Course Number: 315  
Title: Civil and Environmental Engineering Profession  
Section: 1  
CRN(s): 15287  
Credits: 1  
Prerequisite(s): Junior standing  
Days/Time: Wednesday 12:45-13:50  
Location: EB 102  
Final Exam Day/Time: Thursday December 9 1230-1420

Instructor: Scott A. Wells  
Office: EB 202K  
Phone: 5-4276  
E-mail: scott@cecs.pdx.edu  
Office Hours: 10-11 am Wed, see Marianne in CEE office for an appointment  
Mailbox Location: CEE Office, EB 200 Suite

Required Text or Other Materials: None

Catalog Course Description:  
Introduction to Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE) practice in structural, environmental, geotechnical, and transportation engineering. Overview of education, training, research, and employment opportunities for each area of CEE. Engineering registration and ethics.

Design/Professional:  
Ethics 50%

Course Objectives – Students must demonstrate the ability to:  
1. Write an essay ethical responsibilities of engineers within the CEE profession

Course Requirements:  
Research Paper  
The research paper will follow the guidelines for this year’s Daniel W. Mead Contest. Note that the CEE Department will pick the top paper from the class and submit it to ASCE. Details of the topic are shown below. Format guidelines for ASCE must be strictly followed. These guidelines are at http://www.pubs.asce.org/authors/index.html

2007 NATIONAL DANIEL W. MEAD CONTEST  
Established in 1939 in honor of the 67th President of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the contest provides an opportunity for alert young civil engineers to further their professional development and gain national attention.

AWARD: Up to five winners will receive cash prizes (1st place $1000, 2nd place $800, 3rd place $600, 4th place $400, 5th place $200). The 1st place winner may be invited to a 2007 national event to present the winning paper. The paper will also be considered for publication in Civil Engineering Magazine.

TOPIC: “Should Engineers Advocate Public Entities to use Eminent Domain Power for Economic Development?”

The following can be used to stimulate, but should in no way limit, the discussion:
1. What is an engineer’s ethical duty? To protect individual citizen's property or to promote development on that said property for the benefit of the public at large?

2. What ethical issues may arise if an engineer works for a developer or municipality who is attempting to obtain citizen's property?

**RULES:** Papers are not to exceed 2,000 words in length, must be written by only one person, and should not have appeared in any publications other than in school or chapter/club publications. Reference citations of the papers should conform to the official ASCE Authors’ Guide to Journals and Practice Periodicals, which can be found on the ASCE Publications website http://www.pubs.asce.org/authors/index.html. Entries for the contest shall be limited to one paper from each Student Chapter/Club and must be submitted through the Faculty Advisor. Authors must be undergraduate students and both ASCE Student Chapter members and ASCE national student members in good standing at the time of submission to be considered. Entries should include a cover letter from the Faculty Advisor of the Chapter/Club, stating the name, ASCE ID number, mailing address, phone, and e-mail of the paper’s author. Send entries to: ASCE Student Services, Student Mead Paper Contest, 1801 Alexander Bell Drive, Reston, VA 20191-4400. Entries must be received by March 1, 2007.

**SELECTION:** Selection will be made by the ASCE National Committee on Student Activities and winners will be announced May 2007. If insufficient qualified essays are received from any Region, fewer than five awards may be presented.

Questions should be directed to Student Services at 703.295.6105 or student@asce.org.

**2006 NATIONAL DANIEL W. MEAD STUDENT CONTEST WINNERS**

The following individuals were selected by the Committee on Student Activities as winners of the National Daniel W. Mead Student Contest.

**National Winners are:**

1st place: Benjamin Wiley, Portland State University

2nd place: Alison Trachet, University of Florida

3rd place: Kyle Frazier, Mississippi State University

4th place: Aaron Quick, University of Alabama

5th place: Zachary Trujillo, New Mexico State University

Note Example reference format from ASCE:

From the ASCE web page (http://www.pubs.asce.org/authors/index.html#ref):

“To cite sources in the text, use the author-date method; list the last names of the authors, then the year (see examples in the following paragraph). Prepare an appendix listing all references alphabetically by last name of the first author. For anonymous reports and standards, alphabetize by the issuing institution. …”

The following table (below) “shows examples of full references for the following types of sources: a software manual (ABAQUS 1996), a discussion (Agarwal and Mishra 2000), a standard (ASTM 1997), a two-part paper (Bazant and Novak 2000a,b), a book in a foreign language (Duvant and Lions 1972), a paper in a proceedings (Eshenaur et al. 1991), an anonymous newspaper article (AFactory@ 2000), an anonymous report (FHWA 1995), an untitled item in the Federal Register (Federal 1968), a university report (Gupta and Krawinkler 1999), a doctoral thesis (Hordijk 1991), a building code (ICBO 1997), a translated book (Melin 1913), a paper in a foreign journal (Merifield et al. 1999), a World Wide Web site (AProduct@ 1999), an anonymous book (Soil 1995), a book with editors (Zadeh 1981), and a paper in an ASCE journal (Zhang 2000).”

**Research Paper Metrics:**

Format (20%) – paper meets format guidelines for margins, line spacing, title page,
paragraphs, headings and length
Spelling, punctuation (10%) – misspelled words (Use spell-check), improper punctuation
Grammar (10%) - incorrect or poor grammar (Use Word’s Grammar check – but do not always believe it. Have a friend read it for word flow. Read the material out loud.)
Content (50%) – well-organized material, clear, concise writing style
References (10%) – used 2 references from a Journal or other acceptable source, proper reference format

*Note: Plagiarism will result in a grade of 0 for the research paper.*

**Typical problems from prior years:**
1. No coherent logical development – write an outline
2. Use of contractions – do not use contractions in technical or formal writing
3. Use of indefinite “it” to start sentences:
   “It is important for engineers to remember…” == “Engineers need to remember …”
4. “In my opinion it should not matter how a person…” == “How a person… should not matter”
5. “However I know it gives me the right answer every time I use it.” == “The computer program gives the right answer every time it is used.”
6. Not following format guidelines, spelling, punctuation and grammar rules – read your paper out loud to a relative or fellow classmate. If English is not your native language, have a native reader listen to you. Consider a technical writing class if you are having difficulties. PSU has many resources to help you improve your writing: [http://www.writingprogram.pdx.edu/Where3.htm](http://www.writingprogram.pdx.edu/Where3.htm)
7. “It is important to consider the fact that professional engineers are daily called upon to use their judgment…”==”Professional engineers are daily called upon to use their judgment…”
8. Not following ASCE reference guidelines – very common!

**Course Grading**

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**Incompletes:** A grade of “I” is granted by the instructor only with prior approval and consent. Criteria are outlined in the PSU Bulletin. **Program requirements:** {for UG courses} The CEE Department requires that junior and senior engineering courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C-, and a student’s cumulative PSU GPA must be 2.25 or higher to graduate from the BSCE program.
## CEE Department Syllabus

### Course Schedule

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<td>Transportation Engineering – Intelligent Transportation Systems</td>
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<td>Rob Doneker</td>
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<td>Environmental Engineering – Near Field Mixing Modeling</td>
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<td>Peter Dusicka*</td>
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<td>Structural Engineering – structural and seismic testing/research</td>
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<td>Structural Engineering – stability of structures</td>
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<td>Structural Engineering – structural mechanics</td>
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<td>Carol Hasenberg</td>
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<td>David Jay</td>
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<td>Roy Koch</td>
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<td>Environmental Engineering – hydrologic and water modeling</td>
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<td>Kent Lall</td>
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<td>Transportation Engineering – procedures to evaluate two-way stop intersections</td>
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<td>Wendelin Mueller</td>
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<td>Structural Engineering – earthquake damage and loss estimation models</td>
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<td>Geotechnical Engineering – in situ testing, design and analysis</td>
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<td>Scott Wells</td>
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<td>Environmental Engineering – water quality and hydrodynamic modeling</td>
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<td>Marianne Stupfel-Wallace</td>
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### Computer and E-mail Accounts

All engineering students should activate their engineering computer account (go to the CadLab in SB2, 169) which will allow them to use engineering computer labs and e-mail. You should activate it before the day you need it. If you encounter problems with this account, see the lab attendant, or e-mail: support@cecs.pdx.edu. Please note: the CEE Department regularly sends course announcements, job information, etc. to students’ CECS accounts, so if you do not check it regularly, we recommend forwarding your CECS e-mail to whatever e-mail address you use.

### Ethics and Professionalism

As future professional engineers you should plan to take the FE Exam (see the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying at www.osbeels.org), and you should be familiar with the ASCE Code of Ethics (www.asce.org/inside/codeofethics.cfm), which includes the following:

**Engineers shall act in such a manner as to uphold and enhance the honor, integrity and dignity of the engineering profession.**

The PSU Student Conduct Code prohibits all forms of academic cheating, fraud, and dishonesty. Further details can be found in the PSU Bulletin. Allegations of academic dishonesty may be addressed by the instructor, and/or may be referred to the Office of Student Affairs for action. Acts of academic dishonesty may result in a failing grade on the exam or assignment for which the dishonesty occurred, disciplinary probation, suspension or dismissal from the University. The students and the instructor will work together to establish optimal conditions for honorable academic work. Questions about academic honesty may be directed to the Office of Student Affairs (http://www.ess.pdx.edu/osa/).

### Student Groups and Professional Organizations

Participation in student and professional groups can be a valuable part of your education experience. Membership gives students opportunities to get to know fellow students better, meet and network with professionals, collaborate in solving real engineering problems, learn about internship or job possibilities, socialize and have fun. Your fellow students can be a great source of help and guidance in your academic endeavors. Consider becoming active with a student organization, such as the following:

- American Society of Civil Engineers Student Group (ASCE): http://www.asce.pdx.edu
- Institute of Transportation Engineers Student Chapter (ITE): http://www.its.pdx.edu/ite/

Most professional organizations have monthly meetings and encourage student participation by providing discounts for lunch and dinner meetings. These meetings provide
opportunities to network with potential future employers, learn about scholarships, and increasing your technical knowledge. Take a look at these organizations as a starting point:

- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Oregon Section: [www.asceor.org](http://www.asceor.org)
- Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Oregon Section: [www.oregonite.org](http://www.oregonite.org)
- Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Columbia River Section - [http://www.swe-columbia-river.org](http://www.swe-columbia-river.org)
- Structural Engineers Association of Oregon (SEAO): [www.seao.org](http://www.seao.org)

**Resources**

As a PSU student, you have numerous resources at your disposal. Please take advantage of them while you are here. A small sample is listed below:

- CE Website (includes program info, job listings, etc.): [http://www.cee.pdx.edu](http://www.cee.pdx.edu)
- Career Center: [http://www.career.pdx.edu/](http://www.career.pdx.edu/)
- Center for Student Health & Counseling: [http://www.shac.pdx.edu/](http://www.shac.pdx.edu/)
- The Writing Center: [http://www.writingcenter.pdx.edu/](http://www.writingcenter.pdx.edu/)
- PSU Disability Resource Center: 435 Smith Memorial Union

Note: The PSU Disability Resource Center is available to help students with academic accommodations. If you are a student who has need for test-taking, note-taking or other assistance, please visit the DRC and notify the instructor at the beginning of the term.

**Introduction to Library and Literature Research**

With the advent of the Internet it is very tempting to think that all necessary resources for a term project will be available in full text after typing in a few words at Google.com. This is not the case. You will often need to go to the library, use real library search tools and access real books and articles contained in refereed/archival journals.

Be sure to make use of the Vikat library catalog. Go to the PSU library home page at [http://www.lib.pdx.edu/](http://www.lib.pdx.edu/). Also available on the library home page are Full Text Electronic Journals: [http://www.lib.pdx.edu/~bvws/bytitle.html](http://www.lib.pdx.edu/~bvws/bytitle.html), and a list of on-line Databases: [http://www.lib.pdx.edu/resources/databases/databases.html](http://www.lib.pdx.edu/resources/databases/databases.html). Try EI Compendex ([http://www.ei.org/ev2/ev2.home](http://www.ei.org/ev2/ev2.home)) and Lexis-Nexis. Note that access to these databases is free for PSU students, but you must be using a computer on campus or via a dial-in service. See [http://www.lib.pdx.edu/services/distance/proxyserver.html](http://www.lib.pdx.edu/services/distance/proxyserver.html) for instructions on how to gain off-campus access using a proxy server.

**Campus Safety**

The University considers student safety paramount. The Campus Public Safety Office is open 24 hours a day to assist with personal safety, crime prevention and security escort services. Call 503-725-4407 for more information. For Campus emergencies call 503-725-4404.