College of Engineering

Department of Civil Engineering



CE 534 Traffic Flow Operation and Control

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Credit and Contact hours	3 / 3 (Lectures), 0 (Tutorials), 0 (Laboratory)		
Required, or Elective	Required		
Course Description	The course will give students an overview of concepts in traffic operations and control. Primarily this course will focus on the application of traffic control methods and devices to improve capacity and safety of urban street systems. Emphasis will also be put on the computer aids and the new technology of signal systems, and highway operations.		
Prerequisites or Co- requisites	None		
Course Learning Outcomes	Students completing this course successfully will be able to:		
	Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)	Related Student Outcomes (SO)	
	CLO1. Identify the fundamentals of traffic flow theories and its characteristics to differentiate traffic flow conditions. K1	SO1	
	CLO2. Analyze different real-life traffic flow conditions. S1	SO2	
	CLO3. Develop effective traffic flow control strategies for different road hierarchies. S1	SO2	
	CLO4. Perform traffic control strategies in real-life conditions. S1	SO2	
Student Outcomes related to this Course	SO 1 Recognize advanced engineering knowledge, concepts, and techniques to identify, interpret, and analyze complex and real-life engineering problems. SO 2 Provide solutions for complex and real-life engineering problems through critical thinking and the use of modern engineering tools, and identify their impact on social, global, cultural, environmental, safety, and economic factors.		

Topics Covered	List of Topics	Related CLOs	
	1. Introduction, Traffic Study and Data Collection	CLO 1	
	2. Expressway Traffic Management Systems, Multi-modal Traffic Management	CLO 1	
	3. Car Following Models, Cell Transmission Model & Coordinated Ramp	CLO 2	
	4. Traffic Assignment, Urban Traffic Signal Control	CLO 2,4	
	5. Control of Bus Operations, Preferential Treatment of Bus Systems	CLO 3	
	6. Introduction to Logistics	CLO 1-4	
	7. Macroscopic Fundamental Diagram (MFD)	CLO 1,4	
	8. Network Level Traffic Management & Control with MFDs	CLO 4	
Textbook(s) and Other Required Material	 Introduction to Traffic Flow Theory: An introduction with exercises, 1st Edition, by V.L. Knoop (2017) Global Practices on Road Traffic Signal Control: Fixed-Time Control at Isolated Intersections, 1st Edition, by Keshuang Tang, Manfred Boltze, Hideki Nakamura, Zong Tian (2019) Overseas Management of Traffic Congestion and Travel Demand (Traffic Infrastructure- Roads, Highways, Bridges, Airports and Mass Transit), by Jordana R. Salamone (2011) 		
Grading System	Homework Assignments 20%		
	Midterm Exam 20%		
	Research Paper/Project 20%		
	Final Exam 40%		
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