

**Course Syllabus**  
**CE 360: Sustainable Civil Engineering Materials- Fall 2023**  
**John A. Reif, Jr. Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering**

**Course Information**

Title: CE 360-103, Sustainable Civil Engineering Materials  
Class Location: CULM LECT 2

Meeting Times: Wednesdays 6:00 PM – 8:50 PM  
Credit Hours: 3 Credits

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Information on using WebEx can be found: <https://ist.njit.edu/webex/>

Information using Canvas can be found: <https://canvas.njit.edu/getting-started-canvas>

**Required Pre-requisites**

The required prerequisites for this course are MECH 237 and CHEM 121.

**Course Description**

The course provides instruction on civil and construction engineering materials used in the construction of civil engineering projects such as pavements, bridges, buildings, retaining walls, tanks, etc. Additionally, the fundamentals of sustainability within the context of civil engineering will be discussed. In particular, the course concentrates on the engineering properties of aggregates, wood, metals, portland cement concrete (PCC) and hot-mix asphalt (HMA) as well as the mixture design of PCC and HMA, as well as other advanced civil engineering materials. These materials will be used to discuss sustainability and sustainable design within civil engineering contexts.

Topics: Civil and construction engineering materials; aggregate, portland cement concrete, asphalt concrete, wood, metals. Standard test methods. Sustainability. Sustainable design. Chemistry, mechanics, and durability of materials.

**Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Define sustainability in their own words and relate how sustainability is defined in the context of new construction as well as renovation and rehabilitation.

2. Demonstrate concepts of life-cycle analysis including economic and sustainability aspects and apply these concepts to sustainable construction.
3. Identify key material properties important to the successful application of aggregates, asphalt concrete, portland cement concrete, wood and metals to a variety of civil works.
4. Specify aggregates, concrete and asphalt mixtures, metals, and wood for typical construction applications including the use of appropriate standards (i.e. ASTM) for testing and specification of said materials.
5. Design a PCC mixture and an HMA mixture using sustainability concepts that will be durable and meet the requirements of a particular construction project.

## Required Reading Materials

### Required

- A. ACI Committee 211.91: Standard Practice for Selecting Proportions for Normal Heavyweight and Mass Concrete. (Reapproved in 2009). This resource is available for free through a Free student membership from the American Concrete Institute. Directions for signing up for an ACI membership can be found at <https://www.concrete.org/membership/studentmembership.aspx>. Once you have signed up, you can navigate to the to the page for the ACI 211 standard practice and download it as a PDF.
- B. Pavement Guide Interactive: <http://www.pavementinteractive.org/> (free internet resource)
- C. Additional course reading materials will be posted on the Canvas course website throughout the term.

### Additional

- Virtual Superpave Laboratory: <http://training.ce.washington.edu/VSL/>  
Portland Cement Association: [www.cement.org](http://www.cement.org)  
American Concrete Institute: [www.aci-int.org](http://www.aci-int.org)

## Homework Assignment Requirements and Grading

Homework assignments will be posted on the course website regularly throughout the term. Students will have at least 7 days to complete homework assignments from the date they are posted. Homework will be collected and graded in the following manner:

- All problems will be checked for completeness.
- One question (chosen at random) will be graded for correctness, professionalism and legibility

Method of Collection. All homework will be collected via Canvas, the course website. Homework must be submitted by 11:59:59 PM on the day it is due. Please note the following items:

- Homework must be turned in as 1 single file. If you need to combine typed responses with hand written calculations, you must scan in your hand-written portions, and

import them into the word document that you have typed or inserted as a page into the PDF.

- It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the homework is correctly uploaded to Canvas. If you are having issues with Canvas contact the Canvas help desk, the professor is not able to help with IT/Technical issues.
- Turning in the homework at 12:00:00 AM or after on the day after the homework is due will still count as a late homework. It is recommended you plan to turn in your assignment earlier than the deadline to ensure any uploading issues are able to be fixed and you can turn your homework in on time.

Homework assignments are expected to look professional and be legible. Up to 25% of each homework will include points for meeting the criteria below. Homework assignments will meet the following requirements:

- Each page will have a header that includes student name, date, course number, assignment, and page number.
- All homework will be completed on fresh paper with clean edges (not ripped out of a notebook). Engineering paper is preferred when completing assignments by hand.
- Assignments **do not** have borders around the pages or unnecessary cover pages.
- Written sections have correct grammar and spelling.
- Handwriting is legible
- Each question is clearly labeled, with the given information, what you are required to answer, and the solution clearly marked.

Assignments must be submitted by 11:59:59 PM on the date they are due through [Canvas.njit.edu](https://canvas.njit.edu). Any assignment turned in later than this time be considered late unless prior arrangements are made with the instructor. **Late homework will be accepted up to 24 hours after the assigned due date and time for a loss of 25% of the earned points and for a loss of 50% after 48 hours.** No late homework will be accepted after 48 hours.

## Grade Determination

The course grade will be determined using the following point breakdown:

Homework Assignments	125 Points total (5 Homework assns. at 25 points each)
Quizzes and Exercises	100 Points total (5 Quizzes and 5 Exercises at 10 points each)
Exam 1	75 Points total
Exam 2	75 Points total
Final Examination	125 Points total

The course is scored out of a total of 500 points. Grading will not be completed according to a curve Letter grades will be determined using the following guidelines:

A = 450 points and above  
B+ = 425 – 449 points  
B = 400 – 425 points  
C+ = 375 – 399 points

C = 350 – 374 points  
D = 325 – 349 points  
F = Below 325 point

## Course Exams

Three exams will be given during the term, two during the term and a final exam. Each regular exam will be out of 75 points, and the final exam will be out of 125 points. The final exam will be cumulative of the whole semester. Exams will include both a multiple-choice portion, calculation sections, and a written response portion.

Missed examinations will not be allowed to be made up without prior consent from the professor. If a student will be missing an examination, please contact the professor at least **24 hours prior** to missing the exam.

If you have an emergency and miss an exam without prior approval from the professor, you must contact the Dean of Students who will review your case and determine whether an absence should be allowed.

## Exams Proctoring (if done on Canvas)

### LockDown Browser + Webcam Requirement

This course requires the use of LockDown Browser and a webcam for online exams. The webcam can be the type that's built into your computer or one that plugs in with a USB cable.

Watch this brief video to get a basic understanding of LockDown Browser and the webcam feature.

<https://www.respondus.com/products/lockdown-browser/student-movie.shtml>

### Download Instructions

Download and install LockDown Browser from this link:

<https://download.respondus.com/lockdown/download.php?id=264548414>

### Once Installed

- Start LockDown Browser
- Log into to Canvas
- Navigate to the quiz

Note: You won't be able to access a quiz that requires LockDown Browser with a standard web browser. If this is tried, an error message will indicate that the test requires the use of LockDown Browser. Simply start LockDown Browser and navigate back to the exam to continue.

### Guidelines

When taking an online quiz, follow these guidelines:

- Ensure you're in a location where you won't be interrupted
- Turn off all other devices (e.g. tablets, phones, second computers) and place them outside of your reach
- Before starting the test, know how much time is available for it, and also that you've allotted sufficient time to complete it

- Clear your desk or workspace of all external materials not permitted - books, papers, other devices
- Remain at your computer for the duration of the test
- If the computer, Wi-Fi, or location is different than what was used previously with the "Webcam Check" and "System & Network Check" in LockDown Browser, run the checks again prior to the exam
- To produce a good webcam video, do the following:
  - Avoid wearing baseball caps or hats with brims
  - Ensure your computer or device is on a firm surface (a desk or table). Do NOT have the computer on your lap, a bed, or other surface where the device (or you) are likely to move
  - If using a built-in webcam, avoid readjusting the tilt of the screen after the webcam setup is complete
  - Take the exam in a well-lit room, but avoid backlighting (such as sitting with your back to a window)
- Remember that LockDown Browser will prevent you from accessing other websites or applications; you will be unable to exit the test until all questions are completed and submitted

### Getting Help

Several resources are available if you encounter problems with LockDown Browser:

- The Windows and Mac versions of LockDown Browser have a "Help Center" button located on the toolbar. Use the "System & Network Check" to troubleshoot issues. If an exam requires you to use a webcam, also run the "Webcam Check" from this area
- [As applicable, insert information about your institution's help desk, including details about how to contact them. Some help desks want students to run the "System & Network Check" and the "Webcam Check" before they are contacted - and even, to forward the results of these checks at the time of opening a ticket.]
- Respondus has a Knowledge Base available from [support.respondus.com](https://support.respondus.com). Select the "Knowledge Base" link and then select "Respondus LockDown Browser" as the product. If your problem is with a webcam, select "Respondus Monitor" as your product
- If you're still unable to resolve a technical issue with LockDown Browser, go to [support.respondus.com](https://support.respondus.com) and select "Submit a Ticket". Provide detailed information about your problem and what steps you took to resolve it

### Plagiarism and Copying

Plagiarism and copying will \*not\* be tolerated in this course. While it is encouraged that you discuss and work together on homework problems, direct copying of each-others answers is prohibited. Many homework assignments require written responses and each student is expected to write their own response.

Plagiarism is also not tolerated. Plagiarism is when you use someone else's words, ideas, assertions, data, or figures and do not acknowledge that you have done that (i.e. pass it off as your own original work). If you use the words, ideas, or even phrases from someone else or any published material you must:

1. Use quotation marks around the copied words or phrases AND cite the source; or
2. Paraphrase or summarize using your own words and phrases AND cite the source.

Any charts, graphs, data, images, or numerical information used from another source or published material must also be cited. If you are not familiar with citations please work with an NJIT librarian to learn more. This is all material that should have been covered in your first-year writing courses.

Student assignments will be submitted via a plagiarism detection software. Any evidence of plagiarism, copying, or cheating during exams, on homeworks, or on quizzes will result in an immediate grade of zero for the assignment and will be reported to the dean of students. A second instance of this will result in a failing grade for the course.

### **Extra Credit**

No extra credit will be offered for the course. The grading is designed to give students many chances to do well in the course. For more information why extra credit is not offered please review the following website:

<https://www.math.uh.edu/~tomforde/NoExtraCredit.html>

### **Course Reading**

You are required to complete the readings for the course prior to each class. The reading has been chosen to support the material given in class and should be given full attention.

### **Course Schedule**

Note: Course schedule is tentative and may change throughout the term. The instructor will communicate any changes. Class time is provided for topics of particular interest to students, or to provide additional instruction if class is running behind. Students wishing to suggest a special topic should speak with the instructor. The course schedule is attached at the end of this syllabus.

### **Students with Disabilities**

NJIT is committed to providing students with documented disabilities equal access to programs and activities. If you have, or believe that you may have, a physical, medical, psychological, or learning disability that may require accommodations, please contact the Coordinator of Student Disability Services located in the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services, in Campbell Hall, room 205, (973) 596-3414. Further information on disability services related to the self-identification, documentation and accommodation processes can be found on the webpage at: (<http://www.njit.edu/counseling/services/disabilities.php>)

### **Academic Dishonesty and Student Conduct**

(Taken from the NJIT Academic Integrity Code linked below)

New Jersey Institute of Technology is an institution dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge through teaching and research. The university expects that its graduates will assume positions of leadership within their professions and communities. Within this context, the university strives to develop and maintain a high level of ethics and honesty among all members of its community.

Imperative to this goal is the commitment to truth and academic integrity. This commitment is confirmed in this NJIT University Code on Academic Integrity. The essential quality of this Code is that each student shall demonstrate honesty and integrity in the completion of all assignments and in the participation of the learning process. Adherence to the University Code on Academic Integrity promotes the level of integrity required within the university and professional communities and assures students that their work is being judged fairly with the work of others. For more information on the code of academic integrity please see: <http://www.njit.edu/education/pdf/academic-integrity-code.pdf>

**E-mail communication with the professor and each other is expected to be professional.**

Any e-mails received by the professor that are not professionally formatted and stated will not be answered. Examples of professional e-mail etiquette can be found at the following links:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Formal-Email>

<http://englishlive.ef.com/blog/write-perfect-professional-email-english-5-steps/>

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/636/01/>

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If you have any questions, please contact me at [mi45@njit.edu](mailto:mi45@njit.edu)

## CE 360-103\_Fall 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecture Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>
9/6/2023	Course Introduction, Introduction to sustainability	
	Material Life Cycle	Ashby Chapter 3 - Sections 3.1-3.3 (On Canvas)
9/13/2023	Material Life Cycle (Cont.)	
	Life Cycle Assessment	Ashby Chapter 3 Sections 3.4 -3.7 (On Canvas)
9/20/2023	Sustainability and Construction Materials	ASCE Code of Ethics (On Canvas)
	Aggregates Introduction	PGI: Aggregates Section (Link on Canvas)
9/27/2023	Aggregates	PGI: Aggregates Section (Link on Canvas)
		PGI Links on Canvas
10/4/2023	Introduction to Cement and Concrete	
	Cement Production	
10/11/2023	<b>Midterm Exam 1</b>	
	Cement Hydration	PGI Links on Canvas, ASTM Standards on Canvas
10/18/2023	Properties of Fresh Concrete	PGI Links on Canvas, ASTM Standards on Canvas
	Properties of Hardened Concrete	PGI Links on Canvas, ASTM Standards on Canvas
10/25/2023	Concrete Mixture Design	PGI Links on Canvas, ASTM Standards on Canvas
11/1/2023	Concrete mixture Design Recap	
	Supplementary Cementing Materials and Sustainable Concrete Mixtures	PGI Links on Canvas, ASTM Standards on Canvas
11/8/2023	<b>Midterm Exam 2</b>	None
	Crystalline Materials	None
11/15/2023	Metals and Corrosion	None
	Concrete Reinforcement	PGI Links on Canvas
11/22/2023	<b>No Class- Friday Schedule</b>	<b>NONE</b>
11/29/2023	Asphalt Pavement Introduction	PGI Asphalt Introduction (Links on Canvas)
	Asphalt Binder Selection	PGI Asphalt Binder Sections (Links on Canvas)
12/6/2023	Asphalt Mixture Design	PGI Asphalt Mixture Design (Links on Canvas)
12/13/2023	Recap	
TBD	<b>Final Exam</b>	TBD



**Matrix – CE 360 Sustainable Civil Engineering Materials**

<b>Strategies, Actions and Assignments</b>	<b>ABET Student Outcomes (1-7)</b>	<b>Program Educational Objectives</b>	<b>Assessment Measures</b>
<b>Objective 1. Define sustainability in their own words and relate how sustainability is defined in the context of new construction as well as renovation and rehabilitation.</b>			
Discuss what sustainability is in the context of construction and construction materials.	1, 3, 4, 7	1, 3	Homework, quizzes, exams, in-class exercises
Write a cohesive definition that incorporates the ideas of the three pillars of sustainability.	1, 2	1	Quizzes, exams
<b>Objective 2. Demonstrate concepts of life-cycle analysis including economic and sustainability aspects and apply these concepts to sustainable construction.</b>			
List and explain the various steps of completing a life cycle analysis.	2, 4	1	Quizzes, Exams
Describe the different types of life cycle analyses and the reasons why someone may choose a particular method.	1, 4	1	Quizzes, Exams
<b>Objective 3. Identify key material properties important to the successful application of aggregates, asphalt concrete, portland cement concrete, wood and metals to a variety of civil works..</b>			
List and define the key components of aggregates, concrete, asphalt, wood, and metals.	1, 4, 7	1	Quizzes, Exams
Describe the different material properties that affect fresh properties, mechanical properties, and durability properties.	2, 4	1, 2	Quizzes, Exams
<b>Objective 4. Specify aggregates, concrete and asphalt mixtures, metals, and wood for typical construction applications including the use of appropriate standards (i.e. ASTM) for testing and specification of said materials.</b>			
Identify the properties needed for specific applications of each material.	1, 4	1	Homework, In-Class Exercises, Exams
Discuss the various service and environmental loadings that a constructed element may experience and what properties are needed to resist those loadings.	2, 3	1, 2	Homework, Exams, Quizzes, In-class exercises
<b>Objective 5. Design a PCC mixture and an HMA mixture using sustainability concepts that will be durable and meet the requirements of a particular construction project.</b>			
Design a concrete mixture using the volumetric method.	1, 2	1, 2	Homework, Exams, In-Class Exercises
Choose materials for and design an asphalt mixture according to the Superpave process	1, 2	1, 2	Homework, Exams, In-Class Exercises

### **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 scholarship among our faculty and students
- to promote service to the engineering profession and society

Our program educational objectives are reflected in the achievements of our recent alumni:

1 – Engineering Practice: Alumni will successfully engage in the practice of civil engineering within industry, government, and private practice, working toward 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 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 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.

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 and inclusive 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 conclusions
7. an ability to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies

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