



Course Weekly Outline

Week No.	Theoretical	Experimental
1	Concrete Definition and Historical Development, Concrete as a Structural Material, Characteristics of Concrete, Types of Concrete and Factors Influencing Concrete Properties.	Specific Gravity Test for Cement and Aggregates
2	Cementitious Binders: Classification of binders, Portland cement, Manufacture of Portland cement, Chemical composition, Hydration of Portland cement	Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates
3	Cementitious Binders: Types of Portland cement, The role of water, Basic tests of Portland cement, Geopolymers	Bulking Test of Fine Aggregate
4	Aggregates: Effects of aggregates, Classification of aggregates, Properties of aggregates, Moisture conditions, Moisture content (MC) calculations, Density and specific gravity, Unit weight,	Moisture Content Test of Aggregates
5	Measurement of moisture content, Grading aggregates, Shape and texture of aggregates. Solved examples for Moisture content (MC) calculations.	Slump Test for Fresh Concrete
6	Admixtures: Definition and classifications, Chemical admixtures, Air-entraining admixtures, Mineral admixtures.	Compacting Factor Test
7	Water: Mixing water, Impurities in water, Water for curing and washing.	Preparation and Mixing of Concrete Specimens
8	Midterm Exam	Casting of Concrete Cubes and Cylinders
9	Workability of fresh concrete, Segregation and bleeding, slump loss.	Compressive Strength Test
10	Introduction to Mix Design. Procedures For Concrete Mix Design using the American Institute of Concrete method	Splitting Tensile Strength Test
11	Solved Examples for American method for concrete Mix design.	Flexural Strength Test
12	Procedures For Concrete Mix Design using the British Standards Institute.	Water Absorption Test
13	Solved Examples for British method for concrete Mix design.	Non-Destructive Tests

		(Rebound Hammer and Ultrasonic Pulse Velocity)
14	Manufacture of Concrete. Delivery of Concrete.	• Effect of Water-Cement Ratio on Concrete Strength
15	Concrete Placing: Site preparation, conveying concrete, Depositing concrete in forms, Compacting and finishing, Curing. Early-Age Properties of Concrete	• Testing of Admixtures and Special Concretes