



## SCHOOL OF CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Trimester 1, 2020

# CVEN9806 PRESTRESSED CONCRETE

### COURSE DETAILS

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| <b>Units of Credit</b>    | 6   |
| <b>Contact hours</b>      | 4 hours per week  |
| <b>Class</b>              | Monday 6pm to 8pm <b>CE101</b><br>Thursday 6pm to 8pm <b>CE101</b>  |
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### INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE

#### Introduction to Prestressed Concrete:

Methods of Prestressing. Forces Imposed by Prestressing (Straight, Draped And Kinked Tendon Profiles). Load Balancing. Introductory Examples. Design Requirements: Strength and Serviceability. Material Properties.

#### Design for Serviceability:

Stress limits. Serviceability criteria. Determination of prestress and eccentricity. Cable profiles. Short-term deflection calculations. Losses of prestress.

#### Design for Strength:

Limit State Design. Rectangular Stress Block. Ultimate Moment Capacity. Effect of Non-Prestressed Steel. Ductility. Transfer Strength. Design for Shear. Effect of Prestress on Shear. Flexure-Shear and Web-Shear Cracking. Stirrup Design.

#### Statically Indeterminate Beams:

Introduction to Continuous Prestressed Concrete Beams; Secondary Moments; Method of Equivalent Loads; Load Balancing; Practical Tendon Profiles; Moment Redistribution; Secondary Effects at Ultimate;

#### End Block Design:

Bursting and Spalling Forces in Post-Tensioned End-Blocks; Single and Multiple Anchorages; Design and Analysis; Transmission Lengths in Pretensioned Members;

This course will also provide you with opportunities to develop the following **graduate attributes**:

- the capacity for analytical and independent critical thinking;
- skills related to lifelong learning, such as self-reflection (ability to apply theory to practice in familiar and unfamiliar situations); and
- collaborative and teamwork skills.

### HANDBOOK DESCRIPTION

Introduction to Prestressed Concrete Structural Elements. Design for serviceability. Design of Super-T pretensioned bridge girders. Design for strength. Statically indeterminate beams. Design of Post-tensioned beam and slab elements. Use of design package RAPT. Behaviour and design of two-way slabs. End block design.

Refer to Online Handbook available at:

## OBJECTIVES

- Establish the philosophies and principles of the structural design of prestressed concrete.
- Present techniques for proportioning and detailing simple structural members in prestressed concrete.
- Develop an insight into the behaviour of prestressed concrete structural members both at service loads and overloads.
- To give you an opportunity to develop and reflect on graduate attributes such as critical thinking and problem solving, lifelong learning skills and collaborative skills.

## TEACHING STRATEGIES

The teaching strategies that will be used include:

- **Lectures** that will focus on the development and application of generalised problem-solving processes for the stress, strain and deformation analysis of structures. Lectures will also emphasise the relationship of the content to engineering practice and will provide an opportunity for reflection on learning. The lectures are recorded and should be available on the Moodle course page.
- **Moodle Learning Course Page** provides a step by step guide on the course. There is a discussion forum to help provide interaction and help from your peers. Links to video recordings and learning modules to help you learn the solution techniques for many of the subject areas.
- **Recorded lectures** will be uploaded to help students to revise. Please note that the recorded lectures are **NOT** substitutes for attending lectures or reading the lecture notes. The quality of the recorded lectures can be poor and are not professionally produced. The pace of the recorded lectures can seem very slow because the lecturer is expecting students to take notes in the class and is adjusting their pace accordingly.

Suggested approaches to learning in this course include:

- Regular participation in lectures and class problem sessions. *Review lecture and class problem material. Follow worked examples. Reflect on class problems and quizzes.*
- Complete all the required tasks in the Moodle course page for this course.
- Weekly reading and recording of your learning.
- Appropriate preparation for class problem activities.
- Planning your time to achieve all assessment requirements (see assessment).
- We encourage you to work with your peers. A good way to learn the material is in small study groups. Such groups work best if members have attempted the problems individually before meeting as a group. A valued and honest collaboration occurs when, for example, you “get stuck” early on in attacking an exercise and go to your classmate with a relevant question. Your classmate then has the opportunity to learn from your question as well as help you. You then bring something to the collaboration. You can learn too from last year’s problem sets and quizzes if used as a check or corrective when you seem to have hit a dead end.
- Students who perform poorly in the quizzes are strongly encouraged to discuss their progress with the lecturers during the Term. Please do not suffer in silence – seek the help at an early stage! We would like you to make most of this learning process and receive a high grade in the course.

## EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this course, if a student has attended the lectures reflective on the presented material and participated in the classes, it is expected that they will be able to proportion the dimensions of simple structural prestressed concrete members such as simply supported beams, continuous beams, one-way slabs and two-way slabs. They should be able to proportion reinforcement for flexural and shear strength and be able to check deflections and detail to control cracking. In particular the learning outcomes are:

- LO1.** Be familiar with the types of prestressed concrete members, their fabrication, design and use.
- LO2.** Be familiar with the Australian Standard for Prestressed Concrete Design AS3600.
- LO3.** Proportion the dimensions of simple structural prestressed concrete members such as simply supported beams, continuous beams, one-way slabs and two-way slabs.
- LO4.** Proportion reinforcement for flexural and shear strength.
- LO5.** Be able to use the software package RAPT for the design of prestressed concrete continuous beams and slabs.
- LO6.** Perform a literature review, plan and carry out a small project
- LO7.** Work effectively in a team.

These learning outcomes map to Engineers Australia Stage 1 Competencies 1.1 & 1.2

1.1. Comprehensive, theory based understanding of the underpinning natural and physical sciences and the engineering fundamentals applicable to the engineering discipline.

1.2. Conceptual understanding of the mathematics, numerical analysis, statistics, and computer and information sciences which underpin the engineering discipline.

### Self-centred and self-directed learning (expectations of the students):

In addition to the class problem sessions, you are expected to commit **6 - 8 hours per week** (1.5 hours for each hour of contact) to independent learning and general problem solving.

### ASSESSMENT

Assessment will be based on **completion of online Moodle modules, one major assignment and a final exam**. These components will address problems consistent with those you are likely to face as a professional Civil/Environmental Engineer.

- The **online Moodle modules** are learning modules to help you learn the solution strategies for the major topics. The assessment is based on completion of the modules.
- The final exam is given because the course learning outcomes include a significant level of technical learning that can be effectively assessed in an exam environment and because exams have high reliability. It is primarily designed to align with UNSW graduate attributes 2 and 3.
- A mark **of at least 40% in the final examination** is required before the class work (hand-in quizzes and online tasks) is included in the final mark. The formal exam scripts will not be returned but you are permitted to view the marked script.

The relative value of each of the assessable tasks is as follows:

| Item & Length   | Marks | Due Date   | Marks Returned  | Criteria & Learning Outcomes Assessed  |
|---|-------|--|---|--|
| <b>Online Learning Modules</b><br><br>(2 weeks to complete) | 15%   | 8 <sup>th</sup> March<br>15 <sup>th</sup> March<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> March<br>29 <sup>th</sup> March<br>12 <sup>h</sup> April | Immediate but uploading to the gradebook will be at the end of week 10. | These are Open book online learning modules which are done either at home, library or on campus. The online modules are open on Monday morning on the date specified. Marks are awarded for completing the module. The topics covered in each online quiz are listed on the Moodle course page. <b>LO1 to LO4</b> .  |
| <b>Major Assignment</b>                                     | 25%   | Week 9<br>6pm<br>Thursday<br>16 <sup>th</sup> April  | 2 weeks after submission.   | The assignment is undertaken in groups. The assignment will be given out early in the Term. This team project is a core part of this course. Engineering design is normally a team-based activity, and the team project helps students to learn to do design in a team-based environment. Broadly, the assessment criteria are teamwork, coherent application of formal design processes, and the quality of the design. <b>LO5 to LO6</b> . |
| <b>Final Examination</b>                                    | 60%*  | Final Examination Period   |   | The final exam is a 2hr Open Book examination. The exam covers all the worked covered during the Term. Marks are awarded for correct answers and there are marks for getting the method correct. <b>LO1 to LO4</b> .   |

\*Note: A mark of at least 40% in the final examination is required before the class work is included.

The examinations and online modules show evidence of application of theoretical concepts to solving problems. There are no exemptions from any part of this assessment.

**Note:** The course coordinator reserves the right to adjust the final scores by scaling if agreed to by the Head of School.

**Supplementary Examinations for Term 1 2020** will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May (inclusive) should you be required to sit one. You are required to be available during these dates. Please do not to make any personal or travel arrangements during this period.

**PENALTIES**

10% of the full mark will be deducted for late submission for each business day that the assignment or online quiz is submitted late unless approval has been given by the lecturer.

**COURSE PROGRAM**

| Week                        | Topic  | Assessment Given Out                 | Submission Date                                |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 - 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb    | <b>Introduction to Prestressed Concrete Design for Serviceability Part 1</b><br>Nedim Dajanovic Precast Concrete Manufacturing - General               |                                      |  |
| 2 – 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb    | <b>Design for Serviceability Part 2 Prestressed Hollow Core Plank Example</b><br>Nedim Dajanovic Production TRAPEZ. Beams                              | Major Assignment<br>On-Line Module 1 | 8 <sup>th</sup> March                          |
| 3 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> March   | <b>Losses</b><br>Nedim Dajanovic Production of GIRDERS<br><b>Design of Pretensioned Girder Bridges</b><br>Kenny Luu - MUgroup                          | On-Line Module 2                     | 15 <sup>th</sup> March                         |
| 4 – 9 <sup>th</sup> March   | <b>Flexural Strength</b> - Limit State Design<br><b>Transfer Strength</b> - Limit State Design<br>Nedim Dajanovic Lifting activity & Design background | On-Line Module 3                     | 22 <sup>nd</sup> March                         |
| 5 – 16 <sup>th</sup> March  | <b>Shear Strength</b> - Limit State Design<br>Nedim Dajanovic PSC - Flooring System  | On-Line Module 4                     | 29 <sup>th</sup> March                         |
| 6 – 23 <sup>rd</sup> March  | <b>Non-Teaching Week</b>   |                                      |  |
| 7 – 30 <sup>th</sup> March  | <b>Continuous Beams</b><br>Load Balancing & Practical Tendon Profiles  | On-Line Module 5                     | 12 <sup>th</sup> April                         |
| 8 – 6 <sup>th</sup> April   | <b>Design of Post-Tensioned Members using RAPT</b><br>Haydn Kirrage - APSPT<br>Aaron Jamalzadeh - Teletraining   |                                      |  |
| 9 – 13 <sup>th</sup> April  | <b>Monday Public Holiday - Easter Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b><br><b>Design of Post-Tensioned Slabs</b><br><b>End Block Design</b>                 |                                      | Major Assignment<br>16 <sup>th</sup> April 6pm |
| 10 – 20 <sup>th</sup> April | <b>Revision</b>  |                                      |  |
|                             | <b>No Class</b>  |                                      |  |

**RESOURCES****Reference**

Gilbert, Mickleborough and Ranzi, Design of Prestressed Concrete to AS3600-2009, Second Edition, CRC Press, 2015.

**Additional Readings**

Gilbert and Mickleborough, The Design of Prestressed Concrete, Unwin Hyman, London, 1990.  
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Warner, RF, Foster, SJ, and Kilpatrick AE, "Reinforced Concrete Basics", Pearson, 2007  
Warner, Rangan, Hall and Faulkes, Concrete Structures.  
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Nilson, A.H., Design of Prestressed Concrete, John Wiley and Sons, 1978.  
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American Concrete Inst ACI318-89, Building Code requirements for Reinf. Conc.  
Cement and Concrete Association of Australia, Concrete Design Handbook, 1990. Cement and Concrete Association of Australia, Concrete Design Workshop Worked Examples, 1990.  
Nawy, Edward G., Prestressed Concrete – A Fundamental Approach, Fourth Edition Pearson Education Inc., 2003  
Loo, Yew-Chaye and Chowdhury, Sanaul Huq, Reinforced and Prestressed Concrete, Analysis and Design with emphasis on application of AS3600-2009, Cambridge University Press, 2010

### Industry Websites

<http://www.vsl.com> VSL Prestressing (Aust.) Pty Ltd  
<http://www.apspt.com.au/> Australian Prestressing Services  
<http://www.raptsoftware.com/> RAPT Software  
[www.nationalprecast.com.au](http://www.nationalprecast.com.au) National Precast Concrete Association Australia  
[www.precastnz.org.nz](http://www.precastnz.org.nz) Precast New Zealand Inc.  
[www.pci.org](http://www.pci.org) Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute – USA  
[www.precast.org](http://www.precast.org) National Precast Concrete Association - USA  
[www.britishprecast.org](http://www.britishprecast.org) British Precast Concrete Federation  
[www.cpci.ca](http://www.cpci.ca) Canadian Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute  
[www.cpi-tv.com](http://www.cpi-tv.com) Concrete Plant International – the Concrete channel

### Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching Website and Login to Moodle

<http://telt.unsw.edu.au/>  
<https://moodle.telt.unsw.edu.au/login/index.php>

### Pearson MasterEngineering

<http://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/masteringengineering/>

### UNSW Library Database

Access Engineering – platform of e-books, videos and interactive tables and graphs.  
Look at the Curriculum Map and select “Strength of Materials”

## DATES TO NOTE

Refer to MyUNSW for Important Dates available at:

<https://student.unsw.edu.au/dates>

<https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/resources/KeyDates.html>

## PLAGIARISM

Beware! An assignment that includes plagiarised material will receive a 0% Fail, and students who plagiarise may fail the course. Students who plagiarise are also liable to disciplinary action, including exclusion from enrolment.

Plagiarism is the use of another person’s work or ideas as if they were your own. When it is necessary or desirable to use other people’s material you should adequately acknowledge whose words or ideas they are and where you found them (giving the complete reference details, including page number(s)). The Learning Centre provides further information on what constitutes Plagiarism at:

<https://student.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism>

## COURSE EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The School of Civil and Environmental Engineering evaluates each course each time it is run through (i) the UNSW MyExperience Surveys, and (ii) Focus Group Meetings.

As part of the MyExperience process, your student evaluations on various aspects of the course are graded; the Course Coordinator prepares a summary report for the Head of School. Any problem areas are identified for remedial action, and ideas for making improvements to the course are noted for action the next time that the course is run.

Focus Group Meetings are conducted by the four Year Managers (academic staff) for any students who wish to attend, in each year of the civil and/or environmental engineering programs. Student comments on each course are collected and disseminated to the Lecturers concerned, noting any points which can help improve the course.

## ACADEMIC ADVICE

For information about:

- Notes on assessments and plagiarism,
- School policy on Supplementary exams,
- Special Considerations, [student.unsw.edu.au/special-consideration](https://student.unsw.edu.au/special-consideration)
- Solutions to Problems,
- Year Managers and Grievance Officer of Teaching and Learning Committee, and
- CEVSOC.

Refer to Academic Advice on the School website available at:

<https://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/civil-engineering/student-resources/policies-procedures-and-forms/academic-advice>

## Appendix A: Engineers Australia (EA) Competencies

### Stage 1 Competencies for Professional Engineers

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|  | <b>Program Intended Learning Outcomes</b>   |
| <b>PE1: Knowledge and Skill Base</b>             | PE1.1 Comprehensive, theory-based understanding of underpinning fundamentals                          |
|  | PE1.2 Conceptual understanding of underpinning maths, analysis, statistics, computing                 |
|  | PE1.3 In-depth understanding of specialist bodies of knowledge  |
|  | PE1.4 Discernment of knowledge development and research directions                                    |
|  | PE1.5 Knowledge of engineering design practice  |
|  | PE1.6 Understanding of scope, principles, norms, accountabilities of sustainable engineering practice |
| <b>PE2: Engineering Application Ability</b>      | PE2.1 Application of established engineering methods to complex problem solving                       |
|  | PE2.2 Fluent application of engineering techniques, tools and resources                               |
|  | PE2.3 Application of systematic engineering synthesis and design processes                            |
|  | PE2.4 Application of systematic approaches to the conduct and management of engineering projects      |
| <b>PE3: Professional and Personal Attributes</b> | PE3.1 Ethical conduct and professional accountability   |
|  | PE3.2 Effective oral and written communication (professional and lay domains)                         |
|  | PE3.3 Creative, innovative and pro-active demeanour   |
|  | PE3.4 Professional use and management of information  |
|  | PE3.5 Orderly management of self, and professional conduct  |
|  | PE3.6 Effective team membership and team leadership   |