Civil Engineering

The student of civil engineering has a broad field of study to provide a strong foundation for entry into the profession or graduate school. Major areas include construction engineering, environmental engineering, geotechnical engineering, materials engineering, structural engineering, transportation engineering, and water resources engineering.

Admission to the degree program is selective. Students should refer to the UK Bulletin for general information concerning admission and graduation requirements.

Degree Requirements

The following curriculum meets the requirements for a B.S. in Civil Engineering, provided the student satisfies University Studies and College of Engineering requirements.

Freshman Year

First Semester
- CE 120 Introduction to Civil Engineering .............................................. 1
- CHE 105 General College Chemistry I ................................................... 3
- ENG 104 Writing: An Accelerated Foundational Course ...................... 4
- MA 113 Calculus I .................................................................................. 4
- USP Social Sciences Elective .................................................................. 3

Second Semester
- CE 106 Computer Graphics and Communication .................................... 3
- CHE 107 General College Chemistry II .................................................. 3
- GLY 220 Principles of Physical Geology ................................................ 4
- MA 114 Calculus II .................................................................................. 4
- ECO 201 Principles of Economics I (recommended USP social sciences course) ............................................ 3

Sophomore Year

First Semester
- CE 211 Surveying .................................................................................. 4
- CE 303 Introduction to Construction Engineering* .................................. 4
- MA 213 Calculus III ................................................................................ 4
- PHY 231 General University Physics ....................................................... 4
- PHY 241 General University Physics Laboratory ..................................... 1

Second Semester
- CE 221 Applied Uncertainty and Risk Analysis in Civil Engineering or STA 381 Introduction to Engineering Statistics .................................... 3
- COM 252 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication or
- COM 281 Communication in Small Groups .......................................... 3
- EM 221 Statics ....................................................................................... 3
- MA 214 Calculus IV ................................................................................ 3
- PHY 232 General University Physics ....................................................... 4
- PHY 242 General University Physics Laboratory ..................................... 1

Junior Year

First Semester
- CE 331 Transportation Engineering* .................................................... 3
- CE 341 Fluid Mechanics I ....................................................................... 4
- CE 381 Civil Engineering Materials I* .................................................... 3
- EM 302 Mechanics of Deformable Solids .............................................. 3
- MNG 303 Deformable Solids Laboratory ................................................ 1
- USP Humanities Elective – choose ENG 2XX course to satisfy the second-tier writing requirement ......................... 3

Second Semester
- CE 321 Civil Engineering Systems ....................................................... 2
- CE 351 Introduction to Environmental Engineering* ............................ 3
- CE 382 Structural Mechanics ................................................................. 3
- CE 471G Soil Mechanics* ..................................................................... 4
- CS 221 First Course in Computer Science for Engineers ...................... 2
- HIS 107 Western Culture: Science and Technology II (recommended USP humanities course) ................................. 3

Senior Year

First Semester
- CE 401 Seminar* .................................................................................. 1
- CE 461G Hydrology ................................................................................ 3
- Engineering Science Elective** ............................................................... 3
- Structures Elective† ............................................................................... 3
- Technical Electives*** .......................................................................... 6

Second Semester
- CE 429 Civil Engineering Systems Design* ............................................ 4
- CE Technical Design Elective†† .............................................................. 3
- Supportive Elective††† ............................................................................ 3
- Technical Elective*** ............................................................................ 3
- USP Cross-Cultural Elective .................................................................. 3

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