



CIVL2205

Geotechnical Engineering

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School of Engineering

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General Information

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Credit points

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Prerequisites

CIVL1001

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit applies principles of soil mechanics to different design stages of geotechnical structures. The unit will help the students analyse and design different structures associated with soils. Specific topics include introduction to geotechnical design, site investigation and in situ testing, water flow and seepage in soils, lateral stress and retaining structures, slope stability and landslides, shallow and deep foundations, and ground improvement. This unit provides the essential knowledge required for successful completion of a Geotechnical and Transportation Project in the fourth year.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are

available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Carry out site investigation and in-situ testing for geotechnical engineering projects

ULO2: Estimate stresses and pore pressures associated with the construction of a geotechnical structure

ULO3: Exhibit in-depth understanding of engineering design and analysis

ULO4: Appreciate and demonstrate an understanding of the factors affecting the final design and considerations that should be made according to the Australian standards and guidelines.

ULO5: Analyse and design retaining walls, foundations and analyse the stability of slopes

General Assessment Information

Mid session quiz Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test Indicative Time on Task 2: 19 hours Due: Weighting: 20% Mid session quiz

On successful completion you will be able to: • Carry out site investigation and in-situ testing for geotechnical engineering projects • Estimate stresses and pore pressures associated with the construction of a geotechnical structure

Project Assessment Type 1: Project Indicative Time on Task 2: 25 hours Unit guide CIVL2205 Geotechnical Engineering Due: Weighting: 40% There will be set of small projects through out the session, which are part of a larger project.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Carry out site investigation and in-situ testing for geotechnical engineering projects
- Estimate stresses and pore pressures associated with the construction of a geotechnical structure
- Exhibit in-depth understanding of engineering design and analysis
- Appreciate and demonstrate an understanding of the factors affecting the final design and considerations that should be made according to the Australian standards and guidelines.
- Analyse and design retaining walls, foundations and analyse the stability of slopes

Final Examination Assessment Type 1: Examination Indicative Time on Task 2: 26 hours Due: Weighting: 40%

Final examination

On successful completion you will be able to:

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1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the Writing Centre for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Mid session quiz</u>	20%	No	
<u>Project</u>	40%	No	
<u>Final Examination</u>	40%	No	

Mid session quiz

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 19 hours

Due:

Weighting: **20%**

Mid session quiz

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Project

Assessment Type ¹: Project

Indicative Time on Task ²: 25 hours

Due:

Weighting: **40%**

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On successful completion you will be able to:

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Policies and Procedures

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[s.mq.edu.au](https://students.mq.edu.au)). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

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The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

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- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
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- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

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