

# **Durability and Condition Assessment of Reinforced Concrete Structures**

# **CIVILEN 5510**

**Credit Hours:** 3.00 - 3.00

#### **Course Levels:**

Undergraduate (1000-5000 level) Graduate (5000-8000 level)

**Course Components:** Lecture

#### **Course Description:**

In-depth review of the most common processes affecting durability of portland cement concrete durability, and presents methods of assessing the quality of in-place concrete construction for vertical construction, roads and bridges, and geotechnical elements. Laboratory durability testing, on-site non-destructive evaluation techniques, and procedures for repair and rehabilitation will be discussed.

#### **Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

Prereq: 3510, or Grad standing in Civil Engineering.

#### **Course Goals / Objectives:**

- 1. Describe the mechanisms of deterioration of RC structures; 2. Link aspects of design and materials usage to damage progression 3. Select appropriate non-destructive testing methods for condition assessment;
- 4. Assess the limitations of inspection procedures; 5. Describe the limitations of repair procedures; 6. Critically review technical articles and synthesize information from various sources.

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## **Course Topics:**

- Intro General review of cement chemistry and hydration Concrete microstructure and transport properties
- Basics of Forensic Analysis Visual inspections Field diagnosis/prognosis
- Non-destructive testing methods for concrete: GPR, UPV, Schmidt Hammer
- Alkali Aggregate Reactions: Alkali carbonate reaction and Alkali-silica reaction: Causes and case studies
- Alkali-silica reaction: Prevention and attempts to slow progression
- ASR test method jigsaw Corrosion: Chloride transport Corrosion detection and monitoring
- Corrosion: Corrosion prevention strategies
- Corrosion test method jigsaw Freeze-thaw durability: General freeze-thaw Salt scaling Calcium oxychloride formation and damage Prevention strategies
- Freeze-thaw (cont'd) External sulfate attack/salt crystallization damages Internal sulfate attack Prevention strategies
- Sulfate attack (cont'd) Carbonation Prevention Strategies Service life predictions Repair of concrete structures: Site preparation Placement and Curing Repair of concrete structures: Strategy Material considerations and Incompatibility issue
- Repair of concrete structures: Structural repairs

### **Designation:**

Elective