

Welcome To CE-401

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To: Students Enrolled in CE-401 For Spring 2026

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Subject: Welcome to Senior Civil Engineering Seminar

Welcome to CE-401, Senior Civil Engineering Seminar. CANVAS recently released these four documents that you should review in preparation for CE-401 from the first class and beyond.

- [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 16, 2026, and if you have not already reviewed these documents, please do so as soon as possible, so we can hit the ground running during Week 01. Do not hesitate to email me if you have substantive or procedural questions about CE-401 or questions about any of these documents. ce-401@windstream.net. 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 10, 2026, 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 (Section 001) and Anderson Tower room 257 (Section 002). 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:

Spring 2026 Teams For Section 01 For Week 01 Only				
A	Ballinger	Eaton	Lee	Strong
B	Buehner	Elam	O'bryan	Tyler
C	Caldbeck	Gough	Riffe	
D				
E				
F				

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

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Spring 2026 Teams For Section 02 For Week 01 Only

A	Adkins	Dunn	Knerr	Torres
B	Blevins	Eilers V	McGinnis	Trosper
C	Burke	Farmer	Muthukrishna	
D	Cannon	Harwood	O'Donnell	
E	Clark	Jordan	Salbego	
F	Davis	Kinzer	Terrill	

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.

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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Section 1			Week 1 Discussion Question Activity Report						
Question	Group	Leader	1	2	3	4	5		
1	A	Eaton	Ballinger	Eaton	Lee	Strong			
1	C	Caldbeck	Caldbeck	Gough	Riffe				
1	E								
2	B	Elam	Buehner	Elam	O'bryan	Tyler			
2	D								
2	F								
3	A	Ballinger	Ballinger	Eaton	Lee	Strong			
3	C	Gough	Caldbeck	Gough	Riffe				
3	F								
4	B	Buehner	Buehner	Elam	O'bryan	Tyler			
4	D								
4	E								
5	A	Lee	Ballinger	Eaton	Lee	Strong			
5	D								
5	F								
6	B	O'bryan	Buehner	Elam	O'bryan	Tyler			
6	C	Riffe	Caldbeck	Gough	Riffe				
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Timely Initial Posts: -10.0%			Current Participation: 0			Last Update		15-Dec-25	5:47 PM
Section 2			Week 1			Discussion Question Activity Report			
Question	Group	Leader	1	2	3	4	5		
1	A	Adkins	Adkins	Dunn	Knerr	Torres			
1	C	Burke	Burke	Farmer	Muthukrishnan				
1	E	Jordan	Clark	Jordan	Salbego				
2	B	Eilers V	Blevins	Eilers V	McGinnis	Trosper			
2	D	Cannon	Cannon	Harwood	O'Donnell				
2	F	Davis	Davis	Kinzer	Terrill				
3	A	Knerr	Adkins	Dunn	Knerr	Torres			
3	C	Muthukrishnan	Burke	Farmer	Muthukrishnan				
3	F	Terrill	Davis	Kinzer	Terrill				
4	B	Blevins	Blevins	Eilers V	McGinnis	Trosper			
4	D	O'Donnell	Cannon	Harwood	O'Donnell				
4	E	Clark	Clark	Jordan	Salbego				
5	A	Dunn	Adkins	Dunn	Knerr	Torres			
5	D	Harwood	Cannon	Harwood	O'Donnell				
5	F	Kinzer	Davis	Kinzer	Terrill				
6	B	McGinnis	Blevins	Eilers V	McGinnis	Trosper			
6	C	Farmer	Burke	Farmer	Muthukrishnan				
6	E	Salbego	Clark	Jordan	Salbego				

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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 16.