

Welcome To CE-401

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To: Students Enrolled in CE-401 For Spring 2024

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Subject: Welcome to Senior Civil Engineering Seminar

Welcome to CE-401, Senior Civil Engineering Seminar. On December 26, 2023, CANVAS released four documents that you should review in preparation for the first class and beyond. specifically:

- [CE-401 Syllabus.pdf](#)
- [CE-401 IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS.pdf](#)
- [DISCUSSION GROUP PROCEDURES.pdf](#)
- [ESSAY.pdf](#)

Our first in-person session will occur Friday morning, January 12, 2024, and if you have not already reviewed these documents, please do so as soon as possible. Do not hesitate to contact me, ce-401@windstream.net, if you have substantive or procedural questions about CE-401 or questions about any of these documents. If you experience issues with CANVAS, please contact Mr. Hall, the CAMPUS WIDE CANVAS GURU at buddy.hall@uky.edu and me. At 12:01 AM on Saturday January 6, 2024, CANVAS will release the Week 01 reading assignment, video, and discussion questions. Most of the information that follows is also available on the CE-401 webpage¹ (See Footnote 1 for hyperlink).

Our class sessions will take place in Anderson Tower room 259. These rooms have tables that allow members of each discussion group to sit together. When you arrive for class on Friday morning, please sit at the table and in the seat that I have designated for you and your assigned group, A through F, for Week 01. You can find the seating charts for Week 01 at the CE-401 Webpage.

I have randomly assigned each of you to a discussion group for Week 01 as shown below:

¹http://richardcheeks.com/professor/New%20Front%20Page%20Format/CE-401_Front_Page.htm

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Spring 2024 Teams For Section 01 For Week 01 Only

A	Abualsoud	Burchett	Moore	Simmons
B	Cernetisch	Neal	Prass	Stepp
C	Hadgu	Ramos	Williams	
D	Justice	Roberts	Wolthers	
E	Lampman	Schaes	Yamrick	
F				

Spring 2024 Teams For Section 02 For Week 01 Only

A	Allen	Hacker	Neuzel	Wesselman
B	Barber	Hite	Pulikowski	Wyckoff
C	Berg	Kodura	Riney	
D	Campbell	LaPorte	Thompson	
E	Chaney	Lambert	Shalash	
F	Fulkerson	Meyers	Slugantz	

These Group Assignments are subject to Change Due to Enrollment Changes That May Occur prior to the first week of the semester. I will update these group memberships for Week 01 Discussions on the CE-401 Webpage if and when roster changes occur.

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Class sessions will start promptly at 8 or 11 AM, and attendance and promptness are points of emphasis all semester, including Week 01. Please treat your commitment to these meetings as you would any important professional obligation.

In Week 01, each group will address three of six discussion questions in accordance with [DISCUSSION GROUP PROCEDURES.pdf](#). The group and group leader assignments for the Week 01 questions are shown at the CE-401 webpage and supplied here for your convenience. As noted previously, this matrix of discussion question assignments for Week 01 may change as enrollments become final for the semester.

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Timely Initial Posts: 0.0%			Current Participation: 0		Last Update 8-Jan-24 5:37 PM	
Section 1			Week 1		Discussion Question Activity Report	
Question	Group	Leader	1	2	3	4
1	A	Burchett	Abualsoud	Burchett	Moore	Simmons
1	C	Hadgu	Hadgu	Ramos	Williams	
1	E	Lampman	Lampman	Schares	Yamrick	
2	B	Neal	Cernetisch	Neal	Prass	Stepp
2	D	Justice	Justice	Roberts	Wolthers	
2	F					
3	A	Simmons	Abualsoud	Burchett	Moore	Simmons
3	C	Ramos	Hadgu	Ramos	Williams	
3	F					
4	B	Cernetisch	Cernetisch	Neal	Prass	Stepp
4	D	Wolthers	Justice	Roberts	Wolthers	
4	E	Yamrick	Lampman	Schares	Yamrick	
5	A	Moore	Abualsoud	Burchett	Moore	Simmons
5	D	Roberts	Justice	Roberts	Wolthers	
5	F					
6	B	Stepp	Cernetisch	Neal	Prass	Stepp
6	C	Williams	Hadgu	Ramos	Williams	
6	E	Schares	Lampman	Schares	Yamrick	

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Bold / Bold Post made within Time			Bold	Post is made after consensus, 60% loss
Non-Bold Leader-No Consensus Posted, -5 Points			<i>Ital. non-bold</i>	No Post Made, 100% loss

Timely Initial Posts: 0.0%			Current Participation: 0		Last Update 8-Jan-24 5:37 PM	
Section 2			Week 1		Discussion Question Activity Report	
Question	Group	Leader	1	2	3	4
1	A	Allen	Allen	Hacker	Neuzel	Wesselman
1	C	Berg	Berg	Kodura	Riney	
1	E	Lambert	Chaney	Lambert	Shalash	
2	B	Hite	Barber	Hite	Pulikowski	Wyckoff
2	D	Campbell	Campbell	LaPorte	Thompson	
2	F	Fulkerson	Fulkerson	Meyers	Slugantz	
3	A	Neuzel	Allen	Hacker	Neuzel	Wesselman
3	C	Riney	Berg	Kodura	Riney	
3	F	Slugantz	Fulkerson	Meyers	Slugantz	
4	B	Barber	Barber	Hite	Pulikowski	Wyckoff
4	D	Thompson	Campbell	LaPorte	Thompson	
4	E	Chaney	Chaney	Lambert	Shalash	
5	A	Hacker	Allen	Hacker	Neuzel	Wesselman
5	D	LaPorte	Campbell	LaPorte	Thompson	
5	F	Meyers	Fulkerson	Meyers	Slugantz	
6	B	Pulikowski	Barber	Hite	Pulikowski	Wyckoff
6	C	Kodura	Berg	Kodura	Riney	
6	E	Shalash	Chaney	Lambert	Shalash	

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The Week 01 activity is important to introduce and establish the procedures we will follow for CE-401 over the course of the semester. Looking forward to seeing each of you on January 12.