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Academic Program Description Form for Colleges and Institutes
Academic Year

University: Shatt Al-Arab
College/Institute: Engineering
Scientific Department: Civil
Date of Form Completion: 01/09/2024

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TEMPLATE FOR COURSE SPECIFICATION

HIGHER EDUCATION PERFORMANCE REVIEW: PROGRAMME REVIEW

COURSE SPECIFICATION

The model description provides a brief description of the main features of the course and the scientific outputs that the model student is expected to achieve if the student takes advantage of the learning opportunities available for the course. It should be compared with the description of the program.

1. Teaching Institution	Shatt Al-Arab University
2. University Department/Centre	Civil Engineering Department
3. Course title/code	Soil Mechanics 1
4. Modes of Attendance offered	Class attendance
5. Semester/Year	1st semester / 3rd year
6. Number of hours tuition (total)	75 hrs.
7. Date of production/revision of this specification	2024
8. Aims of the Course	
• The course aims to provide basic information about soil as an engineering material used to support foundations, identify its general properties, how it is affected by loads, changes in moisture content, and its behavior in the short and long term.	

9· Learning Outcomes, Teaching, Learning and Assessment Method
A1- Identify the main properties of soil. A2- Identify the weight and volume relationships between the different properties of soil. A3- Identify how to classify soils. A4- Identify the methods used to compact soil and the calculations for this process and identify the property of permeability and water movement within the soil and the stresses resulting from this process.

B. Subject-specific skills

B1 - Apply mathematical derivation methods to find relationships between soil properties.

B2 - Evaluate soil according to its physical properties.

B3 - Laboratory methods for soil testing.

Teaching and Learning Methods

•Theoretical lectures, practical lectures, small discussion groups, presentation of scientific films, and writing reports.

Assessment methods

• Interacting within the lecture.
• Homework and reports.
• Short exams (quizzes).
• Semester and final exams.

C. Thinking Skills

C1- Attention: Arousing the students' attention by implementing one of the applied programs on the display screen in the hall.

C2- Response: Follow up the student's interaction with the material displayed on the screen.

C3- Attention: Follow up on the interest of the student who interacted more with the presented material, by increasing this interaction by requesting other programs and applications to display.

C4 - Forming the direction: meaning that the student is sympathetic to the presentation and may have an opinion about the direction of the presented topic and defend it.

C 5- Formation of value behavior: meaning that the student reaches the top of the emotional ladder, so that he has a stable level in the lesson and does not become lazy or fidgety.

Teaching and Learning Methods

• The usual theoretical presentation method using the writing board and depending on the style (how and why) of the subject and according to the curriculum of the subject.
• The theoretical presentation method using the (data show) device and depending on the method (how and why) of the subject and according to the subject curriculum.
• The method of laboratory display using special devices for measuring the different properties of the substance under experiment.

Assessment methods

• Direct questions in a manner (how and why) for the subject during the theoretical and practical lecture.
• Sudden exams during the theoretical and practical lecture.
• Quarterly exams for the theoretical and practical side.
• Final exams for the theoretical and practical side.

D. General and Transferable Skills (other skills relevant to employability and personal development)

D1- Develop the student's ability to perform the duties and deliver them on time

D2 - Logical and programmatic thinking to find programmatic solutions to various problems

D3 - developing the student's ability to dialogue and debate

D4 - Develop the student's ability to deal with modern technology, especially the Internet

10. Course Structure

Week	Hours	ILOs	Unit/Module or Topic Title	Teaching Method	Assessment Method
1	3 2	Introduction soil formation	Basic Characteristics of Soils	Th. Lecture Prac. Lecture	Written exam
2	3 2	Derivation of Weight-Volume Relationships	Weight-Volume Relationships	Th. Lecture Prac. Lecture	Written exam
3	3 2	Application of Weight-Volume Relationships	Weight-Volume Relationships	Th. Lecture Prac. Lecture	Written exam
4	3 2	Introduction to Plasticity and Structure of Soil	Plasticity and Structure of Soil	Th. Lecture Prac. Lecture	Written exam
5	3 2	Methods used to find Plasticity characteristics of soil	Plasticity and Structure of Soil	Th. Lecture Prac. Lecture	Written exam
6	3 2	Methods used for the mechanical analysis of soil	Classification of Soil	Th. Lecture Prac. Lecture	Written exam
7	3 2	Application to the modified soil classification system	Classification of Soil	Th. Lecture Prac. Lecture	Written exam
8	3 2	General principles of Compaction	Soil Compaction	Th. Lecture Prac. Lecture	Written exam
9	3 2	Determination of field unit weight and equipments used for compaction	Soil Compaction	Th. Lecture Prac. Lecture	Written exam
10	3 2	Hydraulic conductivity	Permeability	Th. Lecture Prac. Lecture	Written exam
11	3 2	Methods used to determine Hydraulic conductivity	Permeability	Th. Lecture Prac. Lecture	Written exam
12	3 2	Flow of water in so	Permeability	Th. Lecture Prac. Lecture	Written exam

13	3 2	Flow nets	Seepage	Th. Lecture Prac. Lecture	Written exam
14	3 2	Application of Flow nets	Seepage	Th. Lecture Prac. Lecture	Written exam
15	3 2	Seepage through an Earth Dam	Seepage	Th. Lecture Prac. Lecture	Written exam

11. Infrastructure	
1- Required reading: · Books · COURSE MATERIALS · OTHER	- Principles of Geotechnical Engineering (By: Braja M. Das, 7th Ed.)
2. Key references (sources)	- Principles of Geotechnical Engineering (By: Braja M. Das, 7th Ed.)
A- Recommended books and references (scientific journals, reports ,....	
B- Electronic references, websites	Reputable websites. Libraries sites in some international universities.

12. Course development plan
Adding new subjects to the curricula within the development of the course by no more than 5%. Adding new references