ENGR 4390.005 Special Topics In Engineering: Project Management  
Mechanical Engineering Program, Department of Engineering  
Fall 2020

A. COURSE INFORMATION

Course number/section: ENGR 4390.005  
Class meeting time: Lec: W 1:00 – 1:50 p.m.  
Class location: Lec: online.  
Presentations: RFEB 108; Exams: CI 113  
Course Website: bb9.tamucc.edu

B. INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Appointments: E-mail or call to make an appointment

C. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Catalog Course Description
Topics include foundations of engineering economy, cash flow and equivalence, and project justification. Introduction to project management, planning, scheduling, and control, use of project management software, GANTT charts, PERT charts, and critical path. Students prepare proposals, including specifications, timelines, schedule, and budget, for projects to be implemented in MEEN 4370 - Capstone Projects. This course should be taken the semester preceding MEEN 4370 - Capstone Projects.

Extended Course Description
This course is about planning the capstone design project using project justification and management principles. The course introduces students to the concepts of project life cycle which the students plan and prepare. The students are expected to finalize the design of their capstone projects by the end of this course using project management principles. This course introduces students to planning tools and problem solving methodologies as applied to broadly-defined engineering and engineering technology problems, which will be directly applicable in the engineering/technology workforce after graduation.

D. PREREQUISITES AND COREQUISITES

Prerequisites
MEEN 3330 - Solid Mechanics for Mechanical Engineering and MEEN 3345 - Heat Transfer  
(Senior standing required. Students must be within one academic year of graduation.)
Corequisites
ENGR 4240 Project Management

E. REQUIRED TEXTBOOK(S), READINGS AND SUPPLIES

Required Textbook(s)
   (Earlier edition also acceptable)

Optional Textbook(s) or Other References
   (ISBN: 978-0-470-65907-6)

Supplies
You will need a computer and Internet access with appropriate software to conduct the laboratories and participate in online lecturers. A personal headphone with a microphone that can be used at any location and on any computer is highly recommended. The required software tool for the laboratory (Microsoft Project 2019) will be available for download.

F. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENT

Assessment is a process used by instructors to help improve learning. Assessment is essential for effective learning because it provides feedback to both students and instructors. A critical step in this process is making clear the course’s student learning outcomes that describe what students are expected to learn to be successful in the course. The student learning outcomes for this course are listed below. By collecting data and sharing it with students on how well they are accomplishing these learning outcomes students can more efficiently and effectively focus their learning efforts. This information can also help instructors identify challenging areas for students and adjust their teaching approach to facilitate learning.
By the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. Identify and analyze the requirements for a business/capstone project using multiple realistic constraints and engineering codes/standards to be considered during the design process
2. Determine justification and audit of performance for a project
3. Apply engineering economics principles and tools, and perform economic analysis
4. Create schedules and budgets for projects and use planning and scheduling tools
5. Prepare and submit a formal Capstone Project Plan proposal
6. Prepare and give professional presentations

G. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS AND ACTIVITIES

Methods and activities for instruction include the following: lectures, invited speakers, group discussions, homework assignments, laboratory exercises, written reports, examinations, library research, and oral presentations.

H. MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

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<th>ACTIVITY</th>
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<td>Homework + Quizzes</td>
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<td>Pre-Lab Reports (total 4 required)</td>
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<td>Post-Lab Reports+ (total 8 required)</td>
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<td>Midterm Exam</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capstone Preliminary Proposal Plan+</td>
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<td>Capstone Project Proposal Plan – Final Oral Defense+</td>
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Team assignment: Peer evaluations that assess the contribution of each team member to the team assignment, based on the team-determined tasks for each team member, will be considered in the score of individuals for the team assignments.
## I. COURSE CONTENT/SCHEDULE

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<tr>
<th>WEEK: DATE</th>
<th>TOPIC (LEC)</th>
<th>CHAPTER(S)</th>
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<td>1 08/19</td>
<td>Review of Syllabus; Review of Safety and Security Procedures; Project, Project Management, Project Life Cycle</td>
<td>Ch. 1 (M &amp; M) Appendix A (C, C, J)</td>
<td>Lab Safety Training; Material Safety: MSD; Introduction to MS Project</td>
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<td>2 08/26</td>
<td>Project Selection, Risk Analysis; Designing with Codes and Standards</td>
<td>Ch. 2 (M &amp; M) Ch. 1 (C, C, J)</td>
<td>Concept Mapping; Managing a Simple Project; Creating a New Project Plan; Guest Speaker* (CASA); (Technical Writing; Effective Presentations)</td>
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<td>Engineering Economics</td>
<td>Handouts Ch. 2 (C, C, J)</td>
<td>Creating a Task List</td>
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<td>4 09/9</td>
<td>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (9/7/2020) Engineering Economics: Earned Value Analysis;</td>
<td>Handouts Ch. 3, 4 (C, C, J)</td>
<td>Setting up Resources and Assigning Resources to Tasks</td>
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<td>5 09/16</td>
<td>Project Manager</td>
<td>Ch. 3 (M &amp; M) Ch. 5 (C, C, J)</td>
<td>Drawing a Gantt Chart; Preliminary Project Plan Proposal Oral Presentations (SLO 6)</td>
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<td>Negotiation, Conflict Management;</td>
<td>Ch. 4 (M&amp;M) Ch. 6 (C, C, J)</td>
<td>Tracking Progress; Preliminary Project Plan Proposal (written) (SLO 1, 4, 5)</td>
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<td>Project Team, Human Factors</td>
<td>Ch. 6 (M &amp; M) Ch. 7, 8 (C, C, J)</td>
<td>Project Scheduling</td>
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<td>8 10/07</td>
<td>Project Planning; Systems Integration; Action Plan; Work Breakdown; Responsibility Chart</td>
<td>Ch. 6 (M &amp; M) Ch. 9, 10 (C, C, J)</td>
<td>Project Scheduling Exam 1*</td>
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<td>9 10/15</td>
<td>Budgeting; Cost Estimation; Scheduling</td>
<td>Ch. 7, 8 (M &amp; M) Ch. 11, 12, 13 (C, C, J)</td>
<td>Project Plan Proposal – Draft Oral Presentations (SLO 6)</td>
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<td>10 10/21</td>
<td>Resource Allocation; Critical Path</td>
<td>Ch. 9 (M &amp; M) Ch. 14, 15, 16 (C, C, J)</td>
<td>Troubleshooting Problems; Project Proposal Draft (SLO 1, 4, 5)</td>
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<td>11 10/28</td>
<td>Planning, Monitoring, controlling; reporting; PMIS</td>
<td>Ch. 10 (M &amp; M)</td>
<td>Formatting and Customizing the Project</td>
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<td>Project Control; Project Auditing and Evaluation; Project Termination;</td>
<td>Ch. 11, 12, 13 (M &amp; M) Ch. 18 (C, C, J)</td>
<td>Measuring Performance with Earned Value Analysis; Sharing Project Information; Ethics Case Studies;</td>
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<td>13 11/11</td>
<td>Ethics and Social Responsibility; Engineering Economic Analysis Problems</td>
<td>Ethics Case Studies</td>
<td>Final Project Plan Proposal Oral Presentations (SLO 6)</td>
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<td>Final Exam Review</td>
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Final Exam Date: December 4, 2020 1:45 pm – 4:15 pm, CI 113

Note: Changes in this course schedule may be necessary and will be announced to the class by the Instructor. The assignments and exams shown are directly related to the Student Learning Outcomes described in Section F. Guest speakers and their presentation dates will be announced in class.
J. COURSE POLICIES

COVID-19
Face Coverings—Face coverings (cloth face covering, surgical mask, etc.) must be properly worn in all non-private spaces including classrooms, teaching laboratories, common spaces such as lobbies and hallways, public study spaces, libraries, academic resource and support offices, and outdoor spaces where 6 feet of physical distancing is difficult to reliably maintain. Extra masks will be made available if needed.

Attendance/Tardiness
You are advised to attend all lectures and laboratories. If you miss a class period, you are responsible for whatever is covered or announced during your absence. There will be no make-ups for oral presentations or quizzes. The students are expected to display responsible conduct in the classroom and laboratory, including but not limited to adhering to the rules and regulations, and respecting the instructor and fellow classmates.

Late Work and Make-up Exams
No makeup examinations will be given except in the case of a documented extreme emergency, or University-accepted excuse. Makeup exams will be different from the regular exams and more challenging.

All assignments, both individual and team, must be uploaded by each student to Black Board online system as well as hard copies handed to the course professor in class by the due dates. Late assignments will only be accepted with penalty and with prior notification. There will be a 20 point deduction per late day from the total score of maximum 100 up to 5 days, after which a late assignment will not be accepted. Late assignments will not be accepted after the graded assignments are returned to class.

Extra Credit
Extra credit may be assigned at the discretion of the instructor.

Food in Class
Eating or drinking is strictly prohibited in the labs, and not permitted in the lecture rooms. Students with food or drink in visible sight will be asked to discard them, or leave the room. All signage regarding health and safety must be followed in the lecture rooms and laboratories.

Missed Exam
No makeup examinations will be given except in the case of a documented extreme emergency, or University-accepted excuse. Makeup exams will be different from the regular exams and more challenging.

Participation
Students are expected to participate in the in-class and online exercises, discussions, and team work.
Use of Electronic Devices
The use of cell phones, electronic devices, or computers for purposes other than those of the course objectives of the day is not permitted. Restricted activities include but are not limited to text messaging, tweeting, talking on the phone, instgramming, browsing on the internet, and disrupting the classroom activities. Anyone displaying unsuitable classroom behavior will be asked to leave the classroom or the laboratory. Recording of part or all of the lecture or lab instruction and materials requires approval of the course instructor.

Safety
The safety of students, faculty, staff and visitors to the engineering laboratories is of paramount importance to the Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Technology programs. You must follow all safety procedures and use personal protective equipment as required in each laboratory and workshop. Any student who attempts to use equipment without authorization or violates any safety policy or regulation will be immediately removed from the laboratory.

K. COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES

- **Academic Integrity (University)**
  University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, falsification, forgery, complicity or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.) In this class, academic misconduct or complicity in an act of academic misconduct on an assignment or test will result in a failing grade.

- **Classroom/Professional Behavior**
  Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, as an academic community, requires that each individual respect the needs of others to study and learn in a peaceful atmosphere. Under Article III of the Student Code of Conduct, classroom behavior that interferes with either (a) the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program may be considered a breach of the peace and is subject to disciplinary sanction outlined in article VII of the Student Code of Conduct. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior may be instructed to leave the classroom. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including classrooms, electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

- **Statement of Civility**
  Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has a diverse student population that represents the population of the state. Our goal is to provide you with a high quality educational experience that is free from repression. You are responsible for following the rules of the University, city, state and federal government. We expect that you will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation or disability. Behaviors that infringe on the
rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

- **Deadline for Dropping a Course with a Grade of W (University)**
  I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with your academic advisor, the Financial Aid Office, and me, before you decide to drop this course. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. Please consult the Academic Calendar (http://www.tamucc.edu/academics/calendar/) for the last day to drop a course.

- **Grade Appeals (College of Science and Engineering)**
  As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C0.03, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is required to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Procedure 13.02.99.C0.03, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules website at http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/rules_procedures/assets/13.02.99.c0.03_student_grade_appeals.pdf. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the chair or director of the appropriate department or school, the Office of the College of Science and Engineering Dean, or the Office of the Provost.

- **Disability Services**
  The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call (361) 825-5816 or visit Disability Services in Corpus Christi Hall 116.

  If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

http://disabilityservices.tamucc.edu/
Civil Rights Complaints
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is committed to fostering a culture of caring and respect that is free from discrimination, relationship violence and sexual misconduct, and ensuring that all affected students have access to services. For information on reporting Civil Rights complaints, options and support resources (including pregnancy support accommodations) or university policies and procedures, please contact the University Title IX Coordinator, Sam Ramirez (Samuel.ramirez@tamucc.edu) or Deputy Title IX Coordinator, Rosie Ruiz (Rosie.Ruiz@tamucc.edu) x5826, or visit website at Title IX/Sexual Assault/Pregnancy.

Limits to Confidentiality. Essays, journals, and other materials submitted for this class are generally considered confidential pursuant to the University's student record policies. However, students should be aware that University employees, including instructors, are not able to maintain confidentiality when it conflicts with their responsibility to report alleged or suspected civil rights discrimination that is observed by or made known to an employee in the course and scope of their employment. The instructor must report allegations of civil rights discrimination, including sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking, or sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator if you share it with me.

These reports will trigger contact with you from the Civil Rights/Title IX Compliance office who will inform you of your options and resources regarding the incident that you have shared. If you would like to talk about these incidents in a confidential setting, you are encouraged to make an appointment with counselors in the University Counseling Center.

Statement of Academic Continuity
In the event of an unforeseen adverse event, such as a major hurricane and classes could not be held on the campus of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi; this course would continue through the use of Blackboard and/or email. In addition, the syllabus and class activities may be modified to allow continuation of the course. Ideally, University facilities (i.e., emails, web sites, and Blackboard) will be operational within two days of the closing of the physical campus. However, students need to make certain that the course instructor has a primary and a secondary means of contacting each student.
L. OTHER INFORMATION

- **Academic Advising**
  The College of Science & Engineering requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan, which must be signed by the student, a faculty mentor, and the department chair. Meetings are by appointment only; advisors do not take walk-ins. Please call or stop by the Advising Center to check availability and schedule an appointment. The College’s Academic Advising Center is located in Center for Instruction 350 or can be reached at (361) 825-3928.

- Students are expected to work in teams and contribute to teamwork equally. Peer assessment scores will be considered when computing individual grades in team assignments.

**GENERAL DISCLAIMER**

The instructor reserves the right to modify the information, schedule, assignments, deadlines, and course policies in this syllabus if and when necessary. The instructor will announce such changes in a timely manner during regularly scheduled lecture periods.