

CONS 103 Course Outline as of Fall 2022**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: CONS 103 Title: CONST MAT, MET & EQPT

Full Title: Construction Materials, Methods and Equipment

Last Reviewed: 9/11/2023

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	1.50	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	26.25
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	4.50	6	Lab Scheduled	78.75
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	6.00		Contact Total	105.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 52.50

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

Catalog Description:

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:
UC Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Certificate Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. State standard units of measure for all major construction materials.
2. Identify the differences between the properties of and the use of construction raw materials and finish materials.
3. List the typical variety of materials and products that are commonly used in construction projects.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Study the physical properties and proper applications of construction materials.
2. Describe the relationship between material properties and structural form.
3. Research relevant manufacturing processes and availability of various materials.
4. Develop an understanding of material delivery logistics, including product lead time, on the construction site.
5. Explain the basic safe use of equipment and tools.
6. Research the selection of materials based on availability, suitability, and costs.

Topics and Scope:

- I. Overview of Materials and Construction and Building Types
 - A. Variety of construction materials and uses
 - B. Factors affecting choice of materials and structural form
 - C. Material fundamentals in physical properties, durability, sustainability, strength, and structural performance
- II. Construction Materials: Manufacturing, Properties, Comparative Performance, Applications in Construction, Associated Equipment, and Placement
 - A. Temporary construction components
 1. Scaffolding
 2. Shoring
 3. Fencing
 4. Construction facilities
 5. Vehicular access and parking
 6. Barriers and enclosures
 7. Cleaning, sorting, and waste management
 8. Stormwater pollution prevention program (SWPPP) and erosion control
 - B. Soil and aggregates
 1. Soil types
 - a. Soil characteristics
 - b. Moisture, density, and strength
 - c. Testing
 2. Soil stabilization
 - a. Overexcavation and recompaction
 - b. Chemical additives
 - c. Geotextile fabrics
 - d. Retaining walls
 - e. Soil nails and piles
 3. Manufactured aggregates
 - a. Select fill
 - b. Aggregate base
 - c. Specialty aggregate mixes
 - C. Surfacing and pavement
 1. Asphaltic-concrete
 2. Concrete
 3. Permeable surfaces
 - a. Grass pavers
 - b. Decomposed granite
 - c. Asphalts
 - d. Concrete
 4. Roadway surfacing
 - a. Seal coat
 - b. Slurry seal
 - c. Chip seal
 5. Striping, signage, and markings
 - D. Underground utilities
 1. Sewer
 2. Storm drains
 3. Water and fire protection systems
 4. Joint trench
 5. Utility structure components

- a. Vaults
- b. Manholes
- c. Inlets
- d. Pump stations and mechanical systems
- E. Landscaping and irrigation
 - 1. Planting
 - 2. Irrigation systems
- F. Fencing and outdoor specialty equipment
- G. Concrete
 - 1. Site concrete versus building concrete
 - 2. Concrete mix and additives
 - 3. Testing
 - 4. Formwork
 - 5. Concrete finishes
 - 6. Construction and control joints
 - 7. Concrete accessories and embedments
 - 8. Concrete reinforcing
 - a. Steel bars
 - b. Welded wire mesh
 - c. Stressed tendons
 - 9. Precast concrete
 - 10. Lightweight concrete
- H. Masonry
 - 1. Concrete masonry units (CMU)
 - 2. Brick
 - 3. Stone
 - 4. Mortar
 - 5. Accessories
 - 6. Grouting
- I. Metals
 - 1. Structural steel
 - a. American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) shapes and sizing
 - b. Connections
 - 2. Metal framing
 - 3. Metal fabrications
 - 4. Metal decking
 - 5. Non-ferrous metals
- J. Wood
 - 1. Rough carpentry
 - a. Heavy timber
 - i. Species
 - ii. Moisture content
 - iii. Lumber grading
 - iv. Sizes
 - b. Dimensional lumber
 - i. Species
 - ii. Moisture content
 - iii. Lumber grading
 - iv. Sizes
 - c. Prefabricated structural components
 - i. Glulam beams
 - ii. Structural composite lumber

- iii. I-joist
 - iv. Trusses
 - v. Structural insulated panels (SIP)
 - d. Sheathing products
 - i. Plywood
 - ii. Other sheathing products
 - e. Fasteners, hardware, and adhesives
 - i. Nail types
 - ii. Staples
 - iii. Screws
 - iv. Prefabricated connectors
 - v. Adhesives
- 2. Finish carpentry
 - a. Exterior finish carpentry
 - b. Interior finish carpentry
 - c. Cabinetry and casework
- K. Thermal and moisture protection
 - 1. Waterproofing
 - a. Membrane waterproofing
 - b. Sheet-applied
 - c. Fluid-applied
 - 2. Sealants
 - a. Joint fillers
 - b. Expansive
 - c. Acoustical
 - d. Fire and smoke sealants
 - 3. Insulation types
 - a. Fibrous insulation
 - b. Sound insulation
 - c. Batt insulation
 - d. Rigid insulation
 - e. Foam-in-place insulation
 - f. Fire-proofing insulation
- L. Roofing
 - 1. Membrane systems
 - a. Built-up systems
 - b. Single ply systems
 - 2. Shingle systems
 - 3. Metal roofing
 - 4. Foam roofing
 - 5. Insulation
 - 6. Specialty roofs
- M. Sheet metal
 - 1. Flashing: roof, door and window, caps, and parapets
 - 2. Gutters and downspouts
 - 3. Louvers
- N. Doors and door hardware
 - 1. Function and styles
 - a. Fire ratings
 - b. Accessibility requirement
 - 2. Metal doors and frames
 - 3. Wood doors

4. Specialty doors
5. Door hardware
- O. Windows and glass
 1. Function and styles
 2. Frame and sash materials
 3. Aluminum storefront
 4. Curtain wall
 5. Glass and mirror
- P. Lath and plaster
 1. Furring and lath
 2. Cement plaster
 3. Plaster accessories
 4. Finish
- Q. Gypsum wallboard
 1. Wallboard types
 2. Wallboard accessories
 3. Cementitious backer panels
 4. Finish
- R. Tile
 1. Ceramic
 2. Stone
 3. Stone slab
- S. Flooring
 1. Carpet
 2. Engineered
 3. Wood
 4. Liquid and emulsion applied flooring
 5. Resilient flooring and base
 6. Terrazzo
- T. Ceilings
 1. Suspended ceiling systems
 2. Other
- U. Painting and staining
 1. Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
 2. Exterior and interior uses
 3. Special Coatings
- V. Specialties
 1. Site furnishings
 2. Toilet partitions and restroom accessories
 3. Food Service and refrigeration
 4. Kitchen appliances
 5. Laboratory/medical
 6. Fire extinguishing equipment
 7. Lockers and benches
 8. Postal specialties
 9. Wardrobes and closets
 10. Flagpoles
 11. Wayfaring devices
 12. Signage
 13. Loading dock equipment
 14. Unit kitchens
- W. Furnishings

- X. Window Coverings
- Y. Fixed seating
- Z. Special Construction
 - 1. Pre-engineered buildings
 - 2. Manufactured units
 - 3. Swimming pools
 - 4. Solar energy systems
 - a. Passive systems
 - b. Photovoltaic (PV) systems
- AA. Conveying systems
 - 1. Elevators
 - 2. Moving stairs and walks
 - 3. Accessibility lifts
- BB. Plumbing and piping
 - 1. Cold water distribution
 - 2. Hot water distribution
 - 3. Fixtures
 - 4. Process piping
 - 5. Gas piping distribution
 - 6. Water supply and treatment
 - 7. Fluid waste disposal and treatment
- CC. Fire protection
 - 1. Chemical suppression
 - 2. Fluid suppression
- DD. Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC)
 - 1. Heating systems
 - 2. Cooling systems
 - 3. Air Distribution
- EE. Control systems
- FF. Electrical
 - 1. Power generation
 - 2. Power transmission
 - 3. Distribution
 - 4. Lighting
 - 5. Low voltage systems
- GG. Alternative building materials and processes

Assignment:

- 1. Reading assignments (10-20 pages per week)
- 2. Study question sets (1-3 weekly)
- 3. Field Reports (6-12)
- 4. Quiz(zes) (1-4)
- 5. Midterm exam
- 6. Final exam

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Field reports

Writing
10 - 20%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Study question sets

Problem solving
20 - 50%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

Skill Demonstrations
0 - 0%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quiz(zes) and exams

Exams
30 - 50%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Class participation

Other Category
5 - 10%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Fundamentals of Building Construction: Materials and Methods. 7th edition. Allen, Edward and Iano, Joseph. Wiley. 2019

Construction Planning, Equipment, and Methods. 9th edition. Peurifoy, Robert L., Schexnayder, Clifford, Schmitt, Robert, and Shapira, Aviad. McGraw Hill. 2018

Instructor prepared materials