CIVIL ENGINEERING, B.S. (CAPITAL)

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: Harrisburg

Program Description
The program in Civil and Environmental Engineering is designed to provide the basic undergraduate education required for private practice and public service in civil engineering and/or continue formal education. Emphasis is placed on the fundamentals of civil engineering principles and design techniques. Students utilize basic engineering science concepts in several of the different specialty areas (e.g., construction/management, environmental, materials/pavement design/geotechnical, structures, transportation, and water resources). Finally, the students are able to choose an area of specialization for professional practice or graduate studies.

The program is broadened by courses in communication, arts, humanities, social and behavioral sciences, as well as other engineering disciplines. Students gain experience in working as members of a team and using interdisciplinary approaches to solve problems. These experiences, as well as those related to engineering principles and design, are provided through exercises in the classroom, laboratory, and field. The program culmination is a capstone design course wherein the students’ knowledge and skills are applied to actual engineering problems.

What is Civil Engineering?
Civil Engineering is the application of mathematics and physical science principles to solve the design, construction, and maintenance concerns of the natural and physically built environment. Civil engineering deals with public works including highways, railroads, bridges, buildings, and water and energy systems. Civil engineers work in the public sector for government agencies or in the private sector at consulting or construction firms. Some civil engineers hold supervisory or administrative positions, while others pursue careers in design, construction, or education. Civil engineers may also aim to develop solutions to environmental problems. They are involved in efforts to improve recycling, waste disposal, public health, and water and air pollution control.

You Might Like This Program If...
- You enjoy math and creative problem-solving.
- You like to build and create projects or models.
- You prefer to use analysis and the scientific method to understand things.
- You enjoy working on multidisciplinary teams on complex problems.

Entrance to Major
In order to be eligible for entrance to this major, students must satisfy the following requirements by the end of the semester during which the admission to major process is carried out.

- Completed 29-55 cumulative credits (credits completed at Penn State for which a quality letter grade was earned)
- Completed with a C or better the following courses: CHEM 110, MATH 140, MATH 141, and PHYS 211
- Attained at least a 2.6 cumulative grade point average
- In the event that the major is under enrollment control, a higher minimum cumulative grade-point average is likely to be needed and students must be enrolled in the College of Engineering or Division of Undergraduate Studies at the time of confirming their major choice.

Degree Requirements
For the Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, a minimum of 127 credits is required:

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27 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 9 credits of GN courses; 6 credits of GQ courses; 3 credits of GS courses; 9 credits of GWS courses.

General Education
Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)
- Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

Knowledge Domains
- Arts (GA): 6 credits
- Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- Humanities (GH): 6 credits
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 6 credits
- Natural Sciences (GN): 9 credits

Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)
- Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements
First Year Engagement
All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.
Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement
6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements
- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum
3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits
A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work
Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition
The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

Requirements for the Major
To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn a grade of C or better in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

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Additional Courses
- CE 337 | Civil Engineering Materials Laboratory 1        | 1       |
- CHE 220 | Introduction to Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics 2 | 3       |
- or ME 201 | Introduction to Thermal Science               | 3       |
- CMPSC 200 | Programming for Engineers with MATLAB         | 3       |
- or CMPSC 201 | Programming for Engineers with C++          | 3       |

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<td>Environmental Microbiology for Engineers</td>
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Select 3 credits of CE 400 level "W" courses 3

Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better
- CAS 100A | Effective Speech                                | 3       |
- or CAS 100B | Effective Speech                               | 3       |
- ENGL 15 | Rhetoric and Composition                        | 3       |
- or ENGL 30 | Rhetoric and Composition                        | 3       |

Supporting Courses and Related Areas
Select 12 credits of technical elective from CE 300-level courses, CE 400-level courses, or department list

Select 3 credits of CE 300-level courses, CE 400-level courses, or department list

1 If CE 475 is taken, one credit goes toward lab requirement and remaining three go towards CE or general technical electives.
2 Students may substitute 6 credits of ROTC for 3 credits of GHW courses and 3 credits of ME.
The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers. Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/)

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**Suggested Academic Plan**
The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2020-21 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition (Note: the archive only contain suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin).

**Harrisburg Campus**
The course series listed below provides only one of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an Academic Requirements or What If report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

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tical elective; lab requirement may also be met with CE 337

Minimum GPA: 2.00

You will have ample opportunities to develop and expand your expertise in a variety of fields, including design, construction, research, and education. Our graduates work in a variety of fields to develop solutions for challenges in design, construction, research, and education. Civil engineering graduates work in the public sector for government agencies or in the private sector at consulting or construction firms. Some civil engineers hold supervisory or administrative positions, while others pursue careers in design, construction, or education.

Our program includes a First Year Seminar Course (CE 100S), which provides an introduction to the Civil Engineering major and introduces students to the technical elective and elective courses. Students must carefully plan their program of study including course prerequisites and semester offerings. Students should check their degree audit and seek advice from their academic adviser. 400-level engineering courses may be accepted with permission of the program coordinator. Students must carefully plan their program of study including course prerequisites and semester offerings. Students should check their degree audit and seek advice from their academic adviser.

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy University Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

GWS, GQ, GHW, GN, GA, GH, and GS are abbreviations used to identify General Education program courses. General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ) and Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS, and Integrative Studies). Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

Integrative Studies courses are required for the General Education program. N is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate an Inter-Domain course and Z is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate a Linked course.

Program Notes

Students may select a concentration in one of the following areas: Construction (C), Structural (S), Environmental (E), Transportation (T), or General (G).

• Entrance to Major Requirements:

  • CHEM 110, MATH 140, MATH 141, and PHYS 211 (with a grade of "C" or better)
  • Completed minimum of 29.1 credits
  • Minimum GPA: 2.00

• Graduation in this major requires a minimum of 127 total credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better.

Concentration List

Technical elective and elective courses can be selected from the following lists or from any other 300/400 Civil Engineering courses. Other 400-level engineering courses may be accepted with permission of the program coordinator. Students must carefully plan their program of study including course prerequisites and semester offerings. Students should check their degree audit and seek advice from their academic adviser.

• CE 341 - Design of Concrete Structures
• CE 342 - Design of Steel Structures
• CE 422 - Transportation Planning
• CE 423 - Traffic Operations
• CE 424 - Project Information Modeling
• CE 435 - Foundation Engineering
• CE 436 - Construction Engineering Materials
• CE 441 - Structural Design of Foundations
• CE 445 - Advanced Structural Analysis
• CE 447 - Structural Analysis by Matrix Methods
• CE 449 - Advanced Structural Design
• CE 462 - Open Channel Hydraulics
• CE 475 - Water Quality Chemistry
• CE 497 - Special Topics
• EMCH 400 - Advanced Strength of Materials and Design
• EMCH 461 - Finite Elements in Engineering
• ENVE 411 - Water Supply and Pollution Control
• ENVE 415 - Hydrology
• ENVE 430 - Sustainable Engineering
• ENVE 470 - Air Quality

Career Paths

Our graduates work in a variety of fields to develop solutions for challenges in design, construction, research, and education. Civil engineering graduates work in the public sector for government agencies or in the private sector at consulting or construction firms. Some civil engineers hold supervisory or administrative positions, while others pursue careers in design, construction, or education.

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Our graduate degree programs give students a stronger foundation in civil or environmental engineering that helps prepare them to apply their skills across a broad range of disciplines in both academia and industry.
opportunity to do so here. Our first-rate faculty collectively possess a deep and broad range of knowledge that provides an ideal environment for interdisciplinary work. Whether your passion calls you to start your own business, pursue the next ground-breaking innovation, or help solve a humanitarian crisis, our graduate degree programs can take you closer to your goals.

**Professional Resources**

- American Concrete Institute (https://www.concrete.org/)
- American Society of Civil Engineers (https://www.asce.org)

**Accreditation**

The baccalaureate program in Civil Engineering at Harrisburg is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc., www.abet.org (http://www.abet.org).

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