

ENGR C3501: Engineering Geology I

| Module Title:                   |     | Engineering Geology I   |  |  |
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| Language of Instruction:        |     | English   |  |  |
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| Credits:                        | 5   |   |  |  |
| NFQ Level:                      | 8   |   |  |  |
| Module Delivered In             |     | 1 programme(s)  |  |  |
| Teaching & Learning Strategies: |     | Lectures. Demonstrations. Project work. Practicals and Site visits. Site visits and private study   |  |  |
| Module Aim:                     |     | The aims of this module are to a) extend the learner's engineering knowledge base associated with surfical and bedrock geology, groundwater and surface water, b) build on the knowledge introduced in Geotechnical Engineering 1 and 2 c) To enable the learner to appreciate the interaction between ground and human activity in civil engineering projects and to d) incorporate this understanding into design and construction. e) To appreciate and have a general understanding of groundwater, f) to appreciate the formation of topography by water and ice agents. g) to understand the technologies available to investigate and understand geohazards, to gain an appreciation of the interaction of the physical environment on development and how impacts can be recognised, eliminated or mitigated. |  |  |

| Learning Outcomes  |   |  |  |  |
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| On successful completion of this module the learner should be able to: |   |  |  |  |
| LO1  | Appreciate the depositional characteristics of various soil and bedrock deposits and how they influence development   |  |  |  |
| LO2  | Assist in risk assessment and design in relation to geohazards  |  |  |  |
| LO3  | Interpret general geomorphological and subsurface conditions based on the use of desk study mapping, site reconnaissance, invasive and non-invasive techniques. |  |  |  |
| LO4  | Apply the principles of engineering geology to dam design and construction  |  |  |  |

## Pre-requisite learning

## Module Recommendations

This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is recommended before enrolment in this module.

No recommendations listed

Incompatible Modules
These are modules which have learning outcomes that are too similar to the learning outcomes of this module.

No incompatible modules listed

## Co-requisite Modules

No Co-requisite modules listed

Requirements
This is prior learning (or a practical skill) that is mandatory before enrolment in this module is allowed.

Bachelor of Engineering (Ordinary) in Civil Engineering

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## **Module Content & Assessment**

## **Indicative Content**

Risk assessment and management of geohazards Desk studies

**Geomorphology**Introduction to concepts of landform genesis including formation, identification and engineering application

Fluvial Geomorphology
Applications of fluvial geomorphology, fundamentals of fluvial geomorphological assessment

Sedimentology and stratigraphy
Introduction to principles of sediment and sedimentary rock formation, transport, classification, and depositional environments

Excavability; Stability analysis; Use and reuse

### **Ground Investigation**

Nature, cost and design of Ground Investigation. Pitting, boring, probing, in-situ testing, in situ monitoring. Construction of in-place monitoring instrumentation - GW and Gas

**Evaluation of rock cores**Laboratory testing UCS, PLT, Core logging - TCR, SCR, RQD

## **Applications of Engineering Geology** Dam design and construction

| Assessment Breakdown             | %      |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Continuous Assessment            | 50.00% |
| End of Module Formal Examination | 50.00% |

| Continuous Assessment       |  |                      |               |                    |  |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|--|
| Assessment Type             | Assessment Description                               | Outcome<br>addressed | % of<br>total | Assessment<br>Date |  |
| Project                     | GeoHazards Project.                                  | 1,2,3                | 15.00         | n/a                |  |
| Project                     | Fluvioglacial Geomorphology Project                  | 1,2,3                | 10.00         | n/a                |  |
| Practical/Skills Evaluation | Rock Core Evaluation and Ground Investigation Design | 1,2,3                | 15.00         | n/a                |  |
| Project                     | Dam Design Task                                      | 1,2,3,4              | 10.00         | n/a                |  |

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No Practical

| End of Module Formal Examination |                        |                      |               |                 |  |
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| Assessment Type                  | Assessment Description | Outcome<br>addressed | % of<br>total | Assessment Date |  |
| Formal Exam                      | Exam                   | 1,2,3,4              | 50.00         | End-of-Semester |  |

SETU Carlow Campus reserves the right to alter the nature and timings of assessment



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## Module Workload

| Workload: Full Time     |                       |                                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Workload Type           | Frequency             | Average Weekly<br>Learner<br>Workload |
| Lecture                 | 12 Weeks<br>per Stage | 2.00                                  |
| Practicals              | 12 Weeks<br>per Stage | 1.00                                  |
| Estimated Learner Hours | 12 Weeks<br>per Stage | 7.50                                  |
|                         | Total Hours           | 126.00                                |

## Module Delivered In

| Programme Code | Programme  | Semester | Delivery  |
|----------------|--|----------|-----------|
| CW_CMHCE_B     | Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Civil Engineering | 5        | Mandatory |