Civil and Environmental Engineering

Department Information

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- **Application Deadline:**
  February 15 for fall admission; September 15 for spring admission
- **Credential Offered:**
  Ph.D., M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
  TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 6; Duolingo 105

Programs

The Department of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering (CCEE) offers the Master of Science (M.S.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees in civil engineering, and the Master of Science (M.S.) degree in environmental engineering. Also, the College of Engineering offers a program leading to a Ph.D. degree in engineering, in which civil engineering is an area of specialization. The department also participates in several interdisciplinary programs such as Environmental and Conservation Sciences, Materials & Nanotechnology, and Transportation and Logistics.

Specialty areas in the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in civil engineering include construction, environmental, geotechnical, materials, structural, transportation, and water resources engineering. Other related areas are also accommodated. The academic and research foci are tailored to individual needs and interests. To complement the major area of study, additional courses are often selected from other disciplines. The programs are designed to advance the technical knowledge, competence, and interdisciplinary understanding of the students and to prepare them for entering or advancing within the civil engineering profession.

Application to the Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering programs is open to qualified graduates of universities and colleges of recognized standing. In addition to the Graduate School admission requirements, the applicant must have adequate preparation in civil engineering. A Master’s degree in civil engineering is preferred for applicants to the Ph.D. program.

Financial Assistance

Research and/or teaching assistantships may be available. Applicants are considered based on scholarship, potential to undertake advanced study and research, and financial need. To be considered for an assistantship, a completed Graduate School application, official transcripts, and three letters of reference (and English test results for international applicants) must be submitted to the Graduate School.

For teaching assistantships, refer to the English tests and additional requirements for eligibility (https://catalog.ndsu.edu/graduate/admission-information/#internationalapplicantstext)

In addition to the stipend, graduate assistants receive a graduate tuition waiver. Tuition waivers cover base tuition for NDSU graduate credits only. Students are responsible for differential tuition, student fees, and tuition for non-graduate level credits taken or Cooperative Education credits.

Master of Science

The Master of Science degree is a Plan A - Master’s Thesis option. This format emphasizes research, the ability to analyze and interpret data, and to prepare a scholarly thesis. The student and adviser develop a program of study consisting of at least 30 credit hours of graduate level material to meet individual educational goals. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better is required. An oral defense of the research-based thesis is required.
# Accelerated Master’s Program

## Curriculum for the Accelerated (4+1) program

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<td>CE 619</td>
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<td>Fundamentals of Oil &amp; Gas Pipeline: Design, Operation, Inspection &amp; Maintenance</td>
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<td>Geometric Highway Design</td>
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<td>Railroad Planning and Design</td>
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<td>Introduction to Intelligent Infrastructure</td>
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Focus Area 2 - Water Environmental

Environmental

CE 610 Water & Wastewater Engineering
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CE 671 Environmental Nanotechnology
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CE 672 Solid and Hazardous Waste Management
       3
CE 673 Air Pollution
       3
CE 679 Advanced Water and Wastewater Treatment
       3
CE 790 Graduate Seminar (Small Community Water Supply and Sanitation)
       3
CE 696 Special Topics (Environmental Engineering Design)
       3

Water Resources

CE 621 Open Channel Flow
       3
CE 674 Groundwater Sustainability Design
       3
CE 676 Watershed Modeling
       3
CE 677 Applied Hydrology
       3
CE 776 Ground Water and Seepage
       3
CE 793 Individual Study/Tutorial (Advanced Fluid Mechanics)
       3

* The above course list will be updated as new courses are considered or to be offered.
** Courses can be taken either in Category A or B but cannot be double counted.
*** Courses to be developed when the program starts.

Doctor of Philosophy

The Doctor of Philosophy degree requires 90 credits beyond the baccalaureate degree in civil engineering with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (60 credits beyond an M.S. degree in Civil Engineering or a sub-area of Civil Engineering) for graduation. A dissertation supervisory committee should be formed and a plan of study be filed by the end of first year of study. A minimum of 30 hours of additional course work chosen by the student and the supervisory committee from appropriate existing Civil Engineering graduate courses, new courses, and courses outside the department must be completed.

An M.S. degree from another institution may substitute for up to 30 credits of the 90 credits required; however, suitability of transfer or use of courses and research credits in the plan of study would be decided by the adviser and supervisory committee.

A comprehensive preliminary examination is administered after completion of the greater portion of the course work. The committee chair will coordinate the examination. The format and duration will be determined by the committee. The student will present a research proposal within one year after the preliminary examination. A minimum of 30 and a maximum of 40 credit hours can be earned for research, preparation, and defense of a dissertation in Civil Engineering. A minimum of 12 credit hours in a minor or cognate area as deemed appropriate by the student and the supervisory committee may be completed by the student. The student will defend the dissertation in a final examination attended by the supervisory committee members and other academics.

FACULTY

Achintya N. Bezbaruah, Ph.D.
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2002
Research Interests: Environmental Sensors, Recalcitrant and Micro Pollutants, Contaminant Fate and Transport, Small Community Water and Wastewater Treatment, Environmental Management

Xuefeng Chu, Ph.D.
University of California, Davis, 2002

Surya Congress, Ph.D.
University of Texas at Arlington, 2018
Research Interests: Transportation Infrastructure, Design and Stabilization of Geo-Materials, Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure Design and Monitoring, Site Characterization and Visualization Models, Slope Stabilization, Dam and Bridge Inspections, Airport Pavement Inspections, Artificial Intelligence, Image Analysis, Digital Twins, Disaster Response, Traffic Safety, and Smart City Concepts.

Ying Huang, Ph.D.
Missouri University of Science & Technology, 2012
Civil and Environmental Engineering

Research Interests: Structural Health Monitoring/Smart Structures for Transportation Infrastructure, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Applications of Adaptive and Smart Materials, Finite Element Modeling and Multi-Hazard Assessment and Mitigation

Syeed Md Iskander, Ph.D.
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 2019

Dinesh Katti, Ph.D., P.E.
University of Arizona, 1991
Research Interests: Geotechnical Engineering, Constitutive Modeling of Geologic Materials, Expansive Soils, Multiscale Modeling, Steered Molecular Dynamics, Computational Mechanics, Nanocomposite, and Bio-nanocomposites. Computational Biophysics

Kalpana Katti, Ph.D.  
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University of Washington, 1996
Research Interests: Advanced Composites, Nanomaterials, Biomaterials, Biomimetics, Materials Characterization and Modeling, Analytical Electron Microscopy, and Microspectroscopy, Bone Tissue engineering

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University of Minnesota

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University of Wisconsin, 2010
Research Interests: Advanced Materials, High-Performance, Resilient and Sustainable Bridge Systems, Structural Durability and Structural Health Monitoring in Bridges and Earthquake Engineering

Kelly Rusch, Ph.D., P.E.
Louisiana State University, 1992
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Research Interests: Engineering Mathematical and Computational Methods, Groundwater Flow and Analysis, Interdisciplinary Water Resources: Water and Society

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Northwestern University, 2016
Research Interests: Multiscale Modeling of Structural Materials, Polymer and Nanocomposites, Granular and Soft Matters, Bioinspired Materials, Mechanobiology, Computational Mechanics, Data-Enabled Design of Multifunctional Materials

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State University of New York at Buffalo, 2020
Research Interests: Wastewater and Water Treatment, Wastewater Reuse, Photochemical Processes, Electrochemical and Membrane Technologies, and Disinfection Byproducts

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University of Akron, 2006
China University of Mining and Technology, 1999
Research Interests: Advanced Materials, Structural Assessment, Solid Mechanics

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Ravi Kiran Yellavajjala, Ph.D. P.E. (adjunct)
University of Notre Dame, 2014

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University of California, Los Angeles, 1997
Research Interests: Water and Wastewater Quality, Water and Wastewater Treatment, and Storm Water and Non-point Source Pollution

Denver D. Tolliver, Ph.D. (adjunct)
Virginia Polytechnic University, 1989
Research Interests: Transportation, Planning and Economics

Robert Zimmerman, Ph.D. (adjunct)
North Dakota State University, 1991
Research Interests: Water and Wastewater Treatment, Solid Waste

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Research Interests: Stochastic Hydrology, Water Resource Systems, and Hydrologic Modeling