

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: CEST 65                      Title: PW PLANS & ESTIMATING  
Full Title: Public Works Plans and Estimating  
Last Reviewed: 1/24/2022

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

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:**  
In this course students will read and interpret plans, and estimate time, material, labor and equipment needed for public works projects. Concepts include quantity take-offs, construction layout, rehabilitation, maintenance, inspection and testing with material cost estimating of public works improvements. Also includes the proper use of basic survey methods, symbols, mathematical conversions, and determination of slope, grade, location and volumetrics.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

**Recommended Preparation:**

**Limits on Enrollment:**

**Schedule of Classes Information:**  
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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended:

Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;

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

## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:

<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
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<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Transferable	Effective:	Spring 2010	Inactive:
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<b>UC Transfer:</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
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**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

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

1. Read and interpret contract plans, specifications, and standards.
2. Prepare public works bid documents, records, and reports.
3. Prepare appropriate diagrams and reports for the layout, construction, and maintenance of public works projects.

### **Objectives:**

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

1. Determine take-off quantities from engineering drawings.
2. Determine time, labor, and materials needed to construct public works projects.
3. Prepare layout documents to maintain and rehabilitate public works projects.
4. Calculate slope, grade, and location of engineering features on public works projects.
5. Identify and describe proper safety procedures on a construction site.

### **Topics and Scope:**

- I. Public Works Plan Interpretation and Implementation
  - A. Improvement plans: plan, profile, cross-section views
  - B. Engineering design standards and details
  - C. Contracts and specifications
  - D. Project administration
  - E. Scheduling and management
- II. Engineering Construction Quantities
  - A. Clearing and grading

- B. Underground piping systems
- C. Roadway structural sections
- D. Landscaping
- E. Street lighting and traffic signal construction
- III. Preparing Bid Documents
  - A. Engineering estimates
  - B. Quantity pricing
  - C. Contract specifications
- IV. Records and Reports
  - A. Progress payments
  - B. Contract change orders
  - C. Project acceptance and closing reports
  - D. Record drawings
- V. Layout Construction Features
  - A. Compute locations
  - B. Surveying requests
  - C. Layout diagrams
- VI. Spreadsheets for Estimating
  - A. Formatting
  - B. Calculations and functions
  - C. Inclusion in reports
- VII. Construction Site Safety
  - A. Regulations
  - B. Equipment
  - C. Procedures

### Assignment:

1. Textbook reading (1-3 chapters per week)
2. Homework assignments (1-3 per week)
3. Written papers and reports (4-7)
4. Semester project
5. Exams (2-3)
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.

Papers and reports, semester project

Writing  
15 - 30%

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

Homework problems

Problem solving  
20 - 40%

**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.

Exams and final exam

Exams  
20 - 40%

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

Class participation

Other Category  
0 - 10%

**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Estimating in Building Construction. 8th ed. Peterson, Steven and Dagostino, Frank. Prentice Hall. 2015 (classic)

Fundamentals of Construction Estimating. 2nd ed. Pratt, David. Cengage Learning. 2012 (classic)

Construction Estimating Using Excel. Peterson, Steven J. Prentice Hall. 2006 (classic)

Chapters from various State, County and Local Agency Design and Construction Manuals (2006-2021)

Instructor prepared materials