**TO:** The Faculty of the College of Engineering

**FROM:** The Lyles School of Civil Engineering of the College of Engineering

**RE:** Curriculum change for the B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering

The faculty of the Lyles School of Civil Engineering has approved the following change in the curriculum for the B.S. degree in Civil Engineering effective for students entering the School in the Fall Semester 2014. This action is now submitted to the Engineering Faculty with a recommendation for approval.

New Requirements: The sophomore Contemporary Issues in Civil Engineering CE 29201 (1 cr.) has been replaced by CE 29202 (2 cr.). In addition, a new course for juniors CE 39201 (2 cr.) Technical Communication in Civil Engineering has been added. The combination of these two CE communication courses [CE 29202 (1cr. of 2 cr.) and CE 39201 (2 cr.)] will count as 3 cr. of the 18cr. hours of General Education electives required by the College of Engineering. The minimum total number of credit hours required for the degree remains the same at 132 cr. hrs. Students will choose an additional 15 cr. hours of General Education electives in accordance with the general education requirements required by the College of Engineering.

**Reason:** A revised sophomore course, CE 29202 (2 cr.) Contemporary Issues in Civil Engineering has been created to apply fundamental aspects of written communication in professional settings. Students will compile a professional portfolio of communication assignments, including lab reports prepared in other CE courses. This way technical communications is emphasized at an early stage in the Civil Engineering undergraduate curriculum.

CE 39201 will build upon the technical communication components of CE 29202, adding instruction in oral communication, projects, and working in teams. The Civil Engineering faculty has decided that there must be a course that is specifically designed to instruct undergraduates in technical communications, providing activities, feedback, and evaluation. CE 39201 will act as a "bridge" in the civil engineering curriculum between CE 29202 Contemporary Issues in Civil Engineering and CE 49800 Senior Design, while integrating technical communication instruction into other CE courses, as appropriate.

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Lyles School of Civil Engineering

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OF THE SCHOOLS OF ENGINEERING
BY THE ENGINEERING
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

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# Minimum Degree Requirements for Civil Engineering Minimum Degree Requirements for Civil Engineering

Credit Hours Required for Commission of ABET, www.abet.org.

Graduation: 132

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	Credit Hours		redit lours
Mathematics and		Mathematics and	
Physical Science		Physical Science	
Calculus: MA 16500, 16600, 26100,	18	Calculus: MA 16500, 16600, 26100,	18
26500, 26600		26500, 26600	
Statistics: STAT 51100	3	Statistics: STAT 51100	3
Chemistry: CHM 11500	4	Chemistry: CHM 11500	4
Physics: PHYS 17200, 24100	7	Physics: PHYS 17200, 24100	7
Science Selective CHM 11600 or CS 15900	3	Science Selective: CHM 11600 or CS 15900	3
Engineering Design		Engineering Design	
ENGR 13100, 13200, CGT 16400	6	ENGR 13100, 13200, CGT 16400	6
First-Year (or other) Electives		First-Year (or other) Electives	
Communication and		Communication and	
General Education		General Education	
English Composition: ENGL 10600 or	4	English Composition: ENGL 10600 or	3
108		10800	
Speech: COM 11400	3	Speech: COM 11400	3
Basic Science Requirement‡	3	Basic Science Requirement‡	3
Humanities and Social Sciences*:	18	<b>Humanities and Social Sciences*:</b>	15
Courses must be chosen in accordance		Courses must be chosen in accordance	
with the School of Civil Engineering's		with the School of Civil Engineering's	
general education policies and with the		general education policies and with the	
help of a faculty advisor		help of a faculty advisor	
Core Engineering Courses		Core Engineering Courses	
Geomatics: CE 20300	4	Geomatics: CE 20300	4
Basic Mechanics/Materials: CE 23100,		Basic Mechanics/Materials: CE 23100,	
27000, 29700, 29800, 33100, 34000, 34300	20	27000, 29700, 29800, 33100, 34000, 34300	20
Contemporary Issues in CE: CE 29201	1	Contemporary Issues in CE: CE 29202	2
		<b>Technical Communication in Civil</b>	
		Engineering: CE 39201	2
Thermodynamics: ME 20000	3	Thermodynamics: ME 20000	3
Systems Design: CE 39800	3	Systems Design: CE 39800	3
Final Design Project: CE 49800	3	Final Design Project: CE 49800	3
This course must be taken during		This course must be taken during	
the student's final semester.		the student's final semester.	
Technical Electives†	30	Technical Electives†	30
Courses selected with the help of a		Courses selected with the help of a	
Faculty advisor to accommodate the student	's	Faculty advisor to accommodate the student's	
Professional goals and to provide the studen	t	Professional goals and to provide the student	
with sufficient design background. At least 2	21	with sufficient design background. At least 21	
of these credits must be CE-designated cours	ses.	of these credits must be CE-designated course	s.
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## **GPA Requirement**

A graduation index of 2.0 or better is required for graduation with a B.S.CE degree. In addition, a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required in the core civil engineering (CE) (sophomore level or higher) to qualify for graduation.

- **‡**The Basic Science Requirement courses are chosen from an approved list. Examples include BIOL 11000, 12100 & 28600, 14600, 23000 or EAS 10000, 10400, 11100, 12000, 22100. See advisor for current approved list.
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- 1. The program must contain at least 6 credit hours in the humanities.

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- 2. The program must contain at least 6 credit hours in social sciences. It is strongly recommended that ECON 25100 be included in the program in social sciences.
- 3. All general education courses must be taken for a grade.
- †Thirty credit hours of Technical electives are chosen in accordance with the following requirements:
  - 1. The elective course program shall be consistent with career objectives. For instance, one can elect to concentrate on a major in a specialized area with an integrated sequence of courses or can choose a general program in civil engineering by taking courses in several areas.
  - 2. At least 12 credit hours must be chosen from an approved list of introductory civil engineering courses to provide breadth of
  - 3. At least 9 credit hours must be chosen from an approved list of design-intensive civil

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- 4. At least 21 credit hours must be CE designated courses that must include two integrated sequences with a minimum of six credit hours in each.
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Core Course Policy and Grades
Students in the School of Civil Engineering
Must satisfy a core course policy to graduate.
A core course is defined as any course required
for graduation with a Bachelor of Science in
Civil Engineering degree that is not required by
the First-Year Engineering (FYE) program.

## The policy is as follows:

- 1. A student must earn a grade of "C-" or better in all core courses.
- 2. A student must earn a grade of "C-"or better in a core course in order to use the course as a prerequisite.
  - 3. A student shall be dismissed from the School of Civil Engineering after three attempts to complete a core course where each attempt resulted in a grade of "D+", "D", "D-", "E", "F", or "WF". A grade of "W" does not count toward the three attempts. Re-Entry will be solely at the discretion of the Civil Engineering Undergraduate Committee and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The Undergraduate Committee has the prerogative to set the requirements, if any, for re-entry.
  - 4. Technical electives and general education electives are not subject to this policy. Also the Science Selective from the FYE program is not subject to this policy.

English Requirement Students in the School of Civil Engineering must receive a grade of "C-" or better in a first course in English composition to graduate.

Current Plan of Study for Civil Engineering:	Proposed  Plan of Study for Civil Engineering:			
Credit Hours Required for Graduation: 132	Credit Hours Required for Graduation: 132			
Freshman Year, see First -Year Engineering: 31  Communications. COM 11400 is a required course in the civil engineering curriculum and should be taken in the freshman year.  Graphics. CGT 16400 is a required course in the civil engineering curriculum and should be taken in the freshman year.  Science Selective. CHM 11600 is the recommended course and should be taken in the freshman year.				
Sophomore Year Third Semester  (4) CE 20300 Principles & Practices of Geomatics (1) CE 29201 Contemporary Issues in CE (3) CE 29700 Basic Mechanics I: Statics (4) MA 26100 Multivariate Calculus (3) PHYS 24100 Electricity and Optics (3) General Education Elective I* (18) TOTAL	Sophomore Year Third Semester  (4) CE 20300 Principles & Practices of Geomatics  (2) CE 29202 Contemporary Issues in CE (3) CE 29700 Basic Mechanics I: Statics (4) MA 26100 Multivariate Calculus (3) PHYS 24100 Electricity and Optics (2) CGT 16400 Computer Graphics (18) TOTAL			
Fourth Semester	Fourth Semester			
(3) CE 23100 Engineering Materials I (4) CE 27000 Intro Structural Mechanics (3) CE 29800 Basic Mechanics II: Dynamics (3) MA 26500 Linear Algebra (3) General Education Elective II* (16) TOTAL	(3) CE 23100 Engineering Materials I (4) CE 27000 Intro Structural Mechanics (3) CE 29800 Basic Mechanics II:  Dynamics (3) MA 26500 Linear Algebra (3) General Education Elective II* (16) TOTAL			

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Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering
Junior Year	Junior Year
Fifth Semester	Fifth Semester
(3) CE 33100 Engineering Ma	nterials II (3) CE 33100 Engineering Materials II
(3) CE 34000 Hydraulics	(3) CE 34000 Hydraulics
(1) CE 34300 Elementary Hyd	draulics (1) CE 34300 Elementary Hydraulics
Laboratory	Laboratory
(3) MA 26600 Ordinary Differ	rential (3) MA 26600 Ordinary Differential
Equations	Equations
(3) General Education Elective III*	(3) General Education Elective III*
(3) Technical Elective I†	(3) Technical Elective I†
(16) TOTAL	(16) TOTAL

Jun	l Engine ior Year h Semes	r		Juni	Engine or Year Semest			
(3)	STAT	51100	Statistical Methods	(3)	<b>STAT</b>	51100	Statistical N	Methods
(3)	CE	39800	Intro to Civil Eng System Design	(3)	CE	39800	Intro to Civ System De	ril Engineering esign
(3)	Basic	Science 1	Requirement‡	(3)	Basic S	cience I	Requirement	<b>‡</b>
(3)	Genera	al Educat	ion Elective IV*	(2)	CE	39201	<b>Technical</b>	Communication
							in Civil E	ngr
(3)	Techni	ical Elect	ive II†	(3)	Technic	al Electi	ive II†	
<u>(3)</u>	Techn	ical Elec	tive III†	<u>(3)</u>	Technic	al Electi	ive III†	
(18)	TOTA	L		<b>(17)</b>	TOTAL			

Current Civil Engineering Senior Year Seventh Semester	Proposed Civil Engineering Senior Year Seventh Semester			
<ul> <li>(3) ME 20000 Thermodynamics I</li> <li>(3) General Education Elective V*</li> <li>(3) Technical Elective IV†</li> <li>(3) Technical Elective V†</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(3) ME 20000 Thermodynamics I</li> <li>(3) General Education Elective IV*</li> <li>(3) Technical Elective IV†</li> <li>(3) Technical Elective V†</li> </ul>			
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Civil Engineering Senior Year Eighth Semester	Civil Engineering Senior Year Eighth Semester			
(3) CE 49800 Civil Engineering Design Project (3) General Education Elective VI* (3) Technical Elective VIII†	(3) CE 49800 Civil Engineering  Design Project  (3) General Education Elective V*  (3) Technical Elective VIII†			
(3) Technical Elective IX† (3) Technical Elective X † (15) Total	(3) Technical Elective IX†  (3) Technical Elective X†  (15) Total			

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