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**CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL
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CE 333-001 Reinforced Concrete Design

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Lectures: Tuesday / Thursday: 1:00 – 2:20 pm, KUPF 107

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Prerequisite: [CE 332](#). The student must have a working knowledge of structural analysis including determinate and indeterminate beams and frames. Primary objectives include the following: To acquaint the student with the properties of concrete and steel and with the behavior of reinforced concrete as a structural material; also, to develop methods for the design of reinforced concrete structural members such as beams, slabs, footings, and columns. Both ultimate strength design and working stress method will be studied.

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Text: Design of Reinforced Concrete 10th Edition.
By: Jack C. McCormac and Russell H. Brown
ISBN: 1118879108

Recommend Ref.: ACI Committee 318 (2014), *Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and Commentary (318-14)*. Farmington Hills, MI: American Concrete Institute.

ACI 318-14 can be purchased from the American Concrete Institute at a reduced rate available only to students. Please visit the website below to register as a student. Once you register, you can purchase ACI 318-14 at the ACI bookstore for a reduced rate.

Registration:

www.concrete.org/membership/studentmembership.aspx Store:
www.concrete.org/store.aspx

Course Description (from NJIT's course catalog)

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Course Objectives (General)

By the end of this course, the student will be able to:

General Design: Compare and contrast different methods used for the design of structural concrete; describe the influence of concrete materials on concrete design; explain fundamental behavior of structural concrete and principles behind select code provisions.

Flexural and Shear Behavior and Design: Explain the behavior of a reinforced concrete section at various levels of deformation; calculate the nominal bending strength of a reinforced concrete member with and without compression reinforcement; design a reinforced concrete flexural member with economy and constructability in mind; discuss how shear forces are transferred through a reinforced concrete component; design a reinforced concrete member to resist shear forces.

Slab Behavior and Design: Describe load transfer mechanisms in one-way slabs; design a one-way slab for flexure, shear, temperature, and shrinkage requirements.

Development and Serviceability: Explain the importance of development length as it relates to reinforced concrete member behavior; perform necessary calculations to design a member's development length, bar splices, and bar cutoffs; describe cracking behavior in reinforced concrete members; calculate deflections in a reinforced concrete member.

Short Column Behavior and Design: Explain the difference between short and slender columns; identify the types of transverse reinforcement used in columns and reasons for using them; calculate the capacity of a short reinforced concrete column.

Footing Behavior and Design: Describe limit states used in design of footings; calculate the reinforcement requirements for strip and spread footings.

Communication: All communication by the instructor will be done through Canvas or email. It is your responsibility to check e-mail, and the course page on Canvas regularly.

Lectures/Class: This is a face-to-face course. Attendance to all lectures is expected. Please turn all cell phones off during class, keep laptops closed, and be respectful to the course instructor and your classmates. You should always bring a pencil and calculator with you to class.

Prerequisites: It is assumed that you have a background in structural analysis, mechanics of materials, and statics. These three areas represent the foundation of reinforced concrete behavior and design. For example, if you are asked to design a reinforced concrete member you are expected to know how to calculate the shear force, or moment under a given set of loads. You will not necessarily be given every piece of information you need to solve a problem, but enough to be able to solve it with some looking up of expressions or conducting analyses.

Homework: Homework will be assigned to encourage further reading, to extend the material presented in lectures, and to provide practice in arriving at engineering solutions to problems. Completion of the homework is an essential part of the learning process. All homework is to be turned in individually unless specified otherwise on the assignment. If you collaborate with a classmate, be sure to state that collaboration and his/her name at the top of your assignment.

Homework Format: It is expected that all homework be presented in an organized manner; use engineering paper, if possible, one side of each page (clear side, not grid side); have your name written clearly on the front page.

Homework Grading: All homework will be submitted electronically on Canvas. It is your responsibility to scan your assignment and upload it on Canvas before the due date. All homework will be collected and graded. Presentation will account for 33% of the grade.

Late Homework: Late Homework will be accepted up to 72 hours after the due date with a 30-point penalty on the grade. After 72 hours, submissions will not be accepted.

Exams: There will be three exams during the semester plus a cumulative final exam.

Calculation of Course Grade: A weighted average grade will be calculated as follows:

Homework	10%
Project	10%
3-Exam Average	55%
Final Exam	25%

The minimum requirements for final letter grades are as follows:

A = 90.0%, B+ = 85.0%, B = 80.0%, C+ = 75.0%, C = 70.0%, D = 60.0%, F < 60.0%

Note: Grades are not curved. It is theoretically possible for everyone in the class to get an A (or an F). Your performance depends only on how you do and how much you learn, not on

how everyone else in the class does. It is therefore in your best interest to help your classmates, while acting within the bounds of the stated academic integrity policy (i.e., NJIT's Code of Academic Integrity). **Instructor Commitment:** You can expect the Instructor to be courteous, punctual, organized, and prepared for lecture and other class activities; to answer questions clearly; to be available during office hours or to notify you beforehand if he is unable to keep them; to provide a suitable guest lecturer or pre-recorded lecture when they are traveling; and to grade uniformly and consistently.

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.

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Legal Disclaimer: Students' ability to meet outcomes listed may vary, regardless of grade. They will achieve all outcomes if they attend class regularly, complete all assignments with a high degree of accuracy, and participate regularly in class discussions. This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor throughout the term.

WEEK	DATE	TOPICS	ARTICLES
1	Tue 9/2 Thu 9/4	Introduction, Material Properties	Class Notes
2	Tue 9/9 Thu 9/11	ACI Design Philosophy, Design Loads	Class Notes
3	Tue 9/16 Thu 9/18	Flexural Behavior of RC Beams	2.1 to 2.4
4	Tue 9/23 Thu 9/25	Flexural Strength Analysis of RC Beams	3.1 to 3.10
5	Tue 9/30 Thu 10/2	Design of Rectangular Beams	4.1 to 4.6, 4.8
6	Tue 10/7 Thu 10/9	Design of Rectangular Beams Exam #1	4.1 to 4.6, 4.8
7	Tue 10/14 Thu 10/16	Design of One-Way Slabs	4.7

8	Tue 10/21 Thu 10/23	Structural Systems in Reinforced Concrete Buildings	Class Notes
9	Tue 10/28 Thu 10/30	Shear and Diagonal Tension	8.1 to 8.11
10	Tue 11/4 Thu 11/6	Shear and Diagonal Tension Exam #2	8.1 to 8.11
11	Tue 11/11 Thu 11/13	Introduction to Columns, Design of Short Columns Subjected to Axial Load	9.1 to 9.9
12	Tue 11/18 Thu 11/20	Design of Short Columns Subjected to Axial Load and Bending	10.1 to 10.6
13	Thu 11/25 Tue 12/2	T-Beams, Doubly Reinforced Beams	Class Notes
14	Thu 12/4 Tue 12/9	Exam #3, Development Length, Serviceability Splices	Class Notes
15		Final Exam	

Course Objectives Matrix – CE 333 Reinforced Concrete Design

Strategies, Actions and Assignments	ABET Student Outcomes (1-7)	Program Educational Objectives	Assessment Measures
Student Learning Outcome 1: Apply design methodologies, codes and specifications to the design of reinforced concrete members and elementary structures.			
Illustrate ultimate strength and allowable stress design philosophies.	1, 2	1, 2	Homework, projects, quizzes, and exams.
Formulate the ultimate strength design methodology.	1, 2	1	Homework, Projects, quizzes, a exams.
Discuss the ACI design codes.	1, 2, 4	1, 2, 3	Homework, Projects, quizzes, and exams.
Student Learning Outcome 2: Apply and enhance knowledge of strength of materials and structural analysis.			
Incorporate and apply basic knowledge of strength of materials.	1, 2	1	Homework, quizzes, and final exam

Incorporate and apply basic knowledge of structural analysis.	1, 2	1	Homework, quizzes, and final exam
Student Learning Outcome 3: Incorporate proper use of modern engineering tools for problem solving and communication.			
Introduce state-of-the-art analysis and design software (such as Rivet/Robot, STAAD/Pro, SAP2000 etc.).	7	1, 2	Homework and projects that are solved using design software.
Discuss the pitfalls of computerized analysis and design and the need for sound engineering judgement.	7	1, 2	Projects are solved both manually and using software.
Place some assignments and course syllabus on the internet. Use e-mail for communications.	7	1	None.
Student Learning Outcome 4: Develop decision making skills and provide an environment for independent thinking while encouraging effective teamwork.			
Demonstrate non uniqueness of design solutions.	1, 2	1, 2	Design problems.
Require independent work on homework and projects, and all quizzes and exams.	1, 2	1, 2	Homework, projects, quizzes, And final exam.
Require teamwork for some assignments.	5	1, 2	Homework and Projects.

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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