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CE 307-101: Geometric Design for Highways

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Text: Garber, Nicholas, and Hoel, Lester, Traffic and Highway Engineering, 5th Edition, Cengage Learning, 2015, 2009, ISBN-13: 978-1-133-60515-7

Reference Texts: American Association of State Highway Officials A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, 4th Edition, (AASHTO) 2001
ISBN# 1-56051-156-7
NJDOT Design Manual-Roadway,
<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/eng/documents/RDM/>

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Prerequisites: CE 200, CE 200A

Date	Topic	Chapter	Reading	Pages
9/2	Introduction	1		All
		2		37-49
9/9	Traffic Engineering Studies, Highway Surveys and Locations	4, 14	93-106, 116-133, 729-745, 765-766	
9/16	Transportation Planning, Traffic Characteristics	11, 3		All, All
9/23	Traffic Characteristics (cont), Design of the Alignment-Vertical Alignment	3, 15		All, 788-802
9/30	Design of the Alignment – Vertical Alignment (cont)	15		788-802
10/7	Horizontal Alignment	15		802-820
10/14	Horizontal Alignment (cont)	15		802-820
10/21	Exam #1	-		-
10/28	Intersection Design, Interchange Design	7, Handout		All

11/4	Highway Safety	5	All
11/11	Pavement Management	21	All
11/18	Detailed Discussion on Class Project	-	-
12/2	Wrap Up, Review	-	-
12/9	Exam #2	-	-
12/16	Project Presentations	-	-

Course Objectives: To develop an understanding of the principles of geometric design in the context of transportation planning and traffic design. To understand the design criteria for geometric design of highways. To develop the capability to design highways.

Grading:

HW	20%
Attendance & Class Participation	10%
Exam #1	20%
Exam #2	20%
Class Project	30%

The final grade will be based upon the following percentages:

- A = 90 to 100%
- B+ = 85 to 89%
- B = 80 to 84%
- C+ = 75 to 79%
- C = 71 to 74%
- D = 68 to 70%
- F = below 68%

Important Notes:

- * The NJIT Honor Code will be upheld and any violations will be brought to the immediate attention of the Dean of Students.
- * Students will be consulted on any substantial changes to the course syllabus. Changes will be discussed and announced in advance.
- * There will be no make-up exams.
- * The delivery method for this course will be online via the use of Webex.

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Outcomes Course Matrix – CE 307 Geometric Design for Highways

Strategies, Actions and Assignments	ABET Student Outcomes (1-7)	Program Educational Objectives	Assessment Measures
Student Learning Outcome 1: Explain the United States Interstate Highway System in relation to its history, maintenance responsibilities, right of way acquisition, and funding sources. Explain traffic characteristics, types of roads, driver characteristics and behavior.			
Introduce the United States Interstate Highway System	1, 2, 6	1, 2	Homework, quizzes and exams
Introduce traffic characteristics and driver behavior	1, 2, 6	1	Homework, quizzes and exams
Student Learning Outcome 2: Explain design elements in relation to vertical alignment, horizontal alignment, and cross-sections.			
Introduce vertical, horizontal, and compound curves	1, 2	1	Homework, quizzes and exams
Introduce cross-section elements and design	1, 2	1	Homework, quizzes and exams
Student Learning Outcome 3: Discuss intersection design elements and accident analysis.			
Introduce intersection design elements	1, 2	1, 2	Homework, quizzes and exams
Introduce reasons for accidents and calculating accident rates.	1, 2, 6	1, 2, 3	Homework, quizzes and exams
Student Learning Outcome 4: Complete class project incorporating all highway design elements			
Class project involves designing a roadway	3, 4, 5, 7	1, 2, 3	Class project

CEE Mission, Program Educational Objectives and Student Outcomes

The mission of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering is:

- to educate a diverse student body to be employed in the engineering profession
- to encourage research and scholarship among our faculty and students
- to promote service to the engineering profession and society

Our program educational objectives are reflected in the achievements of our recent alumni:

1 – Engineering Practice: Alumni will successfully engage in the practice of civil engineering within industry, government, and private practice, working toward sustainable solutions in a wide array of technical specialties including construction, environmental, geotechnical, structural, transportation, and water resources.

2 – Professional Growth: Alumni will advance their skills through professional growth and development activities such as graduate study in engineering, research and development, professional registration and continuing education; some graduates will transition into other professional fields such as business and law through further education.

3 – Service: Alumni will perform service to society and the engineering profession through membership and participation in professional societies, government, educational institutions, civic organizations, charitable giving and other humanitarian endeavors.

Our Student Outcomes are what students are expected to know and be able to do by the time of their graduation:

1. an ability to identify, formulate and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science and mathematics
2. an ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental and economic factors
3. an ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences
4. an ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental and societal contexts
5. an ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks and meet objectives
6. an ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions
7. an ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies

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CE 307 – Geometric Design for Highways

Description:

A course in highway design based on a study of traffic distribution, volume, and speed with consideration for the predictable future. The elements of at-grade intersections and interchanges are analyzed. Studies are made of highway geometric design and intersection layout with advanced curve work including compound and transition curves.

Prerequisites: CE 200 - Surveying
CE 200A - Surveying Laboratory

Textbook(s)/Materials Required:

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Course Objectives:

1. Develop an understanding of the principles of geometric design in the context of transportation planning and traffic design.
2. Understand the design criteria for geometric design of highways.
3. Develop the capability to design highways, and utilize the state of the art tools for this process.

Topics:

Traffic Characteristics
Design of the Alignment – Vertical Alignment
Horizontal Alignment
Cross-Section Elements
Local Roads, Collectors, and Arterials
Intersection Design
Interchange Design
Highway Drainage
Special Topics: Traffic Calming/Context-Sensitive Design

Schedule: Lecture/Recitation- 3 hour class, once per week

Laboratory- none

Professional Component: Engineering Topics (Design)

Program Objectives Addressed: 1, 2

Prepared By: Prof. Daniel Date: 11/21/06