



# Graduate Curriculum Approval Form Changes to Graduate Majors

Degree Program CIP Code	14.0801
Degree (i.e. M.A., Ph.D., etc.):	PhD
Name of Major (e.g. Biology)	Civil Engineering
Name of affected Concentration(s) (e.g. Botany)	Structures, Geotechnical, Water Resources, Materials, Transportation, Environmental, Engineering for International Development
Proposed Effective Term (e.g Fall 2017)	Fall 2018
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APPROVALS	Name	Signature	Action	Date
Dept. Chair	Manjriker Gunaratne		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	01/09/18
School Committee Chair (if applicable)			<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	
College Committee Chair			<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	
College Dean/ Associate Dean	Sanjukta Bhanja		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	1/24/18
Concurrence <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Needed	Dept: Chair:		<input type="checkbox"/> Concurs <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't concur <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	
Grad Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> Comments	Graduate Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove	

**Summary of Changes – Select all that apply:**

Admissions Section:

- Change Priority Admission Deadlines
  - Fall: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Spring: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Summer: \_\_\_\_\_
  - To "fall admissions only"
- From Regular to Direct Receipt Admissions
- From Direct Receipt to Regular Admission
- Admission Requirements

Curriculum Requirements

- Current Curriculum Requirements
  - Core
  - Add New Concentration, Specialization, or Track\*
  - Delete Concentration, Specialization, or Track
  - Thesis/Dissertation
  - Comprehensive/Qualifying Exam
- Other: \_ Revert to 2017-18 catalog for changes in core that were not approved last year \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Requires submission to APAC for comment/clearance*

**Why are these changes necessary?**

- a) We were told that prior requested changes in our core were not approved because they are not aligned with BOG requirements so we therefore did not implement these changes in the curriculum. We were surprised to see that the 2017-18 catalog reflected the changes. We therefore request that we revert to the old catalog while we have a wider discussion of the core for CE.
- b) We were advised to change the word "concentration" to "specialization" and then told that it didn't make any difference in terms of BOG requirements. We therefore would prefer to revert to "concentrations" since it helps with tracking our students.
- c) Minor changes in course names and numbers.

Attach the current Catalog Copy, with the requested revisions shown using Track Changes. Catalog copy is not required for changes to the Admission Deadline. All other changes require Catalog Copy. To obtain the most current catalog, email [cdh@usf.edu](mailto:cdh@usf.edu).

Once College has approved, scan and email this Approval Form, and the revised Catalog Copy in Word to Graduate Studies by the deadline posted online <http://www.grad.usf.edu/graduate-council.php> . For questions, contact [cdh@usf.edu](mailto:cdh@usf.edu)

## CIVIL ENGINEERING

### Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree

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#### DEGREE INFORMATION

**Priority Admission Application Deadlines:**

Fall: February 15  
Spring: October 15  
Summer: February 15

**International applicant deadlines:**

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/majors>

Minimum Total Hours: 78 post-bachelor's  
Level: Doctoral  
CIP Code: 14.0801  
Dept. Code: EGX  
Major/College Codes: ECE EN  
Approved: 1982

**Concentrations:**

Engineering for International Development (EFD)  
Environmental Engineering (EVE)  
Geotechnical Engineering (GTL)  
Materials Engineering and Science (MTL)  
Structures Engineering (STR)  
Transportation Engineering (TPT)  
Water Resources (WRS)

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#### CONTACT INFORMATION

College: Engineering  
Department: Civil and Environmental  
Engineering

Contact Information: [www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu)

## MAJOR INFORMATION

The Ph.D. degree is awarded in recognition of demonstrated scholarly competence and ability to conduct and report original and significant research in Civil Engineering.

The field of Civil Engineering has long been known for its breadth and ability to adapt to the new technological needs of society. The traditional areas of public works, such as highways, bridges, water supply, building design, and wastewater treatment, remain very important. In addition, the modern area of managing the environment, including sustainable development, has been included in the Civil Engineering domain. Graduates of the major are prepared for careers in academia, with public agencies, or with private industry, including firms involved in planning, design, research and development, or regulation.

Ph.D. students may work in any of the areas of Civil Engineering, including Engineering Mechanics, Environmental Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering, Pavement Engineering, Materials Engineering and Science, Structures Engineering, Transportation Engineering and Planning, and Water Resources Engineering.

### Major Research Areas:

Civil Engineering, including Engineering Mechanics, Environmental Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering, Pavement Engineering, Materials Engineering and Science, Structures Engineering, Transportation Engineering and Planning, and Water Resources Engineering.

The department has a high bay structures laboratory, which includes an MTS 250 kip testing machine. There are also well-equipped environmental, soils, pavement and hydraulics laboratories. These laboratories include equipment for water and air quality analysis, bench and pilot scale reactor studies, field instrumentation for environmental and water resources studies, constant rate of stress consolidometer, triaxial units, and Superpave testing equipment.

## ADMISSION INFORMATION

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements for admission to the major, listed below.

- Undergraduate GPA  $\geq 3.3$  preferred
- GRE with preferred minimum scores of V 150 (45<sup>th</sup> percentile), Q 159 (75<sup>th</sup> percentile), and AW 4.0 (55<sup>th</sup> percentile)
- TOEFL (International applicants only) 79 (550 paper based exam) or IELTS 6.5
- Resume provided at the time of application.
- Three (3) letters of reference provided at the time of application
- Statement of Purpose provided at the time of application
- Exceptions made on a case-by-case basis where warranted.

## CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

Total Program Hours:

78 hours minimum post-bachelor's  
48 hours minimum post-master's

Core requirement – 2 hours

Specialization Concentration/primary area of study – 15 hours

Electives – 33 hours

Dissertation – 20 hours

Other course requirement – 8 hours

Core Requirement 2 hours

CGN 6945 2 Graduate Research Methods

An additional 48 credit hours of coursework are required. The following requirements apply to the 48 credit hours of additional coursework:

- At least 15 credit hours must be in the student's primary area of study (see also ~~Specialization-Concentration~~ Requirements, below). These 15 credit hours must be structured coursework, i.e., may not include thesis credits or independent study.
- Up to 30 credit hours from a previously completed Master's degree may be applied, pending course-by-course evaluation and transfer, approved by the Department, the College, and the Office of Graduate Studies. However, no more than 6 credits of Master's Thesis may be applied to meet the coursework requirement.
- No more than 9 credit hours of Independent Study may be applied to meet the coursework requirement.
- Directed research and/or dissertation credits may not be counted towards the coursework requirement.

**~~Specialization-Concentration~~ Requirements - 15 hours minimum**

The Department supports Ph.D. ~~specializationconcentration~~ areas in

Engineering for International Development (EFD)

Environmental Engineering (ENV)

Geotechnical Engineering (GTL)

Materials Engineering and Science (MTL)

Structures Engineering (STR)

Transportation Engineering- (TPT)

Water Resources (WRS).

Students may select from one of these ~~Specializationsconcentrations~~, or may select no ~~specializationconcentration~~.

**Engineering for International Development ( EFD— )**

This concentration acknowledges coursework and international field experience in the area of engineering for international development that considers issues of sustainable development, water, sanitation, and health (WaSH), gender and society. This graduate concentration requires: 2) coursework in global health, applied anthropology (medical, environmental, and development), and Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WaSH) engineering, 2) a development-focused research component; and 3) a long-term overseas field experience in sustainable development as a WaSH engineer, which in most cases will form part of the basis of the student's dissertation. The international field experience allows a student to remain enrolled as a full-time student (with zero-tuition/fees) and gain development experience serving with the Peace Corps and non-governmental Development Organizations. Graduates are competitive for employment in the global WaSH development field.

ENV 6510            Sustainable Development Engineering

A minimum of 1 course (3 credits) from the following applied anthropology courses:

ANG 6766      3    Research Methods in Applied Anthropology

ANG 6730      3    Socio-cultural Aspects of HIV/Aids

ANG 6469      3    Selected Topics: Health, illness, and Culture

A minimum of 1 course (3 credits) from the following global public health courses:

PHC 6764      3    Global Health Principles and Contemporary Issues

PHC 6761      3    Global Health Assessment Strategies

3 additional credit hours of graduate level coursework in international development engineering or closely related areas.

Students engaged in full-time global training and/or service as part of the EFD concentration (e.g., in the U.S. Peace Corps, with a non-governmental organization, UNESCO-IHE, or equivalent) may register for CST 6990 for 0 credit hours while in their country of service/research.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING (EVE) - 15 hours**

ENV 6002      3    Physical Chemical Principles of Environmental Engineering

EES 6107      3    Biological Principles of Environmental Engineering

ENV 6666      3    Aquatic Chemistry

At least one course from the following:

ENV 6617      3    Green Engineering for Sustainability

CGN 6933      3    Selected Topics: Resilient Infrastructure

ENV 6510      3    Sustainable Development Engineering

Additional 3 credit hours of coursework in Environmental Engineering

**GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING (GTL) - 15 hours**

CEG 5115	3	Foundation Engineering
CES 6118	3	Finite Element Analysis

Additional 9 graduate level credit hours of coursework in Geotechnical Engineering or closely related areas

**MATERIALS ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE (MTL) - 15 hours**

At least 2 courses (6 credit hours) from the following list:

CGN 6933	3	Selected Topics: <u>Advanced</u> Concrete Construction Materials
CGN 6720	3	Electrochemical Diagnostic Techniques
CES 6010	3	Structural Life Prediction
EMA 5326	3	Corrosion Control
EMA 6510	3	Characterization of Materials

Additional 9 graduate level credit hours of coursework in Materials Engineering and Science or closely related areas

**STRUCTURES ENGINEERING (STR) - 15 hours**

1 course (3 credit hours) from the following list of courses:

CES 6706	3	Advanced Concrete
CES 6835	3	Design of Masonry Structures
CES 5715C	3	Pre-stressed Concrete

1 course (3 credit hours) from the following list:

CES 6118	3	Applied Finite Elements
CES 6230	3	Advanced Structural Mechanics
CES 6144	3	Advanced Structural Analysis
CES 5209	3	Structural Dynamics
EGN 6333	3	Continuum Mechanics

Additional 9 graduate level credit hours of coursework in Structures Engineering or closely related areas

**TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING (TPT) - 15 hours**

TTE 5205	3	Traffic Systems Engineering
TTE 5501	3	Transportation Planning and Economics
TTE 6507	3	Travel Demand Modelling or CGN 6933 Selected Topics: Statistical and Econometric Methods

Additional 6 graduate level credit hours of coursework in Transportation Engineering or closely related areas

**WATER RESOURCES (WRS) - 15 hours**

A minimum of 4 courses (12 credit hours) from the following list:

CWR 6235	3	Free Surface Flow
CWR 6239	3	Waves and Beach Protection
CWR 6305	3	Urban Hydrology
CWR 6534	3	Coastal and Estuary Modeling
CWR 6535	3	Hydrologic Models
<del>CGN 6933</del> CWR 6105	3	Vadose Zone Hydrology
CGN 6933	3	<u>Selected Topics:</u> Groundwater Hydraulics
CGN 6933	3	<u>Selected Topics:</u> Advanced Computational Fluid Mechanics
GLY 6836	3	Numerical Modeling of Hydrogeologic Systems
GLY 6827C	4	Advanced Hydrogeology

CWR 6820 3 Coastal Waves and Structures  
CWR 6538 3 Advanced Hydrologic Modeling

Additional 3 graduate level credit hours of coursework in Water Resources or closely related areas

**Electives - 33 hours**

Graduate level electives are selected in consultation with the student's major research advisor and/or advisory committee

**Qualifying Exam**

Doctoral students are expected to pass a qualifying examination no later than the semester following the completion of 48 credits of coursework beyond a bachelor's degree. At minimum, the exam will include a written dissertation proposal and oral defense by the dissertation committee. A written exam in the area of ~~specialization~~concentration may also be required. Poor performance on the qualifying exam based on the judgment of the committee may result in the student failing the exam. If a student does not pass on the first attempt, he/she may request in writing to repeat the exam. Students who fail the Qualifying examination the second time will be dismissed by the Major.

**Dissertation Requirements - 20 hours minimum**

CGN 7980 20 Dissertation

A minimum of 20 credits of dissertation, an approved PhD dissertation, and a dissertation defense are required. Students may not sign up for dissertation credits until they have defended their proposal and advanced to candidacy (see Qualifying Exam, above).

**Additional Requirements - 9 hours minimum**

Nine (9) credits of additional graduate level coursework, dissertation, or directed research are required.

**Publication Requirement**

Students must have at least one paper accepted to a peer-reviewed journal or peer-reviewed conference based on their research carried out during their doctoral studies at USF.

**COURSES**

<http://ugs.usf.edu/course-inventory> or <http://www2.eng.usf.edu/cee/graduate/gradautecourses.htm>