1. **Department, number, and title of course**

Department of Civil Engineering, CENG 5318, Design Timber Structures

2. **Graduate Course**

3. **Course (catalog) description**

Introduction to the design of structural elements for timber buildings including tension and compression members, timber trusses, plywood decking, beam-columns, bolted and nailed connections, diaphragms, shear walls, and columns; design of timber elements by allowable stress and strength design methods; introduction to construction techniques, materials and terminology used in timber design. Co-listed with CENG 4318. The graduate student will complete an additional project.

4. **Prerequisite(s)**

MENG 3306, Mechanics of Materials, CENG 3325 Structural Analysis

5. **Textbook(s) and/or other required material**


*ASCE 7-05 Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures*


6. **Course Objectives**

- Determine the design loads on a structure, determine load effects on structural components, and determine the load path through the structure.
- Describe the properties and behavior of structural timber.
- Design a structure using timber.

7. **Topics Covered**

- Functional requirements
- Material characteristics and behavior
- Advantages/disadvantages of timber
- Load and load path analysis
- Tension Compression members
- Structural Timber beam, truss, beam-column, laminated
- Plywood deck
- Shear walls
- Diaphragms
- Bolted /nailed connections
- Framing connection configurations

8. **Class/laboratory schedule, i.e., number of sessions each week and duration of each session**
9. **Contribution of course to meeting the professional component**

3.0 Credit Hours (ES=0.5, ED=2.5)

The course reviews quickly and builds upon the structural analysis and design skills developed through CENG 3325, Structural Analysis, and MENG 3306, Mechanics of Materials. The student will become familiar with the material and how best to use it to design a structure. A design project is the mechanism used to drive the need to learn each topic in the course.

10. **Relationship of course to program outcomes**

The course director’s assessment of how this course contributes to the civil engineering program outcomes is listed below. The following scale is used:
1=No Contribution; 2=Small Contribution; 3=Average Contribution; 4=Large Contribution; 5=Very Large Contribution

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11. **Person(s) who prepared this description and date of preparation**

Dr. Ronald W. Welch, PE, Professor, 18 October 2007.