 or one semester undergraduate matrix structural analysis.

CIVE 7331. Structural Dynamics. 4 Hours.
Examines single and multi degree-of-freedom systems subjected to arbitrary dynamic loads. Topics include convolution and frequency domain solutions, introduction to analytical dynamics, damping models, modal analysis of classically damped systems, and state-space formulation. Requires one semester of undergraduate structural analysis.
CIVE 7380. Performance Models and Simulation of Transportation Networks. 4 Hours.
Reviews concepts and methods for the analysis of the performance of complex transportation systems and approaches for planning, design, monitoring, and management and control of traffic flows over complex transportation networks. Topics include deterministic and probabilistic models, elements of queuing theory, network optimization algorithms, and simulation. Includes applications in traffic flow modeling, capacity analysis of diverse transportation facilities, level of service and estimation of delays, optimal design of transportation network services, and traffic assignment on congested networks.

CIVE 7381. Transportation Demand Forecasting and Model Estimation. 4 Hours.
Studies methods used for model estimation, model building, and interpretation of results. Emphasizes travel demand forecasting, including trip generation, distribution, model choice, and route choice. Topics include aggregate and disaggregate models, including discrete choice (binary and multinomial logit and extensions), model building and statistical testing, aggregation, sampling, and sample design. Demonstrates the applicability and underlying principles of the various models through case studies with focus on practical aspects and interpretation. Bases main methodological approaches on econometric methods, mainly on regression modeling and maximum likelihood estimation. Uses general and specialized software tools for data analysis and model estimation. While the focus is on estimating transportation demand models, the methods are applicable to a broad class of applications in engineering, marketing, etc.

CIVE 7382. Advanced Traffic Control and Simulation. 4 Hours.
Covers analysis and design of traffic signal control, including actuated control, coordinated control, transit signal priority, and signal control schemes for better accommodating pedestrians and bicycles. Includes the study of traffic microsimulation for urban street networks, including modeling techniques and simulation-based evaluation, and intersection performance models. Offers students an opportunity to practice with standard microsimulation software, including coding traffic signal control logic.

CIVE 7385. Public Transportation. 4 Hours.
Studies the analysis, planning, and operational design of urban public transportation systems. Topics include service planning and scheduling; service reliability and operational control; automated systems for location, fare collection, and passenger counting; service performance measurement; rail system operations and design; data collection; ridership estimation; demand forecasting; pricing; and coordinated transit and land-use planning. Introduces supporting mathematical methods in optimization, random processes, and statistical sampling. Requires knowledge of probability theory.

CIVE 7387. Design Aspects of Roadway Safety. 4 Hours.
Concentrates on roadway design features that affect safety, including system users and design elements. Topics include crash causation and countermeasures, statistical procedures for crash analysis, and geometric design improvements for roads and intersections. Analyzes crash data, including both intersecting and nonintersecting locations. Presents concepts, including design, to create a safer transportation system while addressing specific high-crash locations.

CIVE 7388. Special Topics in Civil Engineering. 4 Hours.
Offered when the need for a special topic is evident to faculty and students. The course is initiated by the appropriate faculty members and discipline committee and approved by the department. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 7389. Special Topics in Construction Management Engineering. 4 Hours.
Offered when the need for a special topic is evident to faculty and students. The course is initiated by the appropriate faculty members and discipline committee and approved by the department. May be repeated without limit.

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Offered when the need for a special topic is evident to faculty and students. The course is initiated by the appropriate faculty members and discipline committee and approved by the department. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 7392. Special Topics in Environmental Engineering. 4 Hours.
Offered when the need for a special topic is evident to faculty and students. The course is initiated by the appropriate faculty members and discipline committee and approved by the department. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 7394. Special Topics in Geotechnical Engineering. 4 Hours.
Offered when the need for a special topic is evident to faculty and students. The course is initiated by the appropriate faculty members and discipline committee and approved by the department. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 7396. Special Topics in Structural Engineering. 4 Hours.
Offered when the need for a special topic is evident to faculty and students. The course is initiated by the appropriate faculty members and discipline committee and approved by the department. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 7400. Seminar. 0 Hours.
Presents topics of an advanced nature by staff, outside speakers, and students in the graduate program. This course must be attended every semester by all full-time graduate students in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Environmental engineering students permitted. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 7962. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 7976. Directed Study. 1-4 Hours.
Offers independent work under the direction of members of the department on a chosen topic. Course content depends on instructor. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 7978. Independent Study. 1-4 Hours.
Offers an individual effort in an area selected by student and adviser and approved by the Department Disciplinary Committee resulting in a definitive report. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 7990. Thesis. 1-8 Hours.
Offers analytical and/or experimental research conducted by arrangement with and under the supervision of the department. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 7996. Thesis Continuation. 0 Hours.
Offers continued thesis work conducted under the supervision of a departmental faculty.

CIVE 8674. Master's Report. 2,4 Hours.
Offers an individual effort consisting of laboratory and/or literature investigation and analysis of advanced design of a project in an area of civil engineering selected by student and adviser resulting in a definitive report. Requires a completed report seven years from the start of the master's program.

CIVE 8960. Exam Preparation—Doctoral. 0 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to prepare for the PhD qualifying exam under faculty supervision. Intended for students who have completed all required PhD course work and have not yet achieved PhD candidacy; students who have not completed all required PhD course work are not allowed to register for this course. May be repeated once.
CIVE 8984. Research. 1-4 Hours.
Offers an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 8986. Research. 0 Hours.
Offers an opportunity to conduct full-time research under faculty supervision. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 9000. PhD Candidacy Achieved. 0 Hours.
Indicates successful completion of program requirements for PhD candidacy.

CIVE 9984. Research. 1-4 Hours.
Offers an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 9986. Research. 0 Hours.
Offers an opportunity to conduct full-time research under faculty supervision. May be repeated without limit.

CIVE 9990. Dissertation. 0 Hours.
Offers analytical and/or experimental research conducted by arrangement with and under the supervision of the department. Open to full-time students only. Requires PhD candidacy in civil engineering or in interdisciplinary engineering. May be repeated once.

CIVE 9996. Dissertation Continuation. 0 Hours.
Offers continued thesis work conducted under the supervision of a departmental faculty. Requires prior completion of CIVE 9990 twice and PhD candidacy in civil engineering or in interdisciplinary engineering. May be repeated without limit.

SBSY 5100. Sustainable Design and Technologies in Construction. 4 Hours.
Covers theory of sustainability and green building procedures; sustainable design and construction practices; use of appropriate materials and systems with low environmental impact for creating energy-efficient buildings; green construction practices, including reducing pollution, emissions, and construction waste; and U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED rating system. May be helpful to students preparing for the LEED Green Associate examination.

SBSY 5200. Sustainable Engineering Systems for Buildings. 4 Hours.
Focuses on basic design and construction of mechanical/electrical/plumbing (MEP) systems in buildings. Covers MEP documentation, plumbing water supply, HVAC systems, electrical power supply and distribution, lighting systems, low-voltage electrical systems, and estimating and planning for these specialty areas. Also addresses sustainable design and construction practices for MEP including minimization of energy consumption and carbon footprint.

SBSY 5300. Information Systems for Integrated Project Delivery. 4 Hours.
Focuses on new software systems for increasing efficiency of project delivery and facilitating design and construction integration through the use of BIM (Building Information Modeling) and related technologies. Exposes students to various software systems, including hands-on cases of BIM use, 4D (construction drawings linked to schedule) modeling, and 5D models (4D + cost). Covers the impact of new technology on project delivery, including owner’s perspective, advantages, and disadvantages. Also covers use and background of common industry systems to apply BIM concepts to construction projects.

SBSY 5400. Sustainable Building Systems Seminar. 0 Hours.
Features prominent speakers from the sustainable building design and construction industry to showcase new building technologies, tools, and projects and to discuss national and international trends in the industry. Offers students an opportunity to meet innovators and key players advancing the field of sustainable building systems. May be repeated without limit.

SBSY 6962. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.