

Module specification

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Module code	AURH458
Module title	Civil Engineering Construction
Level	4
Credit value	20
Faculty	Arts, Science and Technology
Module Leader	Colin Stuhlfelder
HECoS Code	100148
Cost Code	GABE

Programmes in which module to be offered

Programme title	Is the module core or option for this programme
HNC Civil Engineering	Core

Pre-requisites

N/A

Breakdown of module hours

Learning and teaching hours	48 hrs
Placement tutor support	0 hrs
Supervised learning e.g. practical classes, workshops	0 hrs
Project supervision (level 6 projects and dissertation modules only)	0 hrs
Total active learning and teaching hours	48 hrs
Placement / work based learning	0 hrs
Guided independent study	152 hrs
Module duration (total hours)	200 hrs

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With effect from date	Sep 21
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Version number	1

Module aims

This module aims to develop in the student an informed understanding of the selection, design and implementation of the various technologies that are available to the engineer in the provision of civil engineering infrastructure. Delivery will explore the decision-making processes that govern the successful execution of engineering projects in respect of health, safety and welfare, and environmental protection and sustainability.

In undertaking this module, students will gain insight into the development of both substructure and superstructure elements, and will develop an appreciation of the sorts of practicalities that influence the control of cost, time and quality in the safe implementation of above- and below-ground civil engineering operations.

Module Learning Outcomes - at the end of this module, students will be able to:

1	Describe the methods and resources used in earthworks activities
2	Assess the methods and resources used in substructure and other below ground activities, and in the construction of superstructure
3	Evaluate the hazards arising from construction activities, and provide an analysis of associated risks and the means of controlling them
4	Prepare a design proposal for a new infrastructure project and select appropriate methods and resources to solve problems arising from construction activities with proper regard to safety, the environment, quality, available technologies and economic considerations.

Assessment

Indicative Assessment Tasks:

This section outlines the type of assessment task the student will be expected to complete as part of the module. More details will be made available in the relevant academic year module handbook.

1. Evaluate modern methods of construction for earthworks and substructure. (2 hours)
2. Present a proposal for the construction of a road, bridge, tunnel or other similarly complex civil engineering structure that describes contemporary working practise to include health, safety and welfare, and environmental considerations. (15 minutes)

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Weighting (%)
1	1	In-class test	50

2	2,3,4	Presentation	50
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Derogations

None

Learning and Teaching Strategies

Lectures and problem solving sessions will be given to provide the basic knowledge of the subject. Case studies will also be undertaken in parallel with formal tuition such that practical skills are readily developed and theoretical studies are quickly placed in context.

The delivery of this module will be enhanced by site visits, media recordings of site operations, visual slides and photographs.

Although learners will be assessed individually for both knowledge and skills development, further depth will be provided through the analysis of case study projects in small groups.

Indicative Syllabus Outline

Earthworks activities: cuttings and embankments; stability of slopes; groundwater problems; deep excavations and trenching

Substructure: foundations; piling; drainage; culverts; underpasses; works for utilities

Superstructures: bridges; commercial and industrial buildings; tall, independent structures

Hazards arising from construction activities: assessing risks and controlling safety; arrangements for earthworks; working in confined spaces; working on structures and within temporary works

Principles of effective and efficient management of construction activities: health, safety and welfare; environmental protection and sustainability; quality; contemporary technologies; economic considerations

Indicative Bibliography:

Please note the essential reads and other indicative reading are subject to annual review and update.

Essential Reads

Kirkham, R., (2015) *Civil Engineering Procedure*. 7th ed. London: Institution of Civil Engineers.

McAleenan, C., Oloke, D., (2015) *ICE Manual of Health and Safety in Construction*, 2nd Edition Thomas Telford. London

Other indicative reading

Atkinson, A., (2014) *Fundamentals of Ground Engineering*. Boca Raton, Florida: CRC Press, Taylor and Francis Group LLC.

Bouassida, Y., Bouchon, E., et al, (2012) *Bridge Design to Eurocodes – Worked examples*, Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg

Rogers, M. and Enright, B. (2016) *Highway Engineering*. 3rd Ed, Wiley and Sons.

Links:

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Employability skills – the Glyndŵr Graduate

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Core Attributes

Engaged
Enterprising

Key Attitudes

Commitment
Resilience
Confidence
Adaptability

Practical Skillsets

Organisation
Critical Thinking
Communication