

CWR 4204-U01 (14595) – HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING: SYLLABI
Prerequisite: CWR 3201
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
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All other office hours by appointment.

Lecture location and time: EC-3665; Monday: 2:00-4:40PM.

A. Course Description & Objective

Hydraulic engineering principles and methods are essential in the practice of the civil engineering profession. They are needed to design, analyze, control, and operate the conveyance and storage of water in natural and engineered water systems (e.g., rivers, streams, water supply, wastewater collection, and drainage). Their application most appropriately support design, analysis and all management aspects of water resources by communities within goals of sustainability and resilience. The authors of the text state that “*the text bridges the gap between fundamental principles and the techniques applied to the analysis and design of hydraulic engineering systems. The book builds problem solving skills in students and practicing engineers by presenting efficient and effective design procedures, appropriate equations, tables and graphs, and applicable computer software.*”

The main *learning objective* of this course is to apply conservation principles and their supporting methodologies in the solution of analysis and design problems. The course will start by reviewing fundamental fluid mechanics concepts and principles, then continuing to study pipes, open channels, and specialized hydraulic systems. Examples of relevant questions are: What are the main conservation principles that govern water flow in a pipeline? What is the most nearly diameter of a pipeline to ensure a target water flow rate? What is the dynamic head that a pump should provide to a required flow rate at a maximum energy efficiency? How can an engineer make sure that a water supply distribution network operates within an allowed range of pressure in a residential area? What are the data and methods that are needed to design the capacity of a storm collector to safely drain a runway in an airport during a tropical storm?

Beyond the course website, CANVAS is used in this course to post the instructor’s contact information, the course syllabus and most grades, except the final course grade, which will be posted on Panther Soft as the required by the University on May 1, 2024.

B. Textbook & Study Material

Required textbook/study material:

1. Houghtalen, R. J., Akan, A. O. and Hwang, N. H. C., *Fundamentals of Hydraulic Engineering Systems*, 5th Edition, Pearson, ISBN 9780134292380 / ISBN 0134292383, Pearson Education, Inc., Hoboken, New Jersey, 2017. Refer to the student companion site at <https://www.pearson.com/us/higher-education/program/Houghtalen-Fundamentals-of-Hydraulic-Engineering-Systems-5th-Edition/PGM332582.html>
2. Supplementary Study Materials: posted as needed.

The required textbook presents the main study material of the course. Supporting material to complement the textbook content will also be referred to, as needed, including example problems, handouts, websites, and manuals of practice.

C. Use & Management of Class Time

Lecture time is primarily used to present and discuss background theory and examples of application; time may also be used for announcements, feedback on study material and assignments, and, importantly, discussion of scheduled tests. Lectures will follow the sequence of topics that is listed below; they will focus on concepts, representative methodologies, and problem solving. In advance to each lecture, students are expected to have studied any assigned material and then follow up afterwards with practice of problem solving.

Assigned Study Material

Estimated No. of Lecture Days (2 lectures each day)

Introduction & Overview

Program Overview and Chapter 1
Chapters 2 and 3

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1-2

Pipelines and Pipe Networks

Chapter 4

4-5

Pumps

Chapter 5

5

Open Channels

Chapter 6

5

Hydraulic Structures

Chapter 8 (8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, 8.9, 8.10)

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Special Structures

Chapter 11 (11.2.1, 11.2.2, 11.6, 11.7)
Chapter 7 (7.7, 7.8, 7.9)

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D. Grading Policies

Homework	20 (each one graded over 100)
Exam No. 1	30 (M, February 19)
Exam No. 2	30 (M, March 25)
Engineering Project (EP)	20 (WR due April 19; OP on April 22)
<i>Total Maximum</i>	<i>100</i>

EP-WR = written report; EP-OP – oral presentation (using MS PowerPoint) and defense

Required and recommended homework will be posted for students to practice the application of laws, principles and methodologies in design and analysis problems. Students are strongly encouraged to timely discuss their solutions, before and after grading, with the instructor, as it may be needed. Required homework will be collected at the start of the lecture that follows the completion of all homework-related topics; homework should be presented in engineering paper and organized in accordance with the posted template. Required homework that is not turned in to the instructor, when collected, will automatically receive “zero” points. Although effort is made to return graded homework prior to an exam, a pending return of it to the students does not affect the extent of assigned study material for that exam.

Exams will be held on February 19 (No. 1) and March 25 (No. 2). Material covered by Exams Nos. 1 and 2 will be confirmed in the week prior to the official exam date. Exams are closed book and notes and, unless announced exceptions, will comply with exam protocols of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, NCEES (www.ncees.org), including its approved calculators. The instructor will randomly assign a seat to each student for each exam. During exams, the instructor and any other proctors do not answer questions that relate to the exam statements or solutions or both. *Details for the Engineering Project are presented in the attached Addendum to this syllabus.*

If a student cannot join a scheduled in-person activity (i.e., lecture, homework, exam, or project submittal on officially scheduled times due to justified medical reasons, the instructor and the student will consider other timely accommodations or re-scheduling or both. The student is expected to continue his(her) study and work with guided consultation by the instructor, as it may be feasible.

ADVICE: BEGIN YOUR STUDY AND PROBLEM-SOLVING PRACTICE PROMPTLY. DO NOT PROCASTINATE. ANY QUESTIONS ON GRADES THAT YOU MAY HAVE WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED WITHIN THE FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS AFTER THEIR OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. ALL TEST GRADES OF HOMEWORK, QUIZZES AND EXAMS WILL BE POSTED ON CANVAS. THE FINAL COURSE GRADE WILL ONLY BE POSTED ON PANTHERSOFT BY THE OFFICIAL SUBMITTAL DEADLINE.

Final grade is a function of the total number of points accumulated by the student at the end of the course, as follows:

93.3 ≤ A	≤ 100.0	70.0 ≤ C	< 76.7
90.0 ≤ A-	< 93.3	60.0 ≤ D	< 70.0
86.7 ≤ B+	< 90.0	F	< 60.0
83.3 ≤ B	< 86.7		
80.0 ≤ B-	< 83.3		
76.7 ≤ C+	< 80.0		

E. Other Performance Policies

Class attendance is expected and documented in *FIU-Check-In 2.0*. Please be in time for all classes and, unless requested by the instructor, keep all unapproved e-devices (e.g., cellphones, I-Pads, notebooks, laptops, etc.) off during all lectures and exams.

The updated *FIU Check-In 2.0* platform uses Bluetooth beacons instead of QR codes in the classroom paired with a new *FIU Check In 2.0* app where students can check in starting 10 minutes before the scheduled class start time. Please refer to [CheckIn2.0 Student.pdf \(fiu.edu\)](#) for details and contact information for technical assistance, if needed. A student with three unacceptable, unjustified absences may be dropped from the course with a DR on March 18. Students will automatically lose 0.45 points per unjustified absence after March 18, including those prior to March 18. *Students with a perfect record of attendance, as recorded in FIU Check In 2.0 and roster (if applicable), when needed (including up to three acceptable, justified absences) will receive 5 points added to the final calculated grade.*

Photographing and (audio- or video-) recording by any student are not allowed at any time during all testing times (i.e., Exams). Any violation will be handled under *Student Conduct and Academic Integrity* policies and procedures.

Students may use one selected e-device to access CWR4204 study materials (e.g., e-textbook or posted files in the course website or both) during lectures, but that type of use is fully prohibited during exams. *Exams must be individually completed by each student; any access to the Internet or any type of communication with any organization, individual, or website is considered a violation and may result in grade of “zero” in either the entire exam or parts of it.*

Students should always carry their *FIU One Card* for official identification purposes and be ready to present it if requested by the Instructor or Teaching Assistant during any scheduled activity, but most especially during quizzes and exams.

F. Days to Remember (refer to the Official FIU Spring 2023-2024 Academic Calendar and Deadlines)

[UG Academic Calendar.pdf \(fiu.edu\)](#)

January 8:	Classes begin
January 115:	Martin Luther King Holiday (University Closed)
February 26-March 2	Spring Break (University Open; No Classes)
March 18:	Deadline to drop a course with a DR grade. Deadline to withdraw from the University with a WI grade.
April 19:	Written report due
April 20:	Classes end
April 22-27:	Final week
April 22:	Project Oral Presentation and Defense (2:15-4:15PM)
May 1:	Deadline (by 11:59PM) for faculty to submit grades

The instructor will comply and enforce all applicable FIU's Policies and Regulations. It is the students' responsibility to know all applicable policies and requirements. All students should refer, for details, to the *FIU Student Handbook* (which includes the Student Code of Conduct) at [FIU Student Handbook 2023-2024](#)

All students are deemed by the university to understand that if they are found responsible for academic misconduct, they will be subject to the Academic Misconduct procedures and sanctions, as outlined in the FIU Student Handbook. Misconduct includes, among other, *cheating, plagiarism, misrepresentation misuse of computer services, bribery, conspiracy and collusion, falsification of records and academic dishonesty* (please see details at: [Student Conduct and Academic Integrity | Division of Academic & Student Affairs | Florida International University \(fiu.edu\)](#))

Students should be aware of both [Panthers Care](#) and [CAPS](#) services for students, which support their well-being.

G. Some Recommended References

In addition to a diverse number of references that are located at the Steve and Dorothea Green Library, the following books can be checked out from the instructor for up to 24 hours (please note that the instructor only has one copy of each reference):

Bedient, P. B., W. C. Huber and B. E. Vieux, "*Hydrology and Floodplain Analysis*," Prentice-Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, 2008.

Gupta, R. S., "*Hydrology & Hydraulic Systems*", Waveland Press, Inc., Long Grove, IL, 2017.

Whitman, B. E. and T. M. Walski (2021), *Computer Applications in Hydraulic Engineering*, 9th Edition, Bentley Institute Press.

Mays, L. W., "*Water Resources Engineering*", John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Hoboken, NJ, 2011.

Roberson, J. A., J. J. Cassidy and M. H. Chaudhry, "*Hydraulic Engineering*," John Wiley & Sons, Inc. New York, NY, 1998.

Wurbs, R. A. and W. P. James, "*Water Resources Engineering*," Prentice-Hall, ISBN: 0-13-081293-5, Upper Saddle River, NJ, 2002.

www.nws.noaa.gov, www.nrcs.usda.gov, www.usgs.gov

H. Relationship to ABET Objectives & Outcomes

This course is required from all students. Its contents make a partial contribution to the following objectives:

Outcome (1): An ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics. *Example: Use of equations that are derived from the mass conservation principle to express the relationship between precipitation and the peak flow to design the capacity of a storm collector.*

Outcome (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. *Example: Given the need to pump water in a pressured storm to control flooding in an urban commercial area, what is the information that is required to best select the pump type and dynamic head and flow range characteristics.*

Outcome (3): An ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences. *Example: Implementing the objective of a specific engineering project, with either focus on design or analysis of a hydraulic engineering system or component, culminating with the writing of an engineering report and an oral presentation, both of good quality.*