

Course Syllabus

Course Name: Construction Claims

Course Number: CE 5395, 3 credits

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Location/time: Online/hybrid (Access course and Course material through Blackboard. www.utep.edu.)

Course Description: This course will introduce students to the basic concepts of claim types, preparation of claims, management of claims and analysis of actual claim case studies.

Academic Integrity: Academic integrity will be enforced in accordance with University and Department policies.

Disabilities: Students with disabilities will be accommodated. Students are required to notify the instructor of any disability at least one week before the start of class. Students with any disability should contact UTEP CASS.

Ethics: Any student copying the work of other students or from any unreferenced source shall be reported to the UTEP Student Conduct Department for processing.

Exams, Assignments

No exams; students will be graded based on assignments. Late assignments will NOT be graded unless the student gets an agreement with the Professor before the due date. Assignments can only be submitted once, so be very careful to submit only when and what you want to submit. Assignments will not be accepted by email, they will only be accepted within the course system. The reason for such strictness on deadlines is primarily because deadlines are critical in construction and, hopefully, being strict here will help some students realize the importance of scheduling their time and meeting deadlines.

Class Structure

This course will be conducted partly online. The course is seven weeks/modules in length.

**** Students are required to complete assignments prior to Sunday evening at midnight at the end of each week/module (MST) unless the Professor specifies an assignment specific deadline.**

Grading

Grades will be based on maximum module points assigned as follows:

Assignments for weeks/modules one through seven– 200 points

Modules 1-7 may be completed prior to any of the deadlines, that is you can complete these assignments ahead of time if you wish within earlier weeks.

For the seven-week course, there are 1400 total points.

Final grades will be assigned as follows: above 90% of total points = A; 80-90% = B; 70-80% = C; 60-70% = D; below 60% = F. There is really no single answer to assignment questions. As a result, they will be evaluated based on whether you put in a good effort and present good logic based on the Professor's judgment. There is no special format required for assignments 1-6; you should present results in a format you believe best presents the material.

Course Outline in Weeks

Week 1 – Claims

Week 2 – Negotiating

Week 3 – Preparing Claims

Week 4 – Documentation

Week 5 – Claim Management

Week 6 – Case Studies

Week 7 – Case Studies

Platform Instructions

Assignments

You will find assignments posted at the end of each module. They will be indicated with a green notebook emoji.

Due Dates: All assignments are due by Sunday night at midnight of each week. Late assignments will not be graded unless students inform the professor prior to Friday night at midnight of the week. Excuses after the deadline are ineffective and discouraging. In real construction work, excuses do not solve construction problems and are of no value to projects.