

The University of Texas at Tyler
Department of Civil Engineering

CENG 3334: Civil Engineering Materials, Codes and Specifications

Course Syllabus (Fall 2025)

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Time & Venue	Lecture Times: MoWeFr, 12:20 p.m. – 1:15 p.m., HEC B210 Laboratory: MoWe 2:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m., HEC D113 (Civil Engineering Lab) If you miss a scheduled class, you are still responsible for the material
Instructor	Dr. Shariful Huq Office: HEC A204 Email: shuq@uttyler.edu Phone: (903) 566-6701 Office hours: TuTh 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm You are encouraged to seek additional instructional help. My goal is to be commonly available to you for assistance, so feel free to email me, my email address is shuq@uttyler.edu . The best way to contact me is via email.
Teaching Assistant	TBA
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 (Covid-19 era), 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 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Information	<i>AI is not permitted in this course at all.</i> I expect all the work students submit for this course to be their own. I have carefully designed all assignments and class activities to support your learning. Doing your own work, without human or artificial intelligence assistance, is best for your efforts in mastering course learning objectives. For this course, I expressly forbid using ChatGPT or any other artificial intelligence (AI) tools for any stages of the work process, including

	brainstorming. Deviations from these guidelines will be considered a violation of UT Tyler's Honor Code and academic honesty values.
Important Covid-19 Information for Classrooms and Laboratories	<i>It is important to take the necessary precautions to ensure a healthy and successful year.</i> 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. <i>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</i> (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 <u>may be</u> 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 assignments, HW/Quiz solutions, handouts, and other material pertaining to the class. <u>Collected homework will be graded either for points or completion only. Please check canvas regularly.</u>
Catalog Description	Physical properties of typical construction materials will be investigated including steel, Portland cement concrete, wood, masonry and possibly bituminous asphalt, classification of aggregates, concrete mix design, and field control and adjustment. Application of model building codes to commercial and industrial structures; non-structural and structural plan review; fire codes, inspection techniques.
Learning Objectives	1. Explain the properties of materials commonly used in civil engineering. 2. Explain the fabrication or method of manufacture of civil engineering materials. 3. Explain and apply the testing methods commonly used on civil engineering materials. 4. Explain and apply the standards covering the manufacture of civil engineering materials and the testing methods commonly used on these materials.

	5. Explain and apply codes, standards and specifications commonly used in civil engineering. 6. Expose the students to the requirement for written presentation of their work. 7. Conduct experiments on civil engineering materials according to the appropriate laboratory procedures.
Prerequisite/Corequisite	CENG 3306 or MENG 3306: Mechanics of Materials
Required Text	Civil Engineering Materials, 2 nd Ed, by Shan Somayaji, Prentice Hall, ISBN: 0-13-083906-X
Schedule (Subject to Change)	See schedule posted on Canvas
Homework	Homework will be assigned on a regular basis. Homework will be collected and graded either for points or completion only. To receive a grade - Homework must be uploaded on canvas by the due date and time. No late homework will be accepted. Homework solutions will be posted on canvas. Homework should be typed or clearly handwritten with the question in bold and the answer un-bolded as shown below. For example: 1. List the three main components of concrete Aggregate, water and cement Homework Submission Guidelines (Professionalism Requirements): 1. Homework should be submitted using letter size (8 ½ x 11”) paper. Engineering paper is preferred but plain graph paper is allowed if you do not have access to engineering paper. 2. A title page should be included with the following: - Name of Student - Student ID - Course Number and Name - Homework Number 3. The second page should be a written or typed summary of the assignment. This should include: - The type of problems being worked. - The principles and assumptions present in the equations used. - The applications and types of members these tools may be used for. This summary should be one or two paragraphs, written in your own words. 4. 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. 5. Multiple sheets should be stapled at the top left corner of the page. 6. The submitted papers should be free of frail edges, stains, smudges and wrinkles. 7. All problems should include:

	a. Problem Number b. A diagram of the problem (draw all free body diagrams when necessary) -drawn by hand, do not simply photocopy problem from textbook. c. A set of given quantities d. A set of unknown quantities e. A set of assumptions 8. All numbers and writing should be clear and readable. 9. 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! 10. The final answer should be boxed and at the bottom of the problem.
Laboratory	There will be a series of labs completed during the semester. We will meet in the lab on Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 2:30 PM and ending at 5:15 PM in room D113. At the first lab, we will go through proper safety training. You will be required to sign a student safety contract prior to the beginning of lab sessions. Besides the safety contract you will have to take a safety quiz and earn a passing grade to attend lab sessions. Everyone is required to abide by the safety contract during the semester. Failure to follow proper procedures during a lab will result in a zero grade for that lab assignment. For each lab session - be sure to review the handout and complete all required work prior to coming to lab. This will help you to prepare for the experiment and help to make the sessions run smoother. If necessary, a quiz will be given at the beginning of the lab which covers the experiment for the day. You will work in groups to complete each lab. The instructor will assign the groups or let students choose their groups. Each group will be required to turn in one report for the entire group. The format for the report is provided at the end of this syllabus. You are encouraged to visit the writing center, as they can provide excellent feedback and help you with your writing.

Exams	There will be 2 midterm examinations held during the scheduled class time and one final examination. The exams are TENITATIVELY scheduled for: Exam 1: October 6th Exam 2: November 17th Final Exam: TBA Official reasons for missing an exam are outlined in the “Student Handbook”. There will be no exceptions. Midterm exam dates may be moved up or pushed back depending on the progress of the lectures. The Final Exam date is TBA (by University Admin.) All material covered in the course will be tested. Solutions to exams <u>will NOT</u> be posted, however, you can review the solution in my office.
Re-schedule of Examination	<u>Final Exam:</u> There is no make-up or rescheduling. <u>Mid-term Exams:</u> Each student is only allowed one make-up exam. That is, he/she can only make-up Exam 1 or Exam 2 or Exam 3. Make-up will 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 <u>official UT Tyler travel, accident, illness, childbirth, passing of an immediate family member, jury duty, or court appearance</u>. You will be required to show documentary evidence for valid reason (e.g., <u>official university letter, doctor’s letter, letter from funeral home, police report, court letter</u> etc.). Events that can be pre-scheduled or rescheduled are not considered valid reasons. Examples of non-valid reasons are <u>traffic, wedding, driving test, sending car for service, clash with another course schedule</u>, 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 Last Day of Classes (Friday, December 5, 2025). To compensate for the fact that you may apply what you learn in the entire course when answering make-up Exams 1 or 2 or 3, the make-up exam will be more difficult than the original exam. Students who fail to show up for the make-up or final exam with 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.
General Exam Rules & Cheat Sheet	Mid-Term and the Final Exam are closed notes. You are <u>only allowed to use</u> the FE packet, an NCEES approved calculator and your writing instruments (pencils, pens & erasers). <u>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</u> 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. <u>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.</u>
Calculators	The use of any electronic device, except an approved calculator, is not permitted during exams. <u>Your exam will be collected, and your grade will be zero if you are caught using a non-approved electronic device (Laptops, PDAs, MP3 players, cell phones, smart watches) / calculator.</u> In line with the Civil Engineering Department’s policy, only calculators permitted by NCEES for use in the <u>current semester’s FE exam</u> are permitted to be used for CENG 3334 examinations. No other model of calculator will be allowed. Models allowed by NCEES in the past but are no longer valid for the current FE exam are prohibited in the CENG 3334 exams. For a complete listing of permitted calculator models please check, https://ncees.org/exams/calculator/ (go to the bottom of the page and click on the ‘Calculator Policy’ link provided as part of Exam Resources by NCEES). It is the student’s responsibility to check the validity of his/her calculator model, purchase, and be familiar with the functions of the permitted calculators prior to the exam. If an unapproved calculator is found during any exam, it will be taken away immediately and only be returned to the student after the exam.

Grade Scale	Contributions towards final grade (out of 100%) 15% Homework / Quizzes 20% Labs 10% Professional Practice* 30% Mid-term Exams (= 2 x 15%) 25% Final Examination (Comprehensive) *Professional Practice Grade Breakdown: Your professional practice grade of 10% or 10 points is composed of three components. They are attendance (3.5 points) plus participation in the course (3.5 points) plus participation in professional organizational activity (3 points), such as ASCE, AISC events. The professional organizational activity is comprised of attending a minimum of 3 professional organizational events and submission of one mini report describing the meeting contents. For the mini report a document template has been posted on canvas within the 'Assignment' module. Attendance will be tracked by roll call. 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 an 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. Letter grades will be assigned based on the final course grade: - A 90 and above - B 80 to 89.99 - C 70 to 79.99 - D 60 to 69.99 - F below 60 No letter grade will be released until it is official on PeopleSoft. 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 "If necessary, I reserve the right to adjust the grade scale at the end of the semester to your benefit"
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Final Day to Withdraw	The final day to withdraw from the course without penalty is November 3rd, 2025 .
Census Date	The university requires that instructors to report the attendance to the register at various points in the semester. Therefore, on September 8th, 2025 , I will be taking attendance. Please make sure you are there for class on that date or notify ahead if you will not be there.

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: a. copying from another student's test paper; b. using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test; c. failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test; d. 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; e. using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an un-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program; f. collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority; g. discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination; h. 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; i. substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment; j. paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program; k. falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit; l. 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 m. 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. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by plagiarism software.
UT Tyler Resources for Students	• UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu • UT Tyler Tutoring Center (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 (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 keep your original and return a copy of the graded work to you. I will not draw attention 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 and Census Date Policies:	Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (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. 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 such 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
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 census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date). Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center 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 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 <u>New Student</u> 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 from class 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 .

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Encls 1) General Requirements for Laboratory Reports

CENG 3334 General Requirements for Laboratory Reports	
Lab Time and Place	Mondays and Wednesdays at 2:30 PM-5:15 PM in room HEC D113
Laboratory Report	A laboratory report is required for each experiment performed. Only one lab report is required per group for most labs. There may however be certain labs that require each person to submit their own work. Due dates for each lab will be posted. Each group will need to upload the report to canvas. The report should be in the following format. • Cover Page: Laboratory Title, Course Number (CENG 3334), Your Names and Group Number. Each person in the group signs the cover page indicating that they have read the report and approve of the contents contained within. • Objective: Purpose of the experiment should be explained in a few sentences. • Procedure: Include a summarized procedure of the steps you took to complete this lab. Numbered list is preferred. • Results and Discussion: Present tabulated raw data (data sheets are provided with the standard laboratory procedure), relevant calculations, and required plots. BE SURE TO USE CAPTIONS FOR FIGURES, TABLES AND GRAPHS! Refer to the figures, graphs and tables by number in the text of the discussion. Partial credit can only be assigned if you present your work in a logical manner. Neatly show your work and attach a page of sample calculations. Try to have a good understanding of each experiment. Analyze your results. Identify probable sources of error that may have occurred while you performed the laboratory and explain how these errors might affect your results (final value will increase or decrease). DISCUSS!! For example, what trends do you notice in the data? Do the results make sense? Are they what you expected? If so, why? If not, why not? Some labs will have more data than others to discuss. Be sure to give a thorough discussion of your results. • Conclusions: Summarize your results. Relate what you have learned from class regarding materials, codes and specs to what you have learned from performing in this lab. Explain how this experiment is useful to solve the practical civil engineering problems. • Team Contributions: The contributions of each team member should be stated in this section. List what portions of the report each person contributed towards and how much time each person spent. It is okay to have multiple people working on a part.

Grading	Participation in Lab and Cleanup 50 % <u>Report:</u> - Objective 5 % - Procedure 10% - Results and Discussion 25 % - Conclusions 10 %
Sign-in/Sign-out	For each lab you will be required to sign in and out to receive the 20 percentage points for participation. You will not be allowed to sign out until the lab space is clean and all equipment has been returned to its appropriate place. We will be sharing this lab with another class this semester, so it is important to keep the lab clean.
THINGS TO REMEMBER	- After finishing the experiments, clean the instruments and the work area. - Data sheets should be typed in Excel - Sample calculations can be typed or written neatly on engineering paper and placed as an appendix of the report. The remainder of the report should be typewritten. - When writing your reports, avoid using first person like “I” or “we”. USE CAPTIONS FOR FIGURES AND TABLES! REFER TO THESE FIGURES AND TABLES SPECIFICALLY IN THE TEXT USING THE FIGURE/TABLE NUMBER!!