CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING (CEE)

Degrees Offered: Ph.D., M.Eng., M.S.

This program is offered in Durham.

The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering offers the master of engineering degree in civil engineering, the master of science degree in civil engineering, and a Ph.D. degree in civil engineering with the following areas of specialization: structural, materials, geotechnical, water resources, and environmental engineering. Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the department website for information on current research in the department and to contact faculty members in their area of interest directly. The department website has information on program requirements and frequently asked questions. Applicants with questions not answered by the department or graduate school website should write to the graduate program coordinator for specific information.

Admission Requirements

An applicant must have completed a baccalaureate science degree in engineering, mathematics, or science at an accredited college or university. If coursework or laboratory experience is deficient, an admitted student will be required to fulfill, without graduate credit, all undergraduate prerequisites for graduate courses. In some cases, the student’s advisor may require additional undergraduate courses in order to achieve a well-integrated program of study.

For more information on the Civil and Environmental Engineering Graduate Program, please email CEE.Graduate@unh.edu.

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Programs

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Courses

Civil and Environmental Engineering (CEE)

CEE 804 - Transportation Engineering and Planning
Credits: 3
Fundamental relationships of traffic speed, density, and flow applied to public and private modes of transport. Principles of demand forecasting and urban systems planning.
Equivalent(s): CIE 854
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 805 - Introduction to Sustainable Engineering
Credits: 3
Course begins with exploration of the precept that we live in, and must design engineering works for, a world with a finite supply of natural resources and with limited life support capacity. Tools for sustainability engineering are the major focus of the course, which include life cycle, analysis and life cycle impact analysis, the metrics and mass and energy flow analyses used in the field of industrial ecology, and environmental management systems.
Equivalent(s): CIE 851
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 806 - Environmental Life Cycle Assessment
Credits: 3
This course teaches knowledge and hands-on skills in conducting environmental life cycle assessment (LCA), which is a widely used technique by industries, academics, and governments. Students will learn to use popular LCA software (e.g., SimaPro), apply proper LCA techniques, critically analyze LCA results, and provide client-oriented suggestions during this course. Class time is primarily devoted to a combination of lectures and computer labs.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 820 - Solid and Hazardous Waste Engineering
Credits: 3
A thorough examination of the problems which exist in hazardous and solid waste management will be presented in terms of the current regulations and engineering approaches used to develop solutions. Topics will include risk-based decision making, transport and fate of contaminants, and the fundamental physical, chemical and biological concepts which make up the basis for technological solutions to these waste management problems. Case studies will be used throughout the course to highlight key concepts and provide real-world examples.
Equivalent(s): CIE 842
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 821 - Environmental Sampling and Analysis
Credits: 4
Theory of analytical and sampling techniques used in environmental engineering. Topics include potentiometry, spectroscopy, chromatography, automated analysis, quality control, sampling design, and collection methods. Methods discussed in lecture are demonstrated in labs.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 822 - Introduction to Marine Pollution and Control
Credits: 4
Introduction to the sources, effects, and control of pollutants in the marine environment. Dynamic and kinetic modeling; ocean disposal of on-shore wastes, shipboard wastes, solid wastes, dredge spoils, and radioactive wastes; and oil spills. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of environmental engineering required.
Equivalent(s): CIE 847
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 823 - Environmental Water Chemistry
Credits: 4
Emphasizes the use of chemical equilibrium principles and theory, calculations, and applications of ionic equilibrium stresses. Topics include thermodynamics, kinetics, acid/base, complexation, precipitation/dissolution, and redox equilibria. Computer equilibrium modeling is presented. General chemistry knowledge required.
Equivalent(s): CIE 849
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
CEE 824 - Environmental Engineering Microbiology
Credits: 4
Concepts of environmental engineering microbiology including microbial metabolism, growth kinetics, bioremediation applications, mass transfer kinetics and effects of environmental parameters. Coursework includes reading and discussion of the microbial literature. Laboratories cover microbiological monitoring and biological treatment experiments. Lab. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of environmental engineering required.
Equivalent(s): CIE 856
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 829 - Sources, Control, and Stewardship of Air Pollution
Credits: 4
Sources and fate of air pollutants from natural and engineered systems. Fundamentals of pollutant chemistry, atmospheric dispersion, and engineering controls. Includes regulatory policy, environmental, and social justice issues. Prior coursework in solid and hazardous waste engineering or permission required.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 830 - Public Health Engineering for Rural and Developing Communities
Credits: 3
The design principles are to impart to the student specific information that can be used to design public health control facilities such as small water treatment systems and on-site wastewater disposal systems. The engineering control methods taught are particularly applicable to rural areas and developing countries.
Equivalent(s): CIE 840
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 831 - Advanced Water Treatment Design
Credits: 4
Selection, design, and evaluation of advanced unit processes employed in the treatment of water, wastewater, and hazardous wastes. Emphasis given on treatment schemes based on experimental laboratory or pilot studies.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 832 - Solid and Hazardous Waste Design
Credits: 4
Selection, design, and evaluation of unit processes employed in the treatment of solid wastes and hazardous wastes will be studied. Topics include design of materials recovery facilities, landfills, waste-to-energy facilities and hazardous waste site remedial technologies. A group term project taken from a real-world project will be required. An oral presentation by the group and preparation of a final written engineering report including alternative evaluation, permits, scheduling and economic analysis will be required from each group. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of environmental engineering required.
Equivalent(s): CIE 848
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 833 - Public Infrastructure Asset Management
Credits: 4
The course provides a thorough examination of the growing engineering field of Public Infrastructure Assess Management (IAM). The course enables the student to design an IAM system. It touches upon all types of public infrastructure with a particular focus on water infrastructure for the semester design project. Students build upon their engineering economics and project engineering skills and use simple IAM software along with GIS applications. Practice leaders from the industry provide guest lectures throughout the semester. A focus on triple bottom line or the Societal, Environmental and Economic aspects of IAM are included. The format is a modified team base design learning experience providing practice in processing of technical lecture material, personal performance evaluation (frequent quizzes) and team based performance evaluation. Student groups will present their design to the class and provide a written engineering report. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of environmental engineering required.
Equivalent(s): CIE 839
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 835 - Properties and Production of Concrete
Credits: 3
Basic properties of hydraulic cements and mineral aggregates and their interactions in the properties of plastic and hardened concrete; modifications through admixtures; production handling and placement problems; specifications; quality control and acceptance testing; lightweight, heavyweight, and other special concretes. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of materials engineering required.
Equivalent(s): CIE 822
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 836 - Asphalt Mixtures and Construction
Credits: 3
Specification of asphalt cements, aggregates and proportioning of mixture constituents for paving applications. Asphalt mixture design methods, production, construction, and quality control are discussed. Current and new material production and construction technologies are introduced. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of materials engineering required.
Equivalent(s): CIE 823
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 837 - Pavement Rehabilitation, Maintenance, and Management
Credits: 3
This course covers the technical and financial strategies to extend the life of highway and airfield pavements. The course topics will include: Assessment of pavement functional and structural condition, suitability of pavement maintenance and repair techniques, use of pavement preservation processes, and application of asset management to extend the life of pavement infrastructure.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE #848 - Pavement Design Project
Credits: 1
Semester long design project accompanying CEE 849 Pavement Design Analysis. The design project will require weekly meetings (either online or in person) for the duration of the semester. Meeting times will be arranged based on student schedules.
Co-requisite: CEE 849
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
CEE 849 - Pavement Design Analysis  
Credits: 3  
Introduction to flexible and rigid pavement design and analysis for highways and airports. Examines design inputs, materials, analysis methods, design tools, and maintenance treatments. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of material and geotechnical engineering required.  
Equivalent(s): CIE 821  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 851 - Open Channel Flow  
Credits: 3  
Energy and momentum principles in open channel flow; flow resistance; channel controls and transitions; unsteady flow concepts and dam failure studies. Modeling with HEC programs. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of environmental engineering required.  
Equivalent(s): CIE 841  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 853 - Snow Hydrology  
Credits: 3  
Snow is a significant component of the hydrologic cycle in high latitude and high elevation environments. It is also a part of engineering design and practice that is frequently overlooked. In this course, we will examine spatial controls on snow accumulation and the dynamics of snowmelt processes through readings in snow hydrology, field assays of snow distribution, and analytical exercises. Of particular interest will be the role of snow in water resource engineering.  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 854 - Engineering Hydrology  
Credits: 3  
Hydrologic cycle, probability theory related to hydrology and the design of water resources structures, water flow, flood discharge prediction, hydrograph development, hydraulic and hydrologic river routing, reservoir routing, theory of storage, reservoir operations, hydropower development, modeling of watershed hydrology with program HEC-1, HEC-HMS, and multipurpose projects.  
Equivalent(s): CIE 845  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 855 - Design of Pressurized Water Transmission Systems  
Credits: 4  
Theory developed for individual components to large complex systems. Analysis and designs of components and systems. Topics include steady and unsteady closed conduit flow, valves and meters, pump requirements, pump selection, system planning and layout, water hammer, and system operation and maintenance. Pressure system modeling with program EPANET. Coursework in fluid mechanics required.  
Equivalent(s): CIE 855  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 858 - Stormwater Management Designs  
Credits: 3  
Historic review of stormwater management leading up to the current regulatory framework. Overview of stormwater management strategies, strategy selection and the targeting of specific contaminants, contaminant removal efficiencies, construction and site selection, and system maintenance. Hydrologic concepts including watershed and storm characteristics, design hydrology (peak flows, storm and treatment volumes), hydrograph routing, and critical review of hydrology and drainage reports. Design and sizing of treatment systems including conventional BMPs, low impact development, and manufactured devices. Rainfall runoff calculations with US SCS TR55 model. Coursework in fluid mechanics required.  
Equivalent(s): CIE 858  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 859 - Stream Restoration  
Credits: 4  
Explores the assessment, planning, design, engineering, and monitoring of stream and watershed practices intended to protect and restore the quality and quantity of flowing and surface waters and stream corridors. Lecture material covers hydrology, geomorphology, and ecosystems, with the intent of understanding the variables associated with stream systems and their interplay. Students measure field variables and then are challenged with actual designs. Examples of stream restoration issues include in-stream flow, dam removal, induced recharge, improvements to fish habitat, and channel stabilization. Coursework in fluid mechanics required.  
Equivalent(s): CIE 859  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 865 - Engineering Behavior of Soils  
Credits: 4  
Equivalent(s): CIE 867  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 866 - Introduction to Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering  
Credits: 3  
Overview of earthquake source mechanisms; magnitude and intensity; seismicity of the U.S.A. Dynamics of simple structures; response spectra. Selection of design parameters; source, magnitude, input records. Measurement of dynamic characteristics of soils; site response, liquefaction, and ground deformation.  
Prerequisite(s): CEE 878 with a minimum grade of D-.  
Equivalent(s): CIE 862  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE #867 - Geological Engineering  
Credits: 3  
Equivalent(s): CIE 863  
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
CEE 868 - Geo-Environmental Engineering
Credits: 3
Soil composition and structure; hydrogeology; attenuation and contaminant transport; containment design including landfills, geosynthetics for liners and covers, leachate collection systems, vertical cutoff walls, and stability analyses; geo-environmental site characterization and investigation using geotechnical and geophysical methods; ground water, soil and gas monitoring, and sampling; remediation including in-situ and ex-situ techniques and treatment methods. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of geotechnical engineering required.
Equivalent(s): CIE 866
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 878 - Foundation Design I
Credits: 4
Foundation design based on subsurface investigation and characterization using current methods of laboratory and in situ testing. Use of consolidation theory and bearing capacity theory for the design of shallow foundations, including footings and rafts. Basic design of pile foundations. Earth pressure theory applied to design of retaining walls. Slope stability theory and applications. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of geotechnical engineering required.
Equivalent(s): CIE 860
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 879 - Foundation Design II
Credits: 3
Advanced pile and pier design under vertical and lateral loads. Slope stability by circular and noncircular arc methods. Design of flexible bulkhead walls and mechanically stabilized walls. Excavation and dewatering. Soil and site improvement.
Prerequisite(s): CEE 878 with a minimum grade of D-
Equivalent(s): CIE 861
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 880 - Matrix Structural Analysis and Modeling
Credits: 3
Equivalent(s): CIE 883
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 881 - Dynamics of Structures
Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): CEE 880 with a minimum grade of D-
Equivalent(s): CIE 887
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 882 - Foundation Design II
Credits: 4 or 3
Equivalent(s): CIE 882
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 883 - Foundation Design in Masonry
Credits: 3
Introduces the design of reinforced masonry structural members by the stress and strength method and considering deflection and other serviceability performance criteria. Includes development of wind and seismic load, curtain wall, shear wall, lintels and columns. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of materials and structural engineering required.
Equivalent(s): CIE 876
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 884 - Timber Design
Credits: 3
Equivalent(s): CIE 882
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 885 - Structural Design in Steel
Credits: 4
Introduction to the design of steel structures. Examination of steel members for design and analysis of buildings. Examines design inputs, material choice, analysis methods and design and construction methodologies. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of materials and structural engineering required.
Equivalent(s): CIE 893
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 886 - LRFD Bridge Design
Credits: 3
AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications using SI units. Design objectives, loads, load case analysis and selection, load distributions, static analysis, and design for axial loads, flexure, and shear. Design of slender columns, composite beams, and plate girders. Senior-level structural design course required prior to taking this course.
Equivalent(s): CIE 892
Grade Mode: Letter Grading
CEE 895 - Independent Study  
**Credits:** 1-4  
A limited number of qualified graduate students will be permitted to pursue independent studies under faculty guidance. May be repeated.  
**Equivalent(s):** CIE 895  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading  

CEE 896 - Special Topics  
**Credits:** 1-4  
Advanced or specialized topics not normally covered in regular course offerings. May be repeated, but not in duplicate areas.  
**Equivalent(s):** CIE 896  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading  

**Special Fee:** Yes  

CEE 897 - Masters Student Seminar  
**Credits:** 1  
Topics of interest to graduate students and staff; reports of research ideas, progress, and results; lectures by outside speakers. Requires one presentation from students on their research, self-assessment, and a minimum attendance level. Continuing course: instructor may assign IA grade (continuous grading) at the end of one semester. Course held simultaneously with 897/997.  
**Equivalent(s):** CIE 900  
**Grade Mode:** Graduate Credit/Fail grading  

CEE 898 - Master's Project Paper  
**Credits:** 3  
Concluding project paper required of Master's level students who utilize the non-thesis option.  
**Equivalent(s):** CIE 888  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading  

CEE 899 - Master's Thesis  
**Credits:** 1-6  
Master's Thesis.  
**Repeat Rule:** May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.  
**Equivalent(s):** CIE 899  
**Grade Mode:** Graduate Credit/Fail grading  

CEE #907 - Systems Analysis of the Environment  
**Credits:** 3  
This course teaches knowledge and hands-on skills in system dynamics modeling, which is one of the most commonly used tools in analyzing the mechanisms, tradeoffs, and feedbacks in environmental, social, and economic procedures and systems. Students will also be trained with the ability of systems thinking during this course. Class time is primarily devoted to a combination of lectures and computer labs.  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading  

CEE 936 - Advanced Asphalt Materials  
**Credits:** 3  
Examination of chemical composition of asphalt cements, current technologies for modification, and inclusion of recycled materials to meet desired physical properties. Advanced characterization of asphalt materials, modelling, advanced mixture design tools.  
**Prerequisite(s):** CIE 836 with a minimum grade of D-.  
**Equivalent(s):** CIE 923  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading  

CEE 949 - Advanced Pavement Design and Analysis  
**Credits:** 3  
Advanced flexible pavement design and analysis including rehabilitation/overlay design. Includes development of mechanistic-empirical methods, advanced pavement structural analysis, and advanced material characterization.  
**Prerequisite(s):** CIE 849 with a minimum grade of D-.  
**Equivalent(s):** CIE 921  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading  

CEE 951 - Statistical Hydrology  
**Credits:** 3  
Course examines statistical methods used to address water resources planning and management problems involving uncertainty objectives and hydrologic inputs. Application of statistics and probability to uncertainty in the description, measurement, and analysis of hydrologic variables and processes, including extreme events, error models, simulation, and sampling. A hydrology course and basic statistics required prior to taking this course.  
**Equivalent(s):** CIE 951  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading  

CEE 954 - Advanced Groundwater Topics  
**Credits:** 3  
Review of Darcy's Law for confined and unconfined aquifers, linearization techniques, draw down computations under varying boundary conditions, solutions to the inverse problem, drainage theory, recharge theory, two-phase flow, succession of steady states modeling, and borehole geophysics.  
**Prerequisite(s):** ESCI 810 with a minimum grade of D-.  
**Equivalent(s):** CIE 945  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading  

CEE #955 - Advanced Surface Water Hydrology  
**Credits:** 3  
Occurrence and distribution of water by natural processes including atmospheric thermodynamics, precipitation, runoff, infiltration, water losses, flood routing and catchment characteristics, analysis, and methods of runoff prediction. This course builds from a foundation of fluid mechanics in the environment to address essentials of modern hydrology. An emphasis is placed on fundamental concepts, first principles, and the scientific basis of approximations. Knowledge of calculus and fluid mechanics required for this course.  
**Equivalent(s):** CIE 955  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading  

CEE 959 - Advanced Stream Restoration Topics  
**Credits:** 3  
Course focuses on: stream crossing analysis and design, dam removal, and designs for aquatic species passage. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of stream restoration required.  
**Equivalent(s):** CIE 959  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading  

CEE 966 - Geotechnical Modeling  
**Credits:** 4  
Introduction to geotechnical modeling, soil constitutive modeling, introduction to numerical modeling and applications, physical modeling, centrifuge modeling, and theoretical modeling. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of geotechnical engineering required.  
**Equivalent(s):** CIE 962  
**Grade Mode:** Letter Grading
CEE 967 - In Situ Geotechnical Testing
Credits: 3
In situ geotechnical testing methods for site characterization; theory and practice. Geotechnical testing methods include the piezocone, the pressuremeter, the flat plate dilatometer, the field vane, and the standard penetration test. Includes sampling techniques, geophysical exploration, and recent innovations in site and soil characterization.
Prerequisite(s): CEE 965 with a minimum grade of D-.
Equivalent(s): CIE 961
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 968 - Soil-Structure-Interaction
Credits: 3
Introduction to soil-structure-interaction, elastic and plastic analyses, serviceability calculations, relative foundation stiffness, Pile-soil-interaction, flexible retaining walls, tunnel lining, bridge abutments, dynamic soil-structure-interaction, case studies, and modeling techniques. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of geotechnical engineering required.
Equivalent(s): CIE 963
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 993 - Advanced Structural Steel Design
Credits: 3
Advanced design of structural steel elements according to the AISC Load and Resistance Factor Method as applied to advanced topics in steel design. Emphasis will be placed on theory involved in the development of the design code requirements. Course design project will expand on these topics and include experimental work as appropriate. Prior coursework in fundamental aspects of structural steel design engineering required.
Equivalent(s): CIE 993
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 995 - Problems
Credits: 2-4
The study and investigation of problems selected to meet the needs of the students.
Equivalent(s): CIE 995
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

CEE 997 - Doctoral Student Seminar
Credits: 1
Topics of interest to graduate students and staff; reports of research ideas, progress, and results; lectures by outside speakers. Requires one presentation from students on their research, self-assessment, and a minimum attendance level. Continuing course: instructor may assign IA grade (continuous grading) at the end of one semester. Course help simultaneously with 897/997.
Equivalent(s): CIE 901
Grade Mode: Graduate Credit/Fail grading

CEE 999 - Doctoral Research
Credits: 0
Doctoral Research.
Equivalent(s): CIE 999
Grade Mode: Graduate Credit/Fail grading

Faculty

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