CE 1301 Civil Engineering Fundamentals 12704  
Fall 2023 Syllabus

*Note: the instructor reserves the right to modify the following information as deemed necessary.*

**Lecture Session:** TR 7:30am – 8:20am  
**Lecture Location:** UGLC 220

**Instructor:** Joanne Moyer, PhD  
**Email:** jmmoyer@utep.edu  
**Office Hours:** By appointment or weekly study sessions. Weekly study sessions to be announced.  
**Office Location:** A-212

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

*Textbook:* Statics & Dynamics.  

*Can use eText from Pearson: Mastering Engineering in Lieu of Hardcopy Textbook

**Assignments:** Pearson: Mastering Engineering  
Course Name: CE 1301 Civil Engineering Fundamentals Fall 2023  
Course ID: moyer48459  
https://mlm.pearson.com/enrollment/moyer48459

**Calculator:** Only NCEES approved calculators will be permitted, as these are what is allowed for the Fundamentals of Engineering exam. Visit the NCEES website (http://ncees.org/exams/calculator/) for more information. No phones. The following are a few of the suggested calculators:

- Hewlett Packard – HP 33S
- Casio – FX 115MS or FX 115MSPlus
- Texas Instruments – TI 30X IIS
- Texas Instruments – TI 36X SOLAR
It is your responsibility to get acquainted with the features of the calculator you decide to use. I recommend that you use this calculator for all your work (including other courses) since this will help you learn how to use all the features of your calculator.

CELL PHONES:

Please be courteous, and turn off your cell phones during the class lectures.

*The mere possession of a disallowed calculator, any cell phone or any other electronic item on or near you during exams is the ground for receiving a grade of zero.*

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course involves a hands-on survey of the five disciplines of civil engineering (geotechnical, structural, transportation, environmental, and construction) and an introduction to engineering mechanics with a focus on the fundamentals of statics. The objectives of this course are to develop:

1. an understanding of the breadth of the civil engineering profession and the significant role that civil engineers provide in civilization
2. an understanding of several typical career pathways for civil engineers, especially including professional engineering licensure
3. an intuitive understanding of loads and moments
4. a mathematical vector analysis of forces and moments in static structures
5. a fundamental analysis of reaction forces and moments on static rigid bodies
6. an introduction to dynamics with conservation of energy and momentum

GRADING POLICY:

Your grade for this course will be determined on the basis of the following percentages:

**Grading Scheme:**

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<td>Assignments</td>
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<td>Lab Assignments</td>
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<td>Lab Participation (attendance and discussions)</td>
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<td>Group Lab Project Presentation and Report</td>
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**Total 100%**

**Grading Structure:**

- A ≥ 90
- 90 > B ≥ 80
- 80 > C ≥ 70
- 70 > D ≥ 60
- 60 > F
WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT FROM ME AS THE INSTRUCTOR?

1. I will provide you with clear instructions on class expectations.
2. I will check my e-mail at least three times per week and will answer back to you as soon as possible.
3. I will leave myself open to suggestions about improvement of the class and class related activities.
4. I will do all I can to enhance your learning and success in this class.
5. If any changes in the course are to be implemented, I will ensure that the class is notified in a timely manner.

ATTENDANCE & CLASS PARTICIPATION:

- Students are expected to attend all lectures and read all course material assigned.
- Those who fail to attend classes regularly are inviting scholastic difficulty and, with the approval of the Dean of the College of Engineering, may be dropped from the course with a grade of F for repeated (4 or more) unexcused absences.
- Those who fail to complete the course material and attend class are inviting scholastic difficulty.

ASSIGNMENTS:

- Assignment problems will be assigned via Pearson: Mastering Engineering.
- Written assignments may also be assigned during the semester.
- Past experience clearly shows that a student's grade is strongly dependent upon the effort that is put into working and understanding the homework.
  - Late assignments will not be accepted. No exceptions!!

QUIZZES:

Quizzes will be administered during the scheduled lecture time on-campus.

- See tentative schedule for Quiz dates.
- Quizzes are closed book – closed notes. Be sure to prepare and be ready to take quizzes.
- The lowest quiz grade will be dropped from your grades.
  - No makeup quizzes will be administered. No exceptions!!

Five quizzes will be given. You must take the quizzes during the scheduled course time. These dates are announced on the first day of class although the dates may be changed according to the progress of the class.
SEMESTER EXAMS:

Semester Exams will be administered during the scheduled lecture time on-campus.

- Exams are closed book – closed notes. No cell phones allowed.
- **No makeup exams will be administered. No exceptions!!**
  - Final Exam grade will replace the lowest exam grade, provided the final exam score is higher than the lowest exam grade.
- See tentative schedule for Exam dates.

Four mid-term exams will be given. You must take the exams during the scheduled exam times. These dates are announced on the first day of class although the dates may be changed according to the progress of the class.

*In accordance with University regulations, students who miss examinations will receive grades of zero.*

Make sure that you do not have a cell phone or any other electronic item in your possession during the exams.

*The mere possession of a disallowed calculator, any cell phone or any other electronic item on or near you during exams is the ground for receiving a grade of zero.*

FINAL EXAM:

The final exam will be administered during the scheduled lecture time on-campus.

- Final Exam is closed book – closed notes. No cell phones allowed.
- **Final Exam is optional**
- Please see tentative schedule for Final Exam day and time.
- Final Exam is comprehensive.
- Final Exam grade will replace the lowest of the 4 Semester Exams provided the Final Exam grade is higher than the lowest Semester Exam.

XTRA-CREDIT:

There will be **2 Xtra-Credit opportunities:**

1) During the last week of courses; you will be asked to provide advice to future students about the course. Xtra-Credit includes **4-points towards your Exam grade.**
2) Summarize at least 3 of the topics discussed during the Lab Presentations. The summary must be in Times New Roman 12 font, 1.5” spacing, 2-page summary. Xtra-Credit includes **4-points towards your Quiz grade.**
COURSE PORTFOLIO:
Students are encouraged to prepare a course portfolio documenting all materials relevant to the course. The portfolio shall contain Power Point lecture notes, class notes, handouts, exams, homework assignments, study notes, and any relevant materials accumulated during the semester. I believe that you will benefit from the portfolio years later when you need to review the learned subjects for advanced courses or professional engineer licensure exam.

TUTORING
ACES provides tutoring for Statics. Please take advantage of this great resource located in Classroom Building Room C-001. See the link below for hours of operation.

https://www.utep.edu/engineering/student-resources/student-resources-aces.html

PERSONS WITH DISABILITY OR QUALIFIED ACCOMMODATIONS:
UTEP seeks to provide reasonable accommodations for all qualified individuals with disabilities, including learning disabilities. This university will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required affording equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to register with Center for Accomodation and Support Services (CASS) in the East Union Bldg., Room 106 within the first two weeks of classes, and inform the faculty member to arrange for appropriate accommodations.

Center for Accomodation and Support Services (CASS) can also be reached in the following ways:
Web: http://sa.utep.edu/cass/
Monday thru Friday 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
Union Building East Room 106
Phone:(915) 747-5148
cass@utep.edu

POLICY ON CHEATING:
Students are expected to be above reproach in all scholastic activities. Students who engage in scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and dismissal from the university. Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student, or the attempt to commit such acts. The Department of Civil Engineering has established the Honor Code because it has an obligation to the State and the public to prevent students from entering the profession who are not honest and trustworthy in their academic efforts. This Honor Code Policy allows the Department to recommend disciplinary action to the University Student Conduct Office and to remove students from the Department who have violated the Honor Code. This Honor Code is consistent with the Student Conduct and Discipline Chapter of the Student Affairs Section of the Handbook of Operating Procedures of the University of Texas at El Paso.

Course tutoring/homework help sites, such as Chegg, are strictly prohibited for use on exams and quizzes.
All students should sign the Honor Code Agreement and submitted to the Civil Engineering office for record keeping and be deeply familiar with the Honor Code Policy published in our website:  http://ce.utep.edu/honorcode.htm

LABORATORY:

Weekly labs may consist of a combination of assignments, reports, discussions, etc. A weekly goals email will be sent at the beginning of the week to inform each student of the lab requirements for the week.

Lab Attendance and Participation:

Lab attendance is required and attendance will be taken for each lab session. Each lab attendance is worth 10-points.

Group Lab Report and Presentation:

GROUP LAB PROJECT AND PRESENTATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY AS ADDENDUM TO THIS SYLLABUS.

Important Dates:

- Friday, Sept 29: Notify TA/Professor of Group Members Names
  - If the TA/Professor are NOT notified by Friday, Sept 29 of group members names, groups will be formed by the TA/Professor
- Sunday, Oct 29: Submit rough draft of group project report
- Week of Nov 27: Group Presentations during respective Lab time
- Sunday, Dec 3: Group Project Report due
- Sunday, Dec 3: TEAMMATES peer evaluation for group project participation due

FINAL COMMENT:
I wish you all the best in the course. Please do not hesitate to ask questions. Any specific comments that students have on how the course might be improved are particularly welcome, especially during the semester.

*See next page for Tentative Course Schedule*
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

NOTE: Schedule may be modified to accommodate particular needs as the semester progresses. It is to the students' benefit that they read and study the chapters and sections as outlined in this calendar to reinforce the material that is presented in the class.

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<td>Aug 28 - Sept 3</td>
<td>Syllabus, Code of Ethics</td>
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<td>Sept 4 - Sept 10 <em>Sept 4 Labor Day-No Classes</em></td>
<td>Chapter 1: General Principles</td>
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<td>Sept 11 - Sept 17</td>
<td>Chapter 2 Sections 2.1-2.4: Force Vectors</td>
<td>Quiz 1 Thursday Sept 14</td>
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<td>Sept 25 - Oct 1</td>
<td>Chapter 2 Sections 2.7-2.8: Force Vectors</td>
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<td>Labs Meet in E-213 <em>Form Groups: Deadline Friday Sept 29</em></td>
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<td>Oct 2 - Oct 8</td>
<td>Chapter 2 Section 2.9: Force Vectors</td>
<td>Quiz 2 Thursday Oct 5</td>
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<td>Oct 9 - Oct 15</td>
<td>Chapter 3 Sections 3.1-3.3: Equilibrium of a Particle</td>
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<td>Oct 16 - Oct 22</td>
<td>Chapter 3 Section 3.4: Equilibrium of a Particle</td>
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<td>Oct 30 - Nov 5</td>
<td>Chapter 4 Sections 4.6-4.8: Force System Resultants</td>
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<td>Nov 20 - Nov 26 <em>Nov 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday-No Classes</em></td>
<td>Chapter 12 Sections 12.6: Kinematics of a Particle</td>
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<td>Nov 27 - Dec 3</td>
<td>Chapter 13 Sections 13.1 - 13.4: Kinetics of a Particle: Force and Acceleration (Slope Deflection Equations)</td>
<td>Quiz 5 Thursday Nov 30</td>
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<td>Labs Meet in E-213 <em>Group Presentations Week of Nov 27 and Group Project Report due Sunday Dec 3</em></td>
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<td>Chapter 13 Sections 13.1 - 13.4: Kinetics of a Particle: Force and Acceleration (Slope Deflection Equations)</td>
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<td>Exam 4 Thursday Dec 7</td>
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Thursday, Dec 14

Final Exam: 7:00am - 9:45am