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To: The Engineering Faculty
From: Division of Construction Engineering and Management
Re: CEM 42500 conversion to: CEM 42501 & CEM 42502

The Division of Construction Engineering and Management has approved the following revised undergraduate course from a single 3-credit hour course to two 2-credit hour courses offered in sequential semesters. The original course will be retired. This change is now submitted to the Engineering Faculty with a recommendation for approval.

- 1) Construction Engineering – Capstone I & II
- 2) CEM 42501 & CEM 42502
- 3) Lecture & Lab
- 4) Change from: CEM 42500, 3 credit hours
- 5) Change to: CEM 42501, 1 credit hour lecture + 1 credit hour lab
CEM 42502, 1 credit hour lecture + 1 credit hour lab
- 6) Rationale: A two-semester capstone course is superior to a one-semester format due to the large amount of material that must be introduced and synthesized for students to attain the learning objectives.

Supplemental Information:

- 1) Syllabus for each course – see attached



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CEM 42501 – Construction Engineering Capstone

Fall 20xx

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Classes:

LEC: TBD
LAB: TBD

Credit:

2 credit hours (1 lecture and 1 lab)

Website:

Blackboard Learn

Prerequisites:

CEM 29100

Course Description, Overview and Purposes:

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The students should expect that the instructor will maintain a high level of energy and bring his A-game to each session/module. The instructor has shed the historical approach to teaching and learning so the student should change his/her perception of an instructor. The instructor for this course will be your mentor and coach which you can depend upon year-round. The students should expect timely review and processing of deliverable items and if grading is delivered in a timely fashion, the students should petition the instructor for the material. The student should note that the instructor's style is to be inquisitive, so

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 - a. Be on time. This means that the student must be in their seat and prepared for the assigned task when class starts.
 - b. Give the speaker your total attention through the class.
 - c. Take an active part in the speaker’s question-and-answer period. Most guest speakers’ subjects are listed in the course schedule, so the student can prepare ahead of time questions for the end of their presentation. Prepared questions will be submitted ahead of class, so the guest speaker can investigate answers when necessary.
 - d. Display name tents so guests can engage the student on a personal level.
 - e. Phones and electronic devices must be stored out of sight (unless it is being used for education purposes) during class. If you do not adhere to this policy, you may be asked to leave the classroom and it will be considered an unexcused absence for that day.

Excused and Unexcused Absences are described by the instructor as:

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 - ii. Unexcused – Each unexcused absence will result in a letter grade deduction from the grade determined at the end of the semester up to a maximum two unexcused absences at which point the student will receive a grade of “F”. Unexcused absences are those that may have been excused prior to the 48hr deadline to notify the instructor as well as not showing up for the class without prior discussion, sleeping in class, reading the newspaper or doing homework for other classes.
 - iii. Exempt - The instructor reserves the right to exempt absence without penalty and/or without applying it to item i or ii.
2. Quizzes – Students will be expected to take periodic quizzes at the start of class based on sessions they are expected to be prepared for on that given day. No make-up quizzes will be permitted.
 3. Session Assignments – Students will have the opportunity to exercise and demonstrate their knowledge gained from outside class material on weekly bases using a variety of session formats. The session exercises will be delivered in a variety of different formats aligned with the overall assessment approach using rubrics and an apprentice approach in developing: work plans, support documentation and class reflections while working in teams.
 4. Module Assignments & Final Assignments – Students will have the opportunity to exercise and demonstrate their knowledge gained from the deliberately practiced sessions. The module assignment will be robust and rigorous in an effort to encode the material consistent with the overall assessment approach using rubrics fulfilling the requirements of the multifaceted work plans with support documentation.
 5. Peer Evaluation – Throughout the semester the students will be provided the opportunity to evaluate their peers either on a specific session or module. In general, team members will assess the other members for overall participation and quality of work which will be a part of assigned final course grades. It is mandatory that all members evaluate their peers and points will be awarded for this participation. Basic peer evaluation will be in the form of a document provided by the instructor and/or the in the form of the CATME Smarter Teamwork system (<http://info.catme.org/>). Instructor will provide additional information at the appropriate time.

Students will have multiple opportunities to exercise the knowledge they have gained in a deliberate and distributed approach with activities. The grading structure is summarized below:

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 - Final Project Deliverable (200 pt.)

Total: 1,100 pt.

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The approach of the rubrics is summarized as:

Activities	Grading Standards				
	Outstanding (100%)	Excellent (75%)	Acceptable (50%)	Unacceptable (25%)	Late (0%)
Daily Attendance & Daily Participation	Students are expected in class at all times. Students interact with guest lecturers with questions (develop prepared questions before) and participate in session reflections. The quality of the questions and interaction will be reflected in the grading standard evaluation				No credit for missed class or no questions prepared
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General Rubric for Course Activities - It should be noted that each activity will be worth different points and the percentages provided indicate the maximum amount of points that will be awarded.

Schedule:

The following schedule is subject to change depending upon guest lecture availability and/or content mastery by the student:

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Please silence cell phones and other non-essential electronic devices.

References and Supplemental Readings:

Postings will be made on Blackboard Learn throughout the semester relative to specific categories of construction.

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CEM 42502 – Construction Engineering Capstone

Spring 20xx

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