# CARLETON UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING CIVE 3209 – WINTER 2021 BUILDING SCIENCE

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Virtual meeting room via Zoom: https://carleton-ca.zoom.us/j/99469943607

Office Hour: Email to make an appointment for a one-on-one meeting. I will keep the following timeslot available: Tuesday 12 pm to 1 pm.

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The class will meet on Tuesdays at 8:35 am via Zoom. Lectures will be recorded and posted on cuLearn. After the lecture, there will be time allocated to answer your questions.

Software tutorial and problem analysis session videos will be posted on cuLearn. Teaching assistants will hold office hours on three different timeslots.

## Teaching Assistants

**Email to make an appointment for a one-on-one meeting.** Following timeslots will be kept available.

Brodie Hobson (Brodie.Hobson@carleton.ca) – Thursday 11 am to 12 pm Narges Torabi (Narges.Torabi@carleton.ca) – Monday 9 am to 10 am Weihao Liu (Weihao.Liu@carleton.ca) – Thursday 4 pm to 5 pm Dre Markus (Andre.Markus@carleton.ca) – Friday 1 pm to 2 pm

# Learning Objectives:

- Analyze heat, air, and moisture transfer in buildings
- Understand engineering methods in building science
- Design for control of heat, air, and moisture in a severe climate

# Reading (s)/Textbook (s):

- Lecture slides on cuLearn
- Lecture notes and tutorials

#### Software:

See instructions for remote access to computers with the required software. You can also install LBNL Therm and LBNL Window on your personal computer at the link provided.

https://carleton.ca/dbom/wp-content/uploads/CEE-Computer-Lab-Instructions.pdf

- LBNL Therm
- LBNL Window
- WUFI

# Additional reference books:

- Building Science for a Cold Climate by Hutcheon and Handegord
- ASHRAE Fundamentals Handbook
- Building Physics Heat, Air and Moisture: Fundamentals and Engineering Methods with

Examples and Exercises by Hens

• Building Science for Building Enclosures by Straube and Burnett

## Course Plan:

Week 1: Background

- Definition and importance of building science
- A brief history of building science

Week 2: Weather and climate

- Climate data for building performance analysis
- Heating and cooling degree-day
- Solar geometry and radiation

Week 3: Heat transfer and storage in buildings - part 1

• Thermal transmittance

• Methods to compute thermal transmittance for wood-frame and steel-frame assemblies

Week 4: Heat transfer and storage in buildings - part 2

- Boundary conditions (film coefficients, sol-air temperature, SHGC)
- Thermal mass

Week 5: Heat transfer and storage in buildings - part 3

- Thermal properties of envelope materials and windows
- Thermal analysis and design of walls, ceilings, attics, and roofs
- Measuring thermal properties

#### Assignment 1 due Feb 23

Week 6: Properties of air

- Psychometric analysis
- Mixing, heating, cooling, dehumidifying and humidifying air

Week 7: Midterm

Week 8: Infiltration

- Driving mechanisms
- Air pressure calculations
- Measuring air leakage
- Energy cost of infiltration
- Control of infiltration in buildings

Week 9: Ventilation

- Natural, mechanical, and mixed-mode ventilation
- Mechanical ventilation configurations
- Ventilation standards
- Heat recovery and economizers
- Psychrometric analysis of air handling units and variable air volume terminal zones

#### Assignment 2 due Mar 23

Week 10: Vapour diffusion

- Vapour diffusion
- Analysis of condensation potential

- 1D steady-state vapour transfer in materials and assemblies
- Condensation & drying rates

Week 11: Vapour convection and condensation control

- Vapour convection
- Design strategies for condensation control

Week 12: Moisture

- Capillary action
- Moisture storage and deterioration mechanisms
- Strategies to mitigate moisture damage in cold climates

Assignment 3 due April 13

Week 13: Rain control and summary

- Rain control
- Case study

## Grade Distribution:

Midterm 20% Assignment 1 (Heat) 10% Assignment 2 (Air) 10% Assignment 3 (Moisture) 10% Final exam 50%

#### Letter Grade Distribution:

>= 90.00A+85.00 - 89.99 А 80.00 - 84.99 A-77.00 - 79.99 B+73.00 - 76.99 В 70.00 - 72.99 B-67.00 - 69.99 C+63.00 - 66.99 С 60.00 - 62.99 C-57.00 - 59.99 D+ 53.00 - 56.99 D 50.00 - 52.99 D-<= 49.99 $\mathbf{F}$ 

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