

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

REQUEST FOR ADDITION, EXPIRATION, OR REVISION OF A GRADUATE COURSE (500-600 LEVEL)

Graduate Council Document No. 07-2a

Office of the Registrar FORM 40G REV. 9/06

DEPARTMENT Civil Engineering

EFFECTIVE SESSION Spring 2007 Fall 2007

INSTRUCTIONS: Please check the items below which describe the purpose of this request.

- 1. New course with supporting documents (complete proposal form)
2. Add existing course offered at another campus
3. Expiration of a course
4. Change in course number
5. Change in course title
6. Change in course credit/type
7. Change in course attributes
8. Change in instructional hours
9. Change in course description
10. Change in course requisites
11. Change in semesters offered
12. Transfer from one department to another

PROPOSED: Subject Abbreviation CE, Course Number 684, Long Title Advanced Engineering Geology, Short Title Adv Eng Geology

EXISTING: Subject Abbreviation, Course Number

TERMS OFFERED: Check All That Apply: Summer, Fall, Spring
CAMPUS(ES) INVOLVED: Calumet, Cont Ed, Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis, N. Central, Tech Statewide, W. Lafayette

Abbreviated title will be entered by the Office of the Registrar if omitted. (22 CHARACTERS ONLY)

CREDIT TYPE

1. Fixed Credit: Cr. Hrs. 3
2. Variable Credit Range: Minimum Cr. Hrs, Maximum Cr. Hrs
3. Equivalent Credit: Yes, No
4. Thesis Credit: Yes, No

COURSE ATTRIBUTES: Check All That Apply

1. Pass/Not Pass Only
2. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Only
3. Repeatable
4. Credit by Examination
5. Designator Required
6. Special Fees
7. Registration Approval Type
8. Variable Title
9. Remedial
10. Honors
11. Full Time Privilege
12. Off Campus Experience

Table with columns: Instructional Type, Minutes Per Mta, Meetings Per Week, Weeks Offered, % of Credit Allocated, Delivery Method, Delivery Medium, Cross-Listed Courses

COURSE DESCRIPTION (INCLUDE REQUISITES):

Prerequisites: CE 580 or instructor consent. Principles describing the mechanical response of geomaterials subjected to disturbance by man. Relation between geology and engineering. Weathering and hydrothermal alteration of rock masses.

Professor Bobet.

Approval signatures and dates for Calumet, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, North Central, West Lafayette, Graduate Area Committee, Graduate Dean, Graduate Council Secretary, West Lafayette Registrar

Handwritten signature and date: 4/25/07 gm



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Faculty of the Schools of Engineering  
**FROM:** The Faculty of the School of Civil Engineering  
**RE:** New Graduate Level Course CE 684

The Faculty of the School of Civil Engineering has approved the following new course. This action is now submitted to the Engineering Faculty for a recommendation for approval.

**CE 684      Advanced Engineering Geology**

Sem.1, Class 3, Lab 0, Cr 3

Prerequisite: CE 580 or instructor consent

Principles describing the mechanical response of geomaterials subjected to disturbance by man. Relation between geology and engineering. Weathering and hydrothermal alteration of rock masses. Weathered rocks, problem soils, and transitional materials Soluble rock terrain (karst). Applied geomorphology. Civil engineering design factors and case histories that relate to the behavior of rocks and sediments. Characterization of geomaterials behavior, exploration and measurement of their engineering properties. The focus of the course is on theoretical and practical solution of engineering problems.

**Reason:** To provide students with theoretical knowledge of formation processes of geomaterials and their relation with engineering properties. The emphasis is on the behavior of non-traditional geomaterials that are not covered in other geotechnical courses. The course builds on the geotechnical fundamentals of CE 580 or similar courses.

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M. Katherine Banks, Interim Head  
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## Supporting Documentation

1. **Justification:** Traditionally, geomaterials have been classified as “soils” or “rocks”. However, most of the materials found near the surface are transitional materials which include soft rocks, weathered rocks, and problem soils. The students need to be acquainted with the classification, behavior and design with such materials for their future professional careers. The course provides additional breadth to the current geotechnical curriculum by including soils, rocks, and transitional materials that are not included in other courses.
2. **Level:** Graduate Level
3. **Prerequisites:** CE 580 or instructor consent
4. **Instructor:** Antonio Bobet
5. **Course Objectives:** Students who complete the course should be able to:
  - Understand the importance of geology in design and to identify geologic features that are critical for the performance of a geotechnical project
  - Understand physico-chemical processes and their relation with engineering properties of geomaterials
  - Recognize geologic features
  - Design and supervise a geotechnical exploration in transitional materials
  - Understand and predict behavior of transitional materials under complex loading
  - Correlate geomorphological features with soil exploration, design and monitoring

## 6. Course Outline:

| Lectures | Topic   |
|----------|---|
| 4        | Relation between geology and engineering. Principles of exploration.  |
| 2        | Geologic and engineering classification of intact rock  |
| 9        | Overview of structural geology, geologic and engineering description of rock masses (geologic mapping, joint surveys, exploration techniques) |
| 3        | Graphical presentation of geological data. Hemispherical projection methods and stability calculations  |
| 6        | Weathering and Hydrothermal alteration of rock masses mechanisms, and engineering properties.   |
| 3        | Soluble rock terrain (karst). Characterization, solution processes, drainage. Engineering problems.   |



| <b>Lectures</b> | <b>Topics</b>   |
|-----------------|---|
| 3               | Soils and rocks as construction materials   |
| 3               | Permafrost. Foundations on frozen ground  |
| 9               | Applied geomorphology (description and engineering problems of glacial terrain, shore terrain, alluvial terrain, lakes and swamps, wind deposits) |
| <u>2</u>        | In-class Exams  |
| 44              |   |

7. Class notes and other materials distributed in class

APPROVED FOR THE FACULTY  
OF THE SCHOOLS OF ENGINEERING  
BY THE COMMITTEE ON  
FACULTY RELATIONS

CFR Minutes 5

Date 9/29-06

Chairman CFR Michael J. Towski

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