Civil Engineering (CIV)

Major in Civil Engineering

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The Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering is designed to give students a solid foundation in civil engineering and sciences. It will provide students with a breadth and depth of technical knowledge in the field, preparing them to work immediately in most areas of the profession, including geotechnical engineering, environmental engineering, hydraulics, structural engineering, construction management, and transportation/traffic engineering. Students take courses in chemistry, physics, and math, in addition to a core set of engineering courses common to most engineering disciplines. Students are also introduced to computer software which expedites the design process, and they are taught how to balance engineering designs with economic constraints.

Program Educational Objectives

The educational objectives of the civil engineering program are to prepare our graduates to:

1. Establish a successful career in Civil Engineering or related field and pursue professional licensure.
2. Pursue advanced study if they so desire.
3. Assume leadership roles in their communities and/or professions.

Student Outcomes

The students will demonstrate the following:

(a) an ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering
(b) an ability to design and conduct experiments, as well as to analyze and interpret data
(c) an ability to design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs within realistic constraints, such as economic, environmental, social, political, ethical, health and safety, manufacturability, and sustainability
(d) an ability to function on multidisciplinary teams
(e) an ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems
(f) an understanding of professional and ethical responsibility
(g) an ability to communicate effectively
(h) the broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context
(i) a recognition of the need for, and an ability to engage in life-long learning
(j) a knowledge of contemporary issues
(k) an ability to use the techniques, skills, and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice.

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Requirements for Acceptance to the Major in Civil Engineering

Qualified freshman and transfer students who have indicated their interest in the major on their applications may be admitted directly as a degree major or as a pre-major. Pre-majors are placed into the Area of Interest (AOI) program and to be eligible for the degree, they must be admitted to and declare the major. The requirements and application process for matriculation are detailed below. Students admitted to other programs within the College of Engineering and Applied Science (CEAS) follow the same admissions process as students in the AOI program. Students in programs outside of CEAS (non-CEAS students) and double major applicants may apply for admission to the degree program following a separate process, outlined below.

Area of Interest and Other CEAS Students (excluding double major applicants)

Applications for major admission from AOI and other CEAS students are reviewed twice per year and must be received by January 5 for Spring admission and June 5 for Fall admission. Students who submit their application on time will be admitted if they meet the following requirements:

- Completion of at least 10 credits of mathematics, physics, chemistry, and engineering courses (excluding EST 392, EST 393, ESE 301, and CME 233) required for the major,
- Earned a G.P.A. of 3.2 in all mathematics, physics, chemistry, and engineering courses (excluding EST 392, EST 393, ESE 301, and CME 233) applicable to major requirements with no more than one grade less than B-,
- No courses required for the major have been repeated, and
- Completion of course evaluations for all transferred courses that are to be used to meet requirements of the major.
Students must complete these requirements no later than one year after they enroll in the first course that applies towards major entry. Students must apply for admission by the application deadline immediately following completion of the above requirements, but no later than the one year limit. Admission of AOI students and other CEAS students who apply late will follow the process of Non-CEAS Students and Double Major Applicants below.

Non-CEAS Students and Double Major Applicants
Applications for major admission from non-CEAS students and double major applicants are reviewed twice per year and must be received by January 5 for Spring admission and June 5 for Fall admission. Students who do not meet the requirements for AOI admission above will not be considered. Fulfilling the requirements does not guarantee acceptance. Admission is competitive and contingent upon program capacity.

Requirements for the major in Civil Engineering (CIV)
The major in Civil Engineering leads to the Bachelor of Engineering degree.

Completion of the major requires approximately 112 credits.

1. Mathematics
   a. AMS 151, AMS 161 Applied Calculus I, II
   b. AMS 261 Applied Calculus III or MAT 203 Calculus III with Applications or MAT 307 Multivariable Calculus with Linear Algebra
   c. AMS 361 Applied Calculus IV: Differential Equations or MAT 303 Calculus IV with Applications
   Note: The following alternate calculus course sequences may be substituted for AMS 151, AMS 161 in major requirements or prerequisites: MAT 125, MAT 126, MAT 127 or MAT 131, MAT 132 or MAT 141, MAT 142 or MAT 171.

2. Natural Sciences
   a. PHY 131/PHY 133, PHY 132/PHY 134 Classical Physics I, II and Laboratories
   b. CHE 131/CHE 133, CHE 132/CHE 134 General Chemistry I, II and Laboratories or CHE 152/154
   Note: The following alternate physics course sequences may be substituted for PHY 131/PHY 133, PHY 132/PHY 134: PHY 125, PHY 126, PHY 127, PHY 133, PHY 134 Classical Physics A, B, C and Laboratories or PHY 141, PHY 142, PHY 133, PHY 134 Classical Physics I, II: Honors
   c. A basic science elective to be selected from the following list of courses: GEO 102, The Earth; MAR 104, Oceanography; BIO 201, Fundamentals of Biology: From Organisms to Ecosystems; ATM 201, Introduction to Climate and Climate Change

3. Laboratories
   • CIV 340 Civil Engineering Materials Laboratory
   • CIV 341 Geotechnical Engineering Laboratory
   • CIV 342 Civil Engineering Hydraulics Laboratory

4. Civil Engineering
   • CIV 101 Introduction to Civil Engineering
   • CIV 210 Land Surveying
   • CIV 305 Transportation Systems Analysis I
   • CIV 310 Structural Engineering
   • CIV 320 Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment Design
   • CIV 330 Introduction to Geotechnical Engineering
   • CIV 364 Fluid Mechanics or MEC 364 Introduction to Fluid Mechanics
   • CIV 410 Principles of Foundation Engineering
   • CIV 420 Hydraulics

5. Mechanical Engineering
   • MEC 102 Engineering Computing and Problem Solving II
   • MEC 203 Engineering Graphics and CAD or SBC 354 Drawing for Design - CAD
   • MEC 214 Probability and Statistics for Mechanical Engineers
   • MEC 260 Engineering Statics
   • MEC 262 Engineering Dynamics
   • MEC 363 Mechanics of Solids

6. Technology and Society
   • EST 393 Project Management

7. Engineering Design
   • CIV 312 Design of Civil Engineering Structures
   • CIV 440 Senior Design I
8. Writing and Oral Communication Requirement
   • CIV 300 Technical Communication

9. Engineering Economics
   • EST 392 Engineering and Manufacturing Economics

10. Engineering Ethics
   • ESE 301 Engineering Ethics and Societal Impact or CME 233 Ethics and Business Practices for Engineers

11. Civil Engineering Specializations

The area of specialization, composed of four electives, must be declared in writing by the end of the junior year. The area of specialization is selected in consultation with a faculty advisor.

The four areas of specialization are transportation engineering, geotechnical engineering, water resources and environmental engineering, and structural engineering and construction materials.

Areas of Specialization

Each area of specialization requires a minimum of two electives from this list. An additional two electives may be taken from any of the specializations.

Three credits of CIV 476 Instructional Laboratory Curriculum Practicum, CIV 488 Civil Engineering Internship, or CIV 499 Undergraduate Research may count toward one of the two electives that can be taken outside the area of specialization.

Transportation Engineering
   • CIV 306 Transportation Systems Analysis II
   • CIV 407 Transportation Economics (required for the Transportation Engineering Specialization)
   • EDP 302 The Built Environment
   • EDP 307 Theories and Design of Urban Settlements
   • GSS 313 GIS Design and Application I and GSS 314: GIS Laboratory [co-requisites] – only counts as one
   • GSS 325 GIS Design & Applications II

Geotechnical Engineering
   • GEO 318 Engineering Geology and Coastal Processes
   • GEO 347 Remote Sensing
   • MEC 320 Numerical Methods in Engineering Design and Analysis
   • MEC 442 Introduction to Experimental Stress Analysis
   • MEC 455 Applied Stress Analysis

Water Resources and Environmental Engineering
   • CIV 422 Introduction to Coastal Engineering
   • CIV 423 Coastal Engineering Planning and Design
   • CIV 424 Stormwater Management and Design
   • CIV 426 Introduction to Environmental Biotechnology
   • ENV 310 Sustainability and Renewable Energy - Costa Rica
   • ESM 212 Introduction to Environmental Materials Engineering
   • GEO 315 Groundwater Hydrology
   • GEO 347 Remote Sensing
   • MEC 393 Engineering Fluid Mechanics

Structural Engineering and Construction Materials
   • CIV 393 Construction Management
   • CIV 414 Advanced Construction Materials
   • CIV 436 Pre-stressed Concrete
   • EDP 302 The Built Environment II
   • EDP 305 Risk Assessment and Sustainable Development
   • EDP 307 Theories and Design of Urban Settlements
   • ESG 332 Materials Science I: Structure and Properties of Materials
   • ESM 325 Diffraction Techniques and Structure of Solids
• MEC 320 Numerical Methods in Engineering Design and Analysis
• MEC 402 Mechanical Vibrations
• MEC 411 Control System Analysis and Design
• MEC 442 Experimental Stress Analysis
• MEC 455 Applied Stress Analysis

Grading

All courses taken to satisfy requirements 1 through 11 above must be taken for a letter grade. The grade point average for the courses MEC 260, 262, 363, 364, CIV 101, 210, 305, 310, 312, 320, 330, 364, 410, 420, 440, 441, and all specialization and technical electives must be at least 2.00. A minimum grade of “C” in PHY 131 or PHY 125, AMS 151 or MAT 131 or MAT 125 or MAT 141, MEC 260, MEC 262 and CIV 440 is required for the BE degree. When a course is repeated, the higher grade will be used in calculating this average.

Sample Course Sequence for the Major in Civil Engineering

A course planning guide for this major may be found here. The major course planning guides are not part of the official Undergraduate Bulletin, and are only updated periodically for use as an advising tool. The Undergraduate Bulletin supersedes any errors or omissions in the major course planning guides.

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* Note: This course partially satisfies the following: ESI, CER, SPK, WRTD, SBS+, STEM+, EXP+. For more information contact the CEAS Undergraduate Student Office.
CIV Faculty
Faculty information for this program can be found at http://me.eng.sunysb.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=83&Itemid=169
CIV 100: Infrastructure
This course explores the science and engineering of the built environment and the important role of infrastructure in daily life. Students will learn about major infrastructure systems including transportation, water resources, environmental, energy, and structural infrastructure. Not for credit in addition to CIV 101.

SBC: TECH
3 credits

CIV 101: Introduction to Civil Engineering
This course explores the science and engineering of the built environment and the important role of infrastructure in daily life. Students will learn about major infrastructure systems including transportation, water resources, environmental, energy, and structural infrastructure. Not for credit in addition to CIV 100.

Pre- or co-requisites: AMS 151 or MAT 125 or MAT 131 or MAT 141 or MPE level 6 or greater and PHY 125 or PHY 131 or PHY 141
3 credits

CIV 210: Land Surveying
Introduces the general mathematical and physical concepts related to engineering surveying. Covers plane surveying, geodesy, geodetics, measurement techniques and instruments, leveling, error theory, survey adjustments, coordinate systems and datums. Practical measurement techniques and instruments, and survey staking. Introduces photogrammetry and remote sensing, geographic information systems (GIS).

Prerequisites: PHY 127 or 132; MAT 127 or 132 or 142 or AMS 161; CIV major
1 credit

CIV 300: Technical Communication
Aims to ensure proficiency in the types of communication necessary for success in the engineering professions. Provides students with the ability to apply their knowledge of correct written and spoken English to the diverse modes of communication encountered and used by engineers in the professional workplace. Combined with laboratory courses to create practical application of writing skills to civil engineering laboratory reports.

Prerequisites: WRT 102 and CIV major
1 credit

CIV 305: Transportation Systems Analysis I
Focused on highway transportation planning and traffic analysis. Topics include transportation planning, performance analysis of highway and road design, highway segments, highway and airport pavement design, geometric design, sight elevations and alignment, highway traffic operations, queuing theory and modeling, traffic analysis and control, travel demand models, ethics, sustainability, and environmental considerations during transportation planning.

Prerequisites: AMS 361 or MAT 303; CIV major; U3 or U4 standing
3 credits

CIV 306: Transportation Systems Analysis II
This course covers the fundamental principles of transportation systems planning, analysis, and operations. Topics include: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) transportation planning and operations processes, planning for operations and integrating operations into the transportation planning process, demand management, mobility/accessibility, traveler/urban/freight transportation, transportation policy, modeling and benefit/cost analysis tools in planning for operations, and the role of advanced technology (Intelligent Transportation Systems) in transportation planning for operations.

Prerequisite: CIV 305
3 credits

CIV 310: Structural Engineering
The role and ethical responsibilities of a structural engineer. Structures and their structural systems. Loads and load paths through structures. Analysis, behavior, and design of determinate and indeterminate beams, trusses and framed structures under static loads using various methods. Shear, moment, and deflection diagrams. Influence lines. Computer aided structural analysis.

Prerequisites: MEC 363; CIV or MEC or ESG major
SBC: TECH
3 credits

CIV 312: Steel and Reinforced Concrete Design
Strength limit states, behavior, and proportioning of steel and reinforced concrete members. Design principles also address serviceability and constructability limit states. Steel tension member and connection design including gross and net yielding and block shear. Steel and reinforced concrete flexural members and columns. Shear capacity design for reinforced concrete beams. Reinforced concrete T-beams, doubly reinforced beams, and one-way slabs. Introduction to combined loading for both steel and concrete members.

Prerequisite: MEC 363 and CIV 340
3 credits

CIV 320: Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment Design
This course will cover the planning, design, and operation of water and wastewater infrastructure. Specific topics include: water and wastewater planning; environmental laws and regulations; water quality; physical water and wastewater treatment processes; chemical water and wastewater treatment processes; biological wastewater treatment processes; mass, material and energy balances; economics and financial calculations; resiliency and sustainability.

Prerequisites: CIV 364 or MEC 364; CIV major
3 credits

CIV 330: Introduction to Geotechnical Engineering
This course will introduce students to the origin of soils and weight-volume relationships; Soil classification for engineering applications; soil compaction; flow of water through soils; stresses in soil masses: total, pore pressure, and effective stresses; stresses in soil masses due to external loads: foundations and excavations; consolidation of saturated clay deposits; time rate of consolidation; stresses in solids: Mohr's circle; shear strength of soils and Mohr-Coulomb failure criteria; lateral earth pressure: at-rest conditions; in-situ tests: ground exploration for civil engineering applications.

Prerequisite: MEC 363; CIV major
Corequisite: CIV 341
3 credits

CIV 340: Civil Engineering Materials Laboratory
Laboratory experiments that illustrate the basic analysis and behavior of civil engineering materials and structures. Mechanical loading and analysis of steel, wood, and concrete; quality control tests and field testing; testing of concrete structures. Lab report writing, measurement analysis, and error propagation theory. This course has an associated fee. Please see www.stonybrook.edu/coursefees for more information.

Prerequisite: MEC 363
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**CIV 341: Geotechnical Engineering Laboratory**
Laboratory experiments that illustrate the basic analysis and behavior of soils, including liquid and plastic limits, grain size, compaction, permeability, consolidation, compression and shear strength. Lab report writing, measurement and error analysis. This course has an associated fee. Please see www.stonybrook.edu/coursefees for more information.

Prerequisite: MEC 363
Corequisite: CIV 330

**CIV 407: Transportation Economics**
Microeconomics principles applied in the transportation field. Transportation demand and supply. Transportation costs (fixed costs, variable costs) and externalities. Economic and social benefits of transportation. Economic principles for transport pricing, e.g., toll pricing. Cost benefit analysis of a transportation project. History of government regulation of transportation.

Prerequisites: CIV 305 and EST 392 or ECO 108

**CIV 422: Introduction to Coastal Engineering**
Basic hydrodynamics of water waves. Topics include linear wave theory, energy, power and energy propagation, wave refraction, shoaling and breaking in the nearshore,diffraction by breakwaters and gaps, reflection and basin oscillations, wave statistics and spectra, wind-wave hindcast/forecast, wave forces on piles and pipes. Some coastal processes due to nonlinearity, including wave set-up/set-down, nearshore circulations and storm surges. Physical interpretations of mathematical formulas are particularly emphasized.

Prerequisite: MEC 364

**CIV 423: Coastal Engineering Planning and Design**
Planning and design of various types and function of coastal structures and shore protective measures. Considerations of site conditions; Design processes; Design of sloping - and vertical- front coastal structure; Scour and scour protection; coastal sediment transport; shore protection measures such as coastal armoring, beach restoration, and beach stabilization; and introduction to harbor and marina.

Prerequisite: CIV 364 or MEC 364 or permission of instructor.
Advisory Prerequisite: CIV 422

**CIV 424: Stormwater Management & Design**
The main focus of this course is on the design of stormwater management practices to reduce runoff pollutants from impacting local waterways. Topics to be discussed will include an overview on regulations governing stormwater activities, stormwater impacts, basic hydrology, urban hydrology (rational method and TR55), stormwater runoff calculations, design and criteria for various standard practices, erosion and sediment control practices, with emphasis on the New York State stormwater management design requirements for meeting water quality and flood control. Policy discussion will include site redevelopment, flooding and drainage issues.

Pre- or Corequisite: CIV 420

**CIV 426: Introduction to Environmental Biotechnology**
This undergraduate course covers the fundamental concepts of biological processes.
that are important in natural and engineered environmental systems. The course will incorporate basic fundamental microbiology into a quantifiable engineering context in order to describe, predict and control behavior of environmental biological system.

Prerequisite: CIV 320 or permission of the instructor

3 credits

**CIV 436: Prestressed Concrete Design**

Introduction to the behavior, analysis, and design of prestressed concrete structural members and structural systems. Limit states addressed will include flexure, shear, torsion, and deflection. Design examples will include indeterminate systems such as multi-span bridges and their construction. The design of prestressed composite beams and prestressed slabs will be presented.

Prerequisite: CIV 312

3 credits

**CIV 440: Senior Design I**

Students will participate in structured engineering projects under supervision. They will be assigned to carry out significant professional responsibilities and whatever additional assignments are determined by their advisors. Assignments will cover in-situ data management and testing, specific limits, engineering judgments and reporting.

Prerequisites: CIV 305 and 312 and 320 and 330 and 340

3 credits

**CIV 441: Senior Design II**

Students will participate in structured engineering projects under supervision. They will be assigned to carry out significant professional responsibilities and whatever additional assignments are determined by their advisors. Assignments will design of civil engineering structures, design of special structures, comprehensive and realistic design project using the systems approach, design choices and their effect upon the environment, design constraints including constructability, minimization of environmental impact, and cost-effectiveness, managerial and professional aspects of design practice. This course has an associated fee. Please see www.stonybrook.edu/coursefees for more information.

Prerequisite: CIV 440

3 credits

**CIV 475: Undergraduate Teaching Practicum**

Students assist the faculty in teaching by conducting recitation or laboratory sections that supplement a lecture course, or other duties assigned by the instructor. The student receives regularly scheduled supervision from the faculty instructor. May be repeated once.

Prerequisites: U4 standing; a minimum g.p.a. of 3.00 in all Stony Brook courses; grade of A- or better in the course in which the student is to assist and permission of department.

SBC: EXP+

0-3 credits, S/U grading

**CIV 476: Instructional Laboratory Development Practicum**

Students work closely with a faculty advisor and staff in developing new laboratory experiments and/or improving the existing experiments for scheduled laboratory courses in civil engineering. A comprehensive technical report and the instructional materials developed must be submitted at the end of the course. May be used as a specialization course for civil engineering majors. May be repeated once.

Prerequisites: U4 standing; a minimum g.p.a. of 3.00 in all Stony Brook courses; grade of A- or better in the course in which the student is to assist and permission of department.

SBC: EXP+

0-3 credits

**CIV 488: Civil Engineering Internship**

Participation in off-campus engineering practice. Students are required to submit a proposal to the department at the time of registration and two term reports before the end of the semester. The proposal should identify the location, immediate supervisor, nature of the project, learning objectives, and hours per week for the project. One mid-semester report and one end of semester report are required. May be repeated up to a limit of 12 credits but only 3 credits may be used for specialization credit.

Prerequisite: Permission of undergraduate program director

SBC: EXP+

0-6 credits

**CIV 499: Independent Research**

This course is designed to allow undergraduates an opportunity to do independent research with a faculty member in Civil Engineering. Permission to register requires the agreement of the faculty member to supervise the research. May be repeated but only three credits may be counted as technical elective.

Prerequisite: Permission of department

0-3 credits