

University of Texas at Tyler - Department of Civil Engineering
CENG 4318_5318 ~ Design Timber Structures
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Lectures:

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Note to Student about a Syllabus

This syllabus is a statement of intent about how the course will be taught this semester. It outlines what we will cover, what you will need to do in the course, and it explains what and when you must do it to successfully complete the course and get a great final grade. This syllabus is intended to protect you from arbitrary or untimely changes in course requirements and due dates. But I reserve the right to make changes as necessary to the syllabus with announcement of changes. As we learned during 2020, there are many circumstances outside of our direct course control that may require changes to this syllabus in content and schedule. These will always be announced in advance and the syllabus will be updated on Canvas so all can be aware of the required changes.

Important Covid-19 Information for Classrooms and Laboratories

It is important to take the necessary precautions to ensure a healthy and successful year. UT Tyler continues to urge you to protect yourselves against the flu, COVID and any new threats that may be developing. Be diligent about preventive measures such as washing hands, covering sneezes/coughs, social distancing and vaccinations, which have proven to be successful in slowing the spread of viruses. Encourage those who don't feel well to stay home, and if they show symptoms, ask them to get tested for the flu or COVID. Self-isolation is important to reduce exposure ([CDC quarantine/isolation guidelines](#)). Please work with your faculty members to maintain coursework and please consult [existing campus resources](#) for support.

Recording of Class Sessions

Class sessions may be recorded by the instructor for use by students enrolled in this course. Recordings that contain personally identifiable information or other information subject to FERPA shall not be shared with individuals not enrolled in this course unless appropriate consent is obtained from all relevant students. Class recordings are reserved only for the use of students enrolled in the course and only for educational purposes. Course recordings should not be shared outside of the course in any form without express permission.

Course Website:

Canvas will be used to manage the course material for the semester. There you will find homework and workshop assignments and their solutions, handouts and other material pertaining to the class. Students are responsible for collecting notes from fellow students for missed class.

Please check there regularly.

Catalog Description:

Course develops analysis and design concepts for the design of wood and timber structures.

Learning Objectives:

1. Introduction to wood, physical and mechanical properties of wood and wood products.
2. General - Load on structures.
3. Loads on structures and NDS (ASD/LRFD) Specifications.
4. Beam member and Column member.
5. Beam-Columns member.
6. Trusses and Frames.
7. Glulam.
8. Plywood.
9. Shear walls and Diaphragms.
10. Connectors and fasteners.
11. Concrete form work.
12. Design case study.

Prerequisite:

Statics (ENGR 2301), Mechanics of Materials (CENG 3306) and Structural Analysis (CENG 3325)

Text Books:

- (i) Design of Wood Structures ASD/LRFD, Eight Edition, Donald E. Breyer, Kelly E. Cobeen, and Zeno Martin; McGraw-Hill 2020, ISBN-13: 978-1-260-46117-6
- (ii) 2018 Wood Design Package – NDS for Wood Construction with Commentary, 2018 Edition; NDS Supplement: Design Values for Wood Construction, 2018 Edition and Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic, 2015 Edition
- (iii) ASCE 7-10 (3rd printing)/ASCE 7-16 – Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures

The Loads textbook (number iii above) is not required – I will provide handouts when appropriate.

Supplemental Books:

- (i) International Building Code (IBC) 2018 Edition
- (ii) Wood Handbook Forest Products Laboratory 2010
- (iii) Timber Construction Manual AITC 6th Edition

Exams:

There will be 2 midterm examinations and one final examination. The exams are **TENTATIVELY** scheduled for:

Exam 1: **March 4th, 2024**; HEC A216 / RBN 02012

Exam 2: **April 17th, 2024**; HEC A216 / RBN 02012

Final Exam: TDB; HEC A216 / RBN 02012

Final Exam: There is **no make-up or rescheduling**.

Mid-term Exams: In general midterm exam dates may be moved up or pushed back depending on the progress of the lectures. Each student is only allowed one (1) make-up exam. That is, he/she can only make-up Exam 1 or Exam 2. Make-up for the mid-term Exams (Exam1 or Exam 2) will only be arranged if you inform the instructor **prior to** or **on the day before** the exam, with a strong valid reason. **Examples of strong valid reasons (unexpected events and cannot be rescheduled) are** official UT Tyler travel, accident, illness, childbirth, passing of an immediate family member, jury duty, or court appearance. It is understood that these events are unexpected and cannot be rescheduled. You will be required to show **documentary evidence for valid reasons** (e.g., doctor's letter, police report, court letter etc.). Events that can be pre-scheduled or re-scheduled are not considered valid reasons. **Examples of non-valid reasons** are traffic, wedding, driving test, sending car for service, clash with another course schedule, etc. Job interviews will be considered on a case-by-case basis (again, with documentary evidence). If an emergency happens during the exam day, you should contact the instructor at the earliest possible time (or call the HEC Engineering office or contact one of your classmates or TA who will then inform the instructor). Any make-up exam will be given on the **Study/Dead Day (April 29, 2024)**.

To compensate for the fact that you may apply what you learn in the entire course when answering make-up Exams 1 or 2, **the make-up exam will be more difficult than the original exam**.

Exam Rules:

Mid-Term and the Final Exam are closed notes. The ONLY references for these exams are *your own personal* copies of the 2018 Wood Design Package. You may not use another individual's 2018 Wood Design Package. *You may tab your manual to aid in navigating through the set of documents. You may NOT attach additional sheets to the manual.*

You are only allowed to bring your writing instruments (pencils & pens), erasers, and NCEES approved calculators. **Solutions to exams WILL NOT be posted on canvas.**

Topics to be tested will be announced in class and on Canvas one week prior to the exam. The instructor will set questions from material taught in class. The meaning of "taught in class" includes verbal instructions or written notes on Canvas. It is very important that you attend the class activities and take additional notes.

To discourage students from focusing narrowly on only a few questions, **no practice exam will be given**. There are enough self-practice problems as well in the textbook at the end of each chapter, which are not required as part of each homework assignment.

Students who fail to show up for the make-up or final exam for an invalid reason will be given 0 points for that exam; or for a valid reason an incomplete “I” grade. He/she must take the exam the next time this course is being offered to have the “I” grade changed to a letter grade. All assessment components and marks will be retained for the calculation of the final letter grade. The letter grade will be benchmarked against the same class for the semester in which the exam had been missed.

You are NOT allowed to work with anyone on the exam. You must work independently. No use of the internet, textbooks, notes or any other resources. Carry through all units in the problem. Any student found in violation of these rules and as such in violation of UT-Tyler student code of conduct will be subjected to penalties ranging from receiving a zero grade on the respective exam or suspension or expulsion from the university.

Homework (HW) and Workshop (WS):

HW/WS will be assigned on a regular basis. HW/WS is due on the date published in Canvas.

- No late HW/WS will be accepted.
- Work shop assignments are for completion only and their solutions will be published on canvas after the due date.
- Homework assignments will be graded and their solutions will be posted on canvas after the due date.

HW/WS should be submitted on engineering paper (preferred) or plain white printer paper. All work should be presented in a clear methodical manner. Follow the “homework and workshop submission guidelines” listed below when completing your assignment. Assignments which are not clearly presented may have 5 percentage points deducted from the overall grade of that assignment. Be sure that you use the correct edition/version of the textbook. Problems done from other edition/versions which do not match the assigned problems will not receive credit.

Homework and Work Shop Submission Guidelines (Professionalism Requirements):

1. Homework should be submitted using letter size (8 ½ x 11”) paper. Engineering paper is preferred but plain white paper is allowed if you have no access to engineering paper.
2. The header of the first page should include the following:
 - a. Name of Student
 - b. Student Number
 - c. Course Number and Name
 - d. Homework Number
3. There should be no more than 2 problems per page. This is to ensure that there is enough space on the paper for the grader to add comments.
4. Multiple sheets should be stapled at the top left corner of the page.
5. The submitted papers should be free of frail edges, stains, smudges and wrinkles.
6. All problems should include:

- a. Problem Number
 - b. A diagram of the problem (draw all free body diagrams when necessary)
 - c. A set of given quantities
 - d. A set of unknown quantities
 - e. A set of assumptions
7. All numbers and writing should be clear and readable.
8. When required to produce a graph, use a computer program such as excel or matlab to generate the plot. Do not draw it by hand!
9. The **final answer should be boxed** and at the bottom of the problem.

Quizzes:

I may give announced and/or unannounced quizzes throughout the semester. These quizzes may cover assigned reading material or material covered in previous lectures.

Grades:

Homework & Workshop = $2 \times 10\% = 20\%$
 Professional Practice*/Quizzes = 10%
 Design Project = 20%
 Midterm Exams ($2 \times 12.5\%$) = 25%
 Final Exam = 25%

Grade Scale:

A: 90-100
 B: 80-89
 C: 70-79
 D: 60-69
 F: <60

If necessary, I reserve the right to adjust the grade scale at the end of the semester to your benefit.

**NOTE:

There will be no makeup work or extra credit allowed/granted at the end of or during the semester unless allowed/granted to everyone by the instructor. All assignments must be turned in at the appropriate time to receive credit.

*Professional Practice Grade Breakdown:

Your professional practice grade will be computed based upon your attendance (35%) plus participation in the course (35%) plus participation in professional organizational activity (30%) (such as ASCE, AISC events). The professional organizational activity grade of 30% will go towards joining and attending a minimum of 3 professional organizational events and submission of one mini report describing the meeting contents. I will provide a document template and an example of what needs to be submitted. For attendance during class meetings, towards the end of the meeting period, students will be called by names, and marked absent if not in attendance.

In grading the homework, assignments, tests, exams, etc., **no credit will be given to methods not covered in this class**, although these methods, tables, formulae may appear in the textbook. Errors or outdated material in the textbook should not be the reason for claiming full credit on work done.

To protect your confidentiality, graded homework, assignments, and exams will not be placed in the open area for collection. They will only be distributed by the instructor during class or office

hours. Graded homework, assignments, and exams not collected before the final exam week will be disposed according to UT Tyler policy.

Laptops/PDAs/MP3 players/Cell Phones or other electronic devices

- The use of any electronic device, except an approved calculator, is not permitted during exams. Your exam will be collected and your grade will be a zero if you are caught using a non-approved electronic device/calculators. Any instances of a calculator inappropriately used during an exam will be the basis of alleging Academic Misconduct and may result in Failing (F) of the course at the determination of the course's instructor or the basis for a recommendation for expulsion from the University. Any Calculator used during an exam in this course must meet the requirements stated within the policy below.

- **Calculator Policy**

Only NCEES approved calculators will be permitted during tests and your test will be collected and your grade will be a zero if you are using a non-approved calculator.

The approved calculators include the following: (Please check the NCEES website for a complete listing, <https://ncees.org/exams/calculator/>. Below is an excerpt from the website:

Calculator policy

To protect the integrity of its exams, NCEES limits the types of calculators examinees may bring to exam sites. The list of approved calculators is reviewed annually. The approved calculators include the following: (Please check the NCEES website for a complete listing, <https://ncees.org/exams/calculator/>).

The following calculator models are the only ones acceptable for use during the **2024 exams**:

- Casio: All fx-115 and fx-991 models (Any Casio calculator must have "fx-115" or "fx-991" in its model name.)
- Hewlett Packard: The HP 33s and HP 35s models, but no others
- Texas Instruments: All TI-30X and TI-36X models (Any Texas Instruments calculator must have "TI-30X" or "TI-36X" in its model name.)

Final day to withdraw:

The final day to withdraw from the course without penalty is **March 25th, 2024**.

Census dates:

The university requires that instructors to report the attendance to the register at various points in the semester. The census date is **January 29th, 2024**.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

Academic Misconduct: Plagiarism of homework and cheating on examinations will be interpreted as academic misconduct and will not be tolerated. Please refer to the University of Texas at Tyler current Undergraduate Catalog for academic policies and Manual of Policies and Procedures for Student Affairs (MOPPS, Chapter 8) regarding academic integrity, cheating and plagiarism. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Ignorance of the rules and policies provides no protection from the consequences. Cheating on a major term exam will result in a failing grade in the course.

UT Tyler Honor Code:

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and Integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

Student Standards of Academic Conduct: Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

- i. “Cheating” includes, but is not limited to:
 - copying from another student’s test paper.
 - using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test.
 - failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test.
 - possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed “crib notes”. The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test.
 - using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an un-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program.
 - collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority.
 - discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination.
 - divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student.

- substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment.
 - paying or offering money or other valuable thing to or coercing another person to obtain an un-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an un-administered test, test key, home solution or computer program.
 - falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit.
 - taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
 - misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.
- ii. “Plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the submission of it as one’s own academic work offered for credit.
- iii. “Collusion” includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.
- iv. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by plagiarism software.

UT Tyler Resources for Students:

- [UT Tyler Writing Center](tel:903.565.5995) (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu
- [UT Tyler Tutoring Center](tel:903.565.5964) (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu
- The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, this is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- [UT Tyler Counseling Center](tel:903.566.7254) (903.566.7254)

Collection of Student Work:

Throughout the semester I **may collect** student work (best, average, and worst) for the ABET course and outcomes notebooks. This will require me to make a copy of your work, keep your original and return a copy of the graded work to you. I will not draw attention as to what level of work you accomplished.

Students Rights and Responsibilities: To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link:

<http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/StudentRightsandResponsibilities.html>

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness: Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (or grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester’s Census Date can be found on the Contract

itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy: Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the 12th day of class (See Schedule of Classes for the specific date). Exceptions to the 6-drop rule include, but are not limited to, the following: totally withdrawing from the university; being administratively dropped from a course; dropping a course for a personal emergency; dropping a course for documented change of work schedule; or dropping a course for active duty service with the U.S. armed forces or Texas National Guard.

Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Registrar's Office and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Registrar's Office if you have any questions.

Disability/Accessibility Services: In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Tyler at Texas offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible a diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit <https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler> and fill out the New Student application. The **Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR)** office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with an Accessibility Case Manager. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>, the SAR office located in the University Center, # 3150 or call 903.566.7079.

Student Absence due to Religious Observance: Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities: If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement: It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic

transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation: Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. **Do Not** re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University: Beginning August 15, 2016, all forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors. Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products. There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quit lines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free.

Campus Carry: We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at:

<http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>.