PURDUE UNIVERSITY
REQUEST FOR ADDITION, EXPIRATION, OR REVISION OF A GRADUATE COURSE
(50000-60000 LEVEL)

DEPARTMENT: Engineering
EFFECTIVE SESSION: Fall 2014

INSTRUCTIONS: Please check the items below which describe the purpose of this request.

- New course with supporting documents (complete proposal form)
- Add existing course offered at another campus
- Expiration of a course
- Change in course number
- Change in course title
- Change in course credit/type
- Change in course attributes
- Change in instructional hours
- Change in course description
- Change in course requisites
- Change in semesters offered
- Transfer from one department to another

PROPOSED:

Subject Abbreviation: CE
Course Number: 51900
Long Title: Advanced Soil Mechanics
Short Title: Advanced Soil Mechanics

EXISTING:

Subject Abbreviation
Course Number
Long Title
Short Title

CAMPUS(ES) INVOLVED
- Calumet
- Cont Ed
- N. Central
- Tech Statewide
- Ft. Wayne
- W. Lafayette

Abbreviated title will be entered by the Office of the Registrar if omitted (30 CHARACTERS ONLY)

COURSE DESCRIPTION (INCLUDE REQUISITES/RESTRICTIONS):
P: CE 39000 and CE 39100 or equivalent or permission from instructor. This course presents an advanced treatment of soil mechanics with emphasis on the following topics: nature of soil; effective stress principle; permeability and seepage; stress-strain-strength behavior of coarse- and fine-grained soils; consolidation theory and settlement analysis; and laboratory and field methods for evaluation of soil properties in design practice. Course is offered in alternate years by rotating departments.

*COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

See attached

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
Supporting Document
to accompany the Registrar's FORM 40G when:

1. Requesting a New Graduate Course (Complete Section I)
or

2. Adding Distance as an Additional Schedule Type (Complete Section II)

To: Purdue University Graduate Council
From: Faculty Member: Ahmadreza Hedayat
      Department: Engineering
      Campus: Fort Wayne
Date: 28 November 2013
Subject: Supporting Document to the Registrar's Form 40G

Contact for information if questions arise:
Name: Ahmadreza Hedayat
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E-mail: hedayata@ipfw.edu
Campus Address: ETCS, 321D
Course Subject Abbreviation and Number: CE 5xx00
Course Title: Advanced Soil Mechanics

SECTION I

A. Justification for the Course:

• Provide a complete and detailed explanation of the need for the course (e.g., in the preparation of students, in providing new knowledge/training in one or more topics, in meeting degree requirements, etc.), how the course contributes to existing majors and/or concentrations, and how the course relates to other graduate courses offered by the department, other departments, or interdisciplinary programs.

The Department of Engineering has approved a new civil engineering concentration to its Master in Engineering Degree. This course will be used to provide to provide new knowledge in geotechnical engineering design.

• Justify the level of the proposed graduate course (50000- or 60000-level) including statements on, but not limited to: (1) the target audience, including the anticipated number of undergraduate and graduate students who will enroll in the course; and (2) the rigor of the course.

The target audience are graduate and undergraduate senior students. It is anticipate to have more than five students at the beginning of the offering and steadily increase to have more that 10 students in the class. The course rigor will be at a level of graduate courses and include but limited to an independent project or research work submitted, presented, and defended by the end of the semester.
B. Learning Outcomes and Method of Evaluation or Assessment:

- Describe the course objectives and student learning outcomes that address the objectives (i.e., knowledge, communication, critical thinking, ethical research, etc.).

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:
1. Understand the principle of effective stress and elasticity theory related to soil mechanics
2. Analyze and interpret the state of stress in soil using Mohr Circle
3. Evaluate various failure criteria for soils
4. Understand the behavior of coarse- and fine-grained soils in dry and saturated conditions
5. Evaluate the rate of consolidation using simplified and finite difference techniques
6. Understand the stress-strain-strength behavior of soils in drained and undrained conditions
7. Estimate the soil's shear strength for design purposes

- Describe the methods of evaluation or assessment of student learning outcomes. (Include evidence for both direct and indirect methods.)

The assessment of the courses will be based on:
1) Direct measures include homework, quizzes, exams, term paper/project.
2) Indirect measure include class participation and student survey at the end of semester to evaluate to what degree students believe they master the learning outcomes of the course.

- Grading criteria (select from drop down boxes); include a statement describing the criteria that will be used to assess students and how the final grade will be determined.

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- Identify the method(s) of instruction (select from drop down box) and describe how the methods promote the likely success of the desired student learning outcomes.

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C. Prerequisite(s):

- List prerequisite courses by subject abbreviation, number, and title.

CE 38000 Soil Mechanics and CE 38100 Soil Mechanics Laboratory

- List other prerequisites and/or experiences/background required. If no prerequisites are indicated, provide an explanation for their absence.

Graduate standing or senior in engineering.

D. Course Instructor(s):

- Provide the name, rank, and department/program affiliation of the instructor(s).

Dr. Ahmadreza Hedayat, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, Civil Engineering program

- Is the instructor currently a member of the Graduate Faculty?  
  X Yes — No
  (If the answer is no, indicate when it is expected that a request will be submitted.)
E. Course Outline:
- Provide an outline of topics to be covered and indicate the relative amount of time or emphasis devoted to each topic. If laboratory or field experiences are used to supplement a lecture course, explain the value of the experience(s) to enhance the quality of the course and student learning. For special topics courses, include a sample outline of a course that would be offered under the proposed course.

1. Nature of Soil, Soil Composition, Identification, and Classification
2. Stresses in Soils, Mohr Circle, Failure Theories, and Stress Path
3. Basics of One Dimensional Groundwater Flow
4. Behavior of Dry Sands
5. Effective Stresses Principle, Capillary, and Soil Suction
6. Behavior of Saturated Sands
7. Behavior of Saturated Clays
8. Soil Stability

F. Reading List (including course text):
- A primary reading list or bibliography should be limited to material the students will be required to read in order to successfully complete the course. It should not be a compilation of general reference material.

Text Book:

References

G. Library Resources
- Describe the library resources that are currently available or the resources needed to support this proposed course.

The following books and references are available in IPFW library.

H. Example of a Course Syllabus (While not a necessary component of this supporting document, an example of a course syllabus is available, for information, by clicking on the link below, which goes to the Graduate School’s Policies and Procedures Manual for Administering Graduate Student Programs. See Appendix K.)

1. **Instructor Information**

   **Name and Title:** Ahmadreza Hedayat, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering  
   **Office:** ET 321D  
   **Office Hours:** TBD  
   **Contacts:** Phone: (260) 481-0324  
   E-mail: hedayata@ipfw.edu

2. **Course Information**

   **Course title and number:** CE 5xx00 "Advanced Soil Mechanics"  
   **Number of credit hours:** 3  
   **Course description:** This course presents an advanced treatment of soil mechanics with emphasis on the following topics: nature of soil; effective stress principle; permeability and seepage; stress-strain-strength behavior of coarse- and fine-grained soils; consolidation theory and settlement analysis; and laboratory and field methods for evaluation of soil properties in design practice. Concepts in course are reinforced by laboratory experiments.  
   **Course prerequisites:** CE 38000 Soil Mechanics and CE 38100 Soil Mechanics Laboratory or equivalent or permission from instructor.  
   **Description of students for whom the course was designed:** Graduate or Senior Engineering students.  
   Additional reference lists and reading assignments will be provided for each specific course topic, as needed.
Indiana University – Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW)

CE 5xx Syllabus

Course Outline
1. Nature of Soil, Soil Composition, Identification, and Classification
2. Stresses in Soils, Mohr Circle, Failure Theories, and Stress Path
3. Basics of One Dimensional Groundwater Flow
4. Behavior of Dry Sands
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3. Goals and Course Outcomes

1. Course Goals:
   To provide students with both practical and theoretical knowledge of mechanics of soils at the advanced level required for design applications.

2. Course Outcome:
   Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:
   1. Understand the principle of effective stress and elasticity theory related to soil mechanics
   2. Analyze and interpret the state of stress in soil using Mohr Circle
   3. Evaluate various failure criteria for soils
   4. Understand the behavior of coarse- and fine-grained soils in dry and saturated conditions
   5. Evaluate the rate of consolidation using simplified and finite difference techniques
   6. Understand the stress-strain-strength behavior of soils in drained and undrained conditions
   7. Estimate the soil's shear strength for design purposes
   8. Evaluate the potential deformation of soil and the stability of structures during staged construction
   9. Evaluate the engineering properties of soils and foster a fundamental understanding of applied soil mechanics

4. Course Policies

Homework
Homeworks are based on material introduced in class and assigned approximately every week. Homework should be handed in at the beginning of class on the due date. The solutions must be well organized and clean (poor organization will affect your grade). Collaboration with classmates is encouraged, but each student must submit his/her own homework. Late assignments will not be accepted for grading.

Term Project
The purpose of the term project is to give students the opportunity to work collaboratively on a specific topic related to Soil Mechanics. The term project will be accomplished through the following stages:

(1) Topic selection. Due date: September 8.

(2) Paper presentation. The paper associated with the topic will be presented in class. Due date: Week of September 29.

(3) Written report submitted. The report should have a maximum length of 15 pages
double spaced, 12-point character size, Times font or similar. Abstract and references are not included in the total number of pages. Figures and Tables are part of the maximum number of pages. Due date: November 10.

(4) Peer review of the papers. Each paper will be reviewed by two or more students. Due date: November 24.

(5) Final presentation. The completely finished project is presented in class during the week of December 8.

Exams

All exams are closed books and notes unless advised otherwise. No make-up exams will be given. Exceptions may be considered in case of illness, serious emergencies, or other university sponsored activities. However, appropriate evidences must be presented in order to qualify for exceptions.

Grading

- Homeworks ...................................................... 25%
- Midterm Exam .............................................. 20%
- Term Project ................................................... 25%
- Final Exam ..................................................... 30%

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Ethics, Disabilities, and Emergencies

Students are expected to abide by IPFW Student Conduct Code (analogous to ASCE code of ethics), as well as on a personal code of ethics based on a value system which adheres to the highest standards of academic integrity. Any breach of academic honesty will be handled in accordance with established university procedures. http://www.ipfw.edu/committees/senate/regulations/honesty.html

If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. Contact the Director of Services for Students with Disabilities (Walb Union Bldg., Room 113, (481-6657)) as soon as possible to work out the details. For more information, please visit the website for SSD http://new.ipfw.edu/offices/disabilities/text-version

In the event of a major campus emergency, course requirements, deadlines and grading percentages are subject to changes that may be necessitated by a revised semester calendar or other circumstances. Information will be provided via email and/or Blackboard. IPFW's Emergency website at: https://www.ipfw.edu/offices/police/emergency/

Important Dates

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