

**Western University - Faculty of Engineering  
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering**

**CEE 9566b –Advanced Systems Analysis for Civil Engineering  
Course Outline – 2016/2017**

**Objectives:**

This course is designed to provide students with: (a) the application of systems thinking to complex civil engineering management problems; (b) the advanced topics in engineering systems analysis; and (c) the multi-objective analysis, with special emphasis on uncertainty modelling using the theory of fuzzy sets. The course is aimed at graduate students preparing to work in different fields of civil engineering.

During the last four decades, application of systems approach to civil engineering problems has expanded from simple simulation and single objective optimization, to the introduction of multi-objective analysis and sophisticated evaluation methods based on the consideration of risk and uncertainty.

The objective of this course is to help in providing better understanding of the basic principles of systems thinking and exposure to advanced methodologies of optimization, multi-objective approach and risk analysis.

This is a project-oriented course. Students will have open hands to select one problem of their choice (with the approval of the instructor), formulate the problem using tools presented in the class, solve the problem, make the presentation and prepare a report for grading. Model development process will be monitored through the regular/weakly meetings with the course instructor.

**Topics:**

Note that all topics may not be covered due to time constraints.

1. Sustainable Development and Civil Engineering
  - 1.1 definitions
  - 1.2 principles
2. Purposes and Objectives of Civil Engineering Development
  - 2.1 purposes
  - 2.2 objectives
  - 2.3 objective structures
3. Systems Approach
  - 4.1 principles of systems thinking
  - 4.2 basic terminology
  - 4.3 engineering systems analysis
  - 4.4 mathematical modeling
5. Civil Engineering Systems Under Uncertainty – a Fuzzy Set Approach
  - 5.1 sources of uncertainty

- 5.2 introduction to fuzzy set theory
6. Fuzzy simulation
  7. Fuzzy optimization
  8. Fuzzy multi-objective analysis

**Prerequisite:**

CEE4418 Systems Approach for Civil and Environmental Engineering or equivalent.  
It is expected that students attending this course have basic exposure to systems analysis. Those without this background should discuss this with the instructor prior to registering for the course.

**Corequisite:**

None

**Antirequisite:**

None

**Note:** It is the **student's responsibility** to ensure that all Prerequisite and Corequisite conditions are met or that special permission to waive these requirements has been granted by the Faculty. It is also the **student's responsibility** to ensure that they have not taken a course listed as an Antirequisite. The student may be dropped from the course or not given credit for the course towards their degree if they violate the Prerequisite, Corequisite or Antirequisite conditions.

**Instructor:**

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**Total Number of Contact Hours:**

Three lecture hours per week and two tutorial hours per week.

**Course Materials:**

Required textbook:  
Simonovic, S.P. *Managing water resources: Methods and tools for a systems approach*, Earthscan, London, Sterling VA, 2009.

**Computing:**

Project will require the processing of data using computer data-analysis software provided with the textbook.

## **Units:**

SI units will be used in lectures and examinations

## **Evaluation:**

The final course mark will be determined as follows:

Project	Model development	50%
	Model demonstration and presentation	20%
	Project report	30%
Deadlines	Project proposal (max 2 pages)	February 1, 2017
	Presentations (20 minutes)	April 3, 2017
	Project report (max 20 pages)	April 17, 2017

## **Use of English:**

In accordance with Senate and Faculty Policy, students may be penalised up to 10% of the marks on all assignments, tests, and examinations for the improper use of English. Additionally, poorly written work with the exception of the final examination may be returned without grading. If resubmission of the work is permitted, it may be graded with marks deducted for poor English and/or late submission.

## **Scholastic Offences:**

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_grad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic_discipline_grad.pdf).

## **Plagiarism:**

University policy states that plagiarism, defined as the “act or an instance of copying or stealing another’s words or ideas and attributing them as one’s own.” (excerpted from Black’s Law Dictionary, West Group, 1999, 7th ed., p. 1170) is a scholastic offence. In submitting any written work as part of the coursework requirements for this course students must ensure that this work is written in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage of text from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism-detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All

papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

A student who is found guilty of plagiarism in respect of any written work submitted as part of the coursework requirements for this course will be given a grade of zero for the submitted work. Repeated acts of plagiarism, either in this course or any other course subsequent to a first offence, will result in the student being given a failing grade for the course in which the subsequent offence occurs, and may also incur further penalties such as requiring the student to withdraw from the program in which they are enrolled in.

### **Attendance:**

Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class, laboratory, or tutorial periods will be reported to the Dean (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean, the student will be debarred from taking the regular final examination in the course.

### **Accessibility:**

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if any other arrangements can make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.

### **Conduct:**

Students are expected to arrive at lectures on time, and to conduct themselves during class in a professional and respectful manner that is not disruptive to others. Late comers may be asked to wait outside the classroom until being invited in by the Instructor. Please turn off your cell phone before coming to a class, tutorial, quiz or exam.

On the premises of the University or at a University-sponsored program, students must abide by the Student Code of Conduct: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/board/code.pdf>.

### **Sickness and Other Problems:**

Students should immediately consult with the Instructor or Department Chair if they have any problems that could affect their performance in the course. Where appropriate, the problems should be documented (see attached). The student should seek advice from the Instructor or Department Chair regarding how best to deal with the problem. Failure to notify the Instructor or Department Chair immediately (or as soon as possible thereafter) will have a negative effect on any appeal.

For more information concerning medical accommodations, please see:  
[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/accommodation\\_medical.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf).

**Notice:**

Students are responsible for regularly checking their email, and the course OWL site for new notices related to the course.

***INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS UNABLE TO WRITE TESTS  
OR EXAMINATIONS OR SUBMIT ASSIGNMENTS AS SCHEDULED***

If, on medical or compassionate grounds, you are unable to write term tests or final examinations or complete course work by the due date, you should follow the instructions listed below. You should understand that academic accommodation will not be granted automatically on request. You must demonstrate to your department (or the Undergraduate Services office if you are in first year) that there are compelling medical or compassionate grounds that can be documented before academic accommodation will be considered. Different regulations apply to term tests, final examinations and late assignments. Read the instructions carefully. (see the 2016 Western [Academic Calendar](#)).

**A. GENERAL REGULATIONS & PROCEDURES**

1. Check the course outline to see if the instructor has a policy for missed tests, examinations, late assignments or attendance.
2. Bring your request for academic accommodation to the attention of the Chair of the department (or the Undergraduate Services office if you are in first year) prior to the scheduled time of the test or final examination or due date of the assignment. If you are unable to contact the relevant person, leave a message with the appropriate department (or Undergraduate Services office, if you are in first year). The addresses, telephone and fax numbers are given at the end of these instructions. Documentation must be provided as soon as possible.
3. If you decide to write a test or an examination you should be prepared to accept the mark you earn. Rewriting tests or examinations or having the value of a test or exam reweighted on a retroactive basis is not permitted.

**B. TERM TESTS**

1. If you are unable to write a term test, inform your instructor and the Chair of your Department (or the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year) prior to the scheduled date of the test. If the instructor is not available, leave a message for him/her at the department office and inform the Chair of the Department (or the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year).
2. Be prepared to provide supporting documentation to the Chair and the Undergraduate Services Office (see next page for information on documentation).
3. Discuss with the instructor if and when the test can be rescheduled. **N.B.** The approval of the Chair (or the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year) is required when rescheduling term tests.

**C. FINAL EXAMINATIONS**

1. If you are unable to write a final examination, contact the Undergraduate Services Office **PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED EXAMINATION TIME** to request permission to write a Special Final Examination. If no one is available in the Undergraduate Services Office, leave a message clearly stating your name & student number (please spell your full name).
2. Be prepared to provide the Undergraduate Services Office with supporting documentation (see next page for information on documentation) the next day, or as soon as possible (in cases where students are hospitalized). The following circumstances are not considered grounds for missing a final examination or requesting special examinations: common cold, sleeping in, misreading timetable and travel arrangements.
3. In order to receive permission to write a special examination, you must obtain the approval of the Chair of the Department **and** the Associate Dean and in order to apply you must sign a "Recommendation for a Special Examination Form" available in the Undergraduate Services Office. The Undergraduate Services Office will then notify the course instructor(s) and reschedule the examination on your behalf.

**N.B. It is the student's responsibility to check the date, time and location of the special examination.**

**D. LATE ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Advise the instructor if you are having problems completing the assignment on time (**prior** to the due date of the assignment).
2. Be prepared to provide documentation if requested by the instructor (see reverse side for information on documentation).
3. If you are granted an extension, establish a due date. The approval of the Chair of your Department (or the Associate Dean if you are in first year) is not required if assignments will be completed prior to the last day of classes.
4.
  - i) Extensions beyond the end of classes must have the consent of the instructor, the department Chair and the Associate Dean. Documentation is mandatory.
  - ii) A Recommendation of Incomplete Form must be filled out indicating the work to be completed and the date by which it is due. This form must be signed by the student, the instructor, the department Chair and the Associate Dean.

## SHORT ABSENCES

If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outlines for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate.

## EXTENDED ABSENCES

If you are absent more than one week or if you get too far behind to catch up, you should consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses. (Note drop deadlines listed below). You may want to seek advice from the academic counsellor in your Department or the counsellors in the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year.

## DOCUMENTATION

If you consulted an off-campus doctor or Student Health Services regarding your illness or personal problem, you must provide the doctor with a Student Medical Certificate to complete at the time of your visit and then bring it to the Department (or the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year). **This note must contain the following information: severity of illness, effect on academic studies and duration of absence.**

**In Case of Serious Illness of a Family Member:** Provide a Student Medical Certificate to your family member's physician to complete and bring it to the Department (or the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year).

**In Case of a Death:** Obtain a copy of the death certificate or the notice provided by the funeral director's office. You must include your relationship to the deceased and bring it to the Department (or the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year).

**For Other Extenuating Circumstances:** If you are not sure what documentation to provide, ask the Departmental Office (or the Undergraduate Services Office if you are in first year) for direction.

**Note:** Forged notes and certificates will be dealt with severely. To submit a forged document is a scholastic offence (see below).

## ACADEMIC CONCERNS

You need to know if your instructors have a policy on late penalties, missed tests, etc. This information may be included on the course outlines. If not, ask your instructor(s).

**You should also be aware of attendance requirements in some courses. You can be debarred from writing the final examination if your attendance is not satisfactory.**

If you are in academic difficulty, check out the minimum requirements for progression in the calendar. If in doubt, see your academic counsellor.

**Calendar References:** Check these regulations in your 2016 Western Academic Calendar available at [www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca).

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**Note:** These instructions apply to all students registered in the Faculty of Engineering regardless of whether the courses are offered by the Faculty of Engineering or other faculties in the University.

<b><u>Drop Deadlines:</u></b>	First term half course (i.e. "A" or "F"):	November 5, 2016
	Full courses and full-year half courses (i.e. "E", "Y" or no suffix):	November 30, 2016
	Second term half or second term full course (i.e. "B" or "G"):	March 7, 2017

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Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering:	SEB 3005	telephone: (519) 661-2139	fax: (519) 661-3779
Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Software Engineering Mechatronics Engineering	TEB 279	telephone: (519) 661-3758	fax: (519) 850-2436
Dept. of Mechanical and Materials Engineering:	SEB 3002	telephone: (519) 661-4122	fax: (519) 661-3020