Carleton University
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

CIVE 3204 A/B Introduction to Structural Design
2021 Fall


Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this course, students will

- Know about basic structural forms and how structural framing systems work;
- Have the knowledge of the overall concept of structural design and the design process, the significance of uncertainties in design of safe structures, and how uncertainties are considered in the limit states design approach;
- Have the knowledge of the physical phenomena of various load actions on building structures;
- Be able to determine dead, live, snow, wind and earthquake loads;
- Have the knowledge of the principles, assumptions and limitations behind the building code load calculation procedures, and with this knowledge be able to design buildings safely and effectively.

Week Topic
0-1 Building Systems and Structural Form
  - Structural form, linear members, planar systems, shell structures, tension structures.
  - Types of buildings
  - Structural framing for buildings, industrial buildings, multistorey buildings

1-3 Design Philosophy and Design Process
  - limit states design
  - codes and standards
  - design process
  - loads, load combinations and load factors

3-5 Dead and Live Loads
  - use and occupancy
  - tributary area
  - live load reduction factor

5-7 Snow, Ice and Rain Loads
  - basic snow load, accumulation, drift
  - load distribution and combinations
  - ponding

7-9 Wind Loads
  - reference velocity pressure
  - load distribution and statically equivalent forces
Earthquake Loads

- objectives of earthquake-resistant design
- seismic regionalization
- evaluation and distribution of lateral seismic forces.

**Required Texts**

**Reference Texts**

**Marking Scheme**
- Assignments 25%
- Mid-Term examination, Saturday, 6 November 2021 (11:00 am – 1:00 pm EST) 25%
- Final Examination (TBA) 50%
- Total 100%

In addition to obtaining a minimum of 50% overall mark, it is required that a minimum of 40% out of 100 must be achieved in the final exam to pass the course.

- Mid-term: 2 hr.
- Final exam: 3 hr.

**Instructors:**
Professor D.T. Lau, 3436ME (Virtual Office Hours)
Professor A. Hassan, 3440ME (Virtual Office Hours)

**Office hours:**
- D. Lau Monday and Wednesday 14:35 – 15:15 AND 21:05 to 21:35 EST
- A. Hassan Monday and Wednesday 11:30 – 12:30 AND 19:00 to 19:30 EST
  or see instructor after lecture to arrange other alternative time

**Teaching Assistants:**
(TA office hour to be announced on Brightspace website)

**Academic Accommodation:**
You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request, the processes are as follows:
Pregnancy obligation:

Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website: students.carleton.ca/course-outline

Religious obligation:

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Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:

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