

CE 200 - Surveying – Fall 2025

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Course Description:

This course will introduce the fundamentals of surveying measurements to provide a broad overview of the surveying instrumentation (Total Station, Digital Level), procedures, measurement corrections and reductions, survey datums, and computations that are required to produce a topographical map or a site plan for engineering and design projects. This course covers three main themes: 1) terrestrial-based survey measurements, 2) space-based positioning (Global Positioning System (GPS)) and surveying (Remote Sensing) techniques, and automated mapping with Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Fundamentals of terrestrial surveying measurements include leveling, distances, and angle measurements to compute Orthometric heights relative to a vertical survey datum and 2-D Cartesian coordinates in a horizontal survey datum for engineering projects. Topics on photogrammetry include photography scale, and coordinate computation of features in imagery. Basic elements of map design and production methods are introduced.

Basic concepts on space-based positioning include GPS components and measurements and Remote Sensing technologies for surveying. Concepts on measurement corrections and data reductions for 3-D coordinate computations with respect to a global geodetic reference frame to solve surveying problems encountered in construction, earthworks, and environmental engineering. Simple concepts on Geographic Information System (GIS) database design and data integration are introduced for a perspective on a useful tool for rapid geospatial mapping and data queries.

Course Format: This course is taught as a lecture class, which will be in-class interaction. It is imperative that students attend these classes where numerous examples and class exercises will solidify the concepts to be learned.

Prerequisites: Math 111 - Calculus I Co requisite: CE 200A–Surveying Laboratory

Textbook(s)/Materials:

A: An Introduction to Geomatics, 15th Edition, by Charles D. Ghilani & Paul R. Wolf, Pearson Prentice Hall, Inc, or latest edition

Supplemental Text: (not required to be purchased)

- a) Route Location and Design, 5th Ed. McGraw Hill Book Co.
- b) Surveying Construction Applications, 3rd Edition, Prentice Hall 1997.
- c) ASSHTO “A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets” 2004 Edition.

Objectives:

1. Develop an understanding of the basic principles of surveying including the Traditional measurements and representations as well as such modern techniques as Global positioning.
2. Integrate CAD techniques and tools into the application of basic surveying principles.
3. Gain an appreciation for the importance of the survey database in all phases of a project.

Topics:

- o Introduction to surveying and field notes
- o Theory of measurements and errors
- o Distance measurements with tapes and EDM
- o Leveling, Leveling procedures and computations
- o Angular Measurements: Bearings and Azimuths
- o Traverse computations
- o Coordinate computations
- o Earthworks: Areas and Volumes
- o Topographic surveys and mapping
- o Horizontal and Vertical Curves
- o Construction surveys to State Plane Coordinate Systems
- o Introduction to Remote Sensing - Photogrammetry
- o Global Positioning Systems
- o Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

Schedule: Lecture/Recitation- 3 hour in person sessions as scheduled

Professional Component: Engineering Topics

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Additional Information:

1. Homework will be available on Canvas under the Quizzes tab. Homework will be available for a specific time period. Late homework will not be accepted. 80% of the completed homework should be turned in for a grade otherwise an incomplete “I” grade will be assigned as the final

grade for the course. Homework will be graded as a number from 1 to 10. A '10' will be assigned for exceptional work.

2. You must be signed up for both the lab classes and lecture classes.
3. Unexcused absences from more than three classes will result in a grade of F. Being late will count as an absence. Coming to class more than five minutes after the assigned time will be considered late.
4. The students will be informed of any changes to the syllabus at least one week in advance.
5. To schedule consultation outside of class, send request via email.

Withdrawals: In order to ensure consistency and fairness in application of the NJIT policy on withdrawals, student requests for withdrawals after the deadline will not be permitted unless extenuating circumstances (e.g., major family emergency or substantial medical difficulty) are documented. The course Professors and the Dean of Students are the principal points of contact for students considering withdrawals

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Academic Integrity is the cornerstone of higher education and is central to the ideals of this course and the university. Cheating is strictly prohibited and devalues the degree that you are working on. As a member of the NJIT community, it is your responsibility to protect your educational investment by knowing and following the academic code of integrity policy that is found at:
<http://www5.njit.edu/policies/sites/policies/files/academic-integrity-code.pdf>.

Please note that it is my professional obligation and responsibility to report any academic misconduct to the Dean of Students Office. Any student found in violation of the code by cheating, plagiarizing or using any online software inappropriately will result in disciplinary action. This may include a failing grade of F, and/or suspension or dismissal from the university. If you have any questions about the code of Academic Integrity, please contact the Dean of Students Office at dos@njit.edu

AI statement: The use of artificial intelligence (AI) is permitted in this course only when explicitly stated in assignments. If students use AI for any course-related work, they must cite it according to the guidelines provided on the [NJIT Library AI Citation page](#). If you have any questions about AI use in this course, please contact the course instructor before submitting any assignments. In cases where AI use is not allowed, students are expected to complete work without AI assistance to develop their skills in this subject area.

Syllabus Information:

The dates and topics of the syllabus are subject to change; however, students will be consulted with and must agree to any modifications or deviations from the syllabus throughout the course of the semester.

Email Policy:

Emails shall be accepted at al69@njit.edu. Please put the course name “CE 200” in the subject line of the email.

Grading:

Homework.....40% (due date as indicated on syllabus)

Exam 1.....20%

Exam 2.....20%

Final.....20%

Final Score

Assignment

D = 50-56 points

C = 57-62 points

C+ = 63-69

points B = 70-

76 points

B+ = 77-84 points

A >85 points

Schedule:

Class	Topics	Assignment Due	Text
1	<p><u>Introduction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Surveying <input type="checkbox"/> Math Review <p><u>Measurements & Errors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theory of Errors• Corrections & Calibration• Review of Statistics for Surveying Data• Overview of Statistical Concepts• Measurement Correction & Instrument Calibration• Electronic Distance Measuring Instrument		Chapters 1 — 3

2	<p><u>Geodetic Datums</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geodetic Surfaces • Geodetic Datums & Coordinate Systems • Basics of Map Projections for Surveying & Mapping <p><u>Height/Elevation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Height determination • Orthometric Height • Differential Leveling • Trigonometric Leveling • Leveling Computations & Adjustments <input type="checkbox"/> Profiles <p><u>Distance Measurement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distance Measurements & Corrections • Distance Measurements by Taping • Electronic Distance Measurements 	Assignment #1	Chapters 4 - 6
3	<p><u>Angle Measurement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angles, Azimuth & Bearings • Total Stations & Angle Observation • Geodetic Control For Mapping 	Assignment #2	Chapters 7 - 8
4	<u>Exam 1</u>	Assignment #3	
5	<p><u>Angle Measurement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traverse Adjustment Computation • Computation of Departures and Latitudes • Coordinate Computations • Triangulation (Intersection & Resection) 	Assignment #4	Chapters 9 - 11
6	<p><u>Horizontal Curves</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geometry and Formulae • Examples of Curve Layout • Application & Examples • Practice problems 	Assignment #5	Chapter 24
7	<p><u>Vertical Curves</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geometry and Formulae • Examples of Curve Layout • Application & Examples • Practice problems 	Assignment #6	Chapter 25
8	<u>Exam 2</u>	Assignment #7	
9	<p><u>Global Positioning System (GPS)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction & Theory of GPS</p>		Chapters 13 - 15

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orbit, Signals & Observations • Operation & Systems • GPS Measurements • Numerical Examples 		
10	<p><u>Photogrammetry</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Photogrammetry • Aerial Imaging Systems & Data Acquisition • Introduction to Remote Sensing • EM Spectrum and its properties • Photogrammetric Data Processing 	Assignment #8	Chapter 27
11	<p><u>Geographic Information System (GIS)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIS Theory & Introduction • Data Structures & Format • Applications to Engineering, Construction, and Mapping • Examples and Problems 		Chapter 28
12	<p><u>Mapping and Products</u> Engineering & Topographic Surveys Integrated Geospatial Products & Systems <u>Earthworks</u> Area & Volume Computations, Contours, & Gradients</p>	Assignment #9	Chapters 17 & 18, 26
13	<p><u>State Plane Coordinates & Other Map Projections</u> <u>Boundary Surveys</u> <u>Surveys of the Public Lands</u> <u>Construction Surveys</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment & Measurements • Construction & Surveying Procedures 		Chapters 20 - 23
14	<p><u>Terrestrial Mobile & Space-based Mapping</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology & Data Processing software • Mapping Applications in Engineering & Construction • Final Review 	Assignment #10	
15	<p><u>Final Exam</u></p>		

Course Objectives: By the end of the course you should be able to do the following:

- Orthometric Heights: Be able to perform a basic leveling field survey to accurately establish heights for control points in the NAVD88 Datum. Be able to use survey data to compute adjusted elevations for the control points and determine relative precision estimates.
- Elementary Surveying Computations: Understand and know how to apply data corrections and reductions from TSI distance and angle measurements. Be able to apply basic

trigonometric formulae to compute planar coordinates of survey control points by traverse, intersection, and resection methods. Understand and know how to apply Federal Geodetic Control Commission accuracy standard and survey procedures. Know how to apply formulas for setting out horizontal and vertical curves (i.e., railroads, highways, etc.).

- Space-based Surveying Technology: Understand the orbital attributes (and characteristics) and signal structure of GPS technology for point positioning. Understand and know how to compute geodetic coordinates from GPS pseudorange measurements. Understand the geometric and radiometric characteristics of remotely sensed imagery for surveying-based solutions to environmental engineering problems. Be able to generate a digital topographical map using terrestrial and space-based surveying technologies.

Outcomes Course Matrix – CE 200 Surveying

Strategies, Actions and Assignments	ABET Student Outcomes (1-7)	Program Educational Objectives	Assessment Measures
Student Learning Outcome 1: Develop an understanding of the basic principles of surveying including the traditional measurements and representations as well as such modern techniques as global positioning.			
Introduce the theory of measurements and related errors.	1	1, 2	Homework, quizzes and exams
Examine aspects of Geographic Information System (GIS) and Global Positioning System (GPS).	7	1, 2	Homework, quizzes and exams
Discuss surveying theory as applied to engineering projects.	1, 2	1, 2	Homework, quizzes and exams
Student Learning Outcome 2: Integrate CAD techniques and tools into the application of basic surveying principles.			
Introduce the theory of mapping and CAD.	1, 7	1, 2	Homework, labs, quizzes and exams
Demonstrate surveying equipment and its proper use.	7	1	Homework, labs, quizzes and exams

Use Geographic Information System (GIS) as a mapping tool.	1, 2, 7	2	Homework, quizzes and exams
Student Learning Outcome 3: Apply the survey database to phases of project control.			
Introduce the control network as a basis for mapping.	1	1	Homework, labs, quizzes and exams.
Practice computations associated with route and construction surveys.	1	1	Homework, labs, quizzes and exams.
Combine mapping with CAD.	7	1, 2	Mapping project, quizzes and exams.

CEE Mission, Program Educational Objectives and Student Outcomes

The mission of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering is:

- to educate a diverse student body to be employed in the engineering profession
- to encourage research and scholarships among our faculty and students
- to promote service to the engineering profession and society

Program Educational Objectives

Our **Program Educational Objectives** are reflected in the achievements of our recent alumni:

1. **Engineering Practice:** Alumni will successfully engage in the ethical practice of civil engineering within industry, government, and private practice, working towards safe, practical, resilient and sustainable solutions in a wide array of technical specialties including construction, environmental, geotechnical, structural, transportation, and water resources.
2. **Professional Growth:** Alumni will advance their technical and interpersonal skills through professional growth and development activities such as graduate study in engineering, research and development, professional registration and continuing education; some graduates will transition into other professional fields such as academia, business, and law through further education.
3. **Service:** Alumni will perform service to society and the engineering profession through membership and participation in professional societies, government, educational institutions, civic organizations, charitable giving and other humanitarian endeavors.

Student Outcomes

Our **Student Outcomes** are what students are expected to know and be able to do by the time of their graduation:

1. an ability to identify, formulate and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science and mathematics
2. an ability to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental and economic factors
3. an ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences
4. an ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental and societal contexts
5. an ability to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative environment, establish goals, plan tasks and meet objectives
6. an ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data and use engineering judgment to draw conclusion
7. an ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies

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