

CTC 260
Hydrology
Instructor: Jayne Baran

Time: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00-10:50 am
Classroom: Donovan B232
Semester: Spring 2025

Course Description:

Introductory course in surface water hydrology. Topics include applied hydrology concepts such watershed delineation, unit hydrographs, IDF curves, time of concentration and routing. The rational and TR-55 methods will be used to determine peak flows.

Credit Hours: 2

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Learn fundamental principles of hydrology and apply technical concepts to the solution of problems.
2. Perform standard analysis and design using hydrology principles.

Required Text and Materials:

Nathanson, Jerry A. and Schneider, Richard A., *Basic Environmental Technology*, 6th edition, Pearson, 2015, ISBN-10: 0-13-284014-6; ISBN-13: 978-0-13-284014-9

Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds, US Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service Technical Release (TR55), June 1986. [Download](#)

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Topics and Projects:

Topics:	Description	Hrs	Projects
1	Hydrology-Overview and Definitions	2.0	
2	Watersheds-Characteristics and Delineation	2.0	
3	Precipitation/IDF Curves	3.0	1. Prepare IDF curve
4	Hydrographs/Hyetographs	3.0	
5	Time of Concentration (Tc), Manning's Equation	2.0	
6	Peak flows-Rational Method	2.0	2. Design stormwater system
7	Peak flows-TR-55 Method	6.0	3. Determine peak flows
8	Routing	2.0	4. Design a detention basin
	Mid-Term/Final and Reviews	6.0	
	Project presentations	3.0	

Methods of Evaluation:

Homework:

Homework shall be typed or neatly handwritten in pencil on engineering graph paper. There is no provision for make-up of homework assignments. A missed homework assignment is a zero and will be factored into the final grade.

Projects:

Applied design projects and reports emphasize teamwork and communication, as well as the application of industry-standard word-processing and spreadsheet software.

Examinations:

There will be one midterm and one final exam (or project) scheduled during the semester. Students are expected to take the exams at the scheduled times. Generally, no make-up test will be given except for medical emergencies or other valid reasons for which prior approval has been obtained.

Attendance/Participation:

Students are expected to attend every class period and have homework and project assignments completed and ready to present. The need for professionalism and excellence is reinforced through the requirement for assignments to be completed on time and in a neat and well-organized manner. A missed class does not excuse responsibility for the work covered in class and the homework assignments.

Homework	25%
Projects	25%
Mid-Term Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%
TOTAL	100%

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References:

Maidment, David R., *Handbook of Hydrology*, McGraw Hill, ISBN 0-07-39732-5, 1993.

Wanielista, Martin, et al, *Hydrology*, 2nd Edition, Wiley, ISBN 0-478-07259-1, 1997.