COSC - CONSTRUCTION SCIENCE (COSC)

COSC 153 Introduction to the Construction Industry
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Characteristics of the construction industry; types of construction companies; contracts; people involved in a project, their responsibilities and interrelationships; evolution of a project; interpreting working drawings; construction bonds; contract documents.
Prerequisite: COSL or COSC majors.

COSC 175/AREN 175 Construction Graphics Communication
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Visualization, interpretation and communication of graphical geometry in construction design and engineering; graphical analysis of problems; sketching applications, computer aided design and fundamentals of information modeling software; introduction to common quantitative tools in construction.
Prerequisite: AREN and COSL majors only.
Cross Listing: AREN 175/COSC 175.

COSC 184 Construction Safety I
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Administration and application of the OSHA Act in the construction industry; includes standards, the general duty clause, competent person, and hazard identification; fulfills the requirements for the ten-hour OSHA certifications.
Prerequisite: Construction science major.

COSC 202 Introduction to Housing
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Overview of the social, economic, environmental and cultural impacts of housing on communities and nations; varied perspectives to understand the different facets of housing and their impacts on the human experience; critical thinking skills to gain knowledge and to be informed of housing choices.

COSC 222 Social Issues in the History of the Construction Environment
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Introduction to cultural and social issues in the built environment; exploration of how individual and collective ideas, values and beliefs are expressed in the construction environment; how the field of construction internalizes and thinks about these values across cultures and how authority, majorities and privilege affect the creativity of the built environment; emphasizes civil discourse to help recognize positionality and work collaboratively in a multicultural society.

COSC 253 Construction Materials and Methods I
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
(ARCH 2312) Construction Materials and Methods I. Materials, methods and sequences of the construction process; emphasis on design, specification, purchase and use of concrete, masonry and wood.

COSC 254 Construction Materials and Methods II
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Analysis of materials and methods used in the design and construction of buildings with a particular emphasis on structures using structural steel reinforced concrete and dimensional framing lumber.
Prerequisite: COSC 253.

COSC 255 Estimating I
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Systems approach to determining required quantities of construction materials; quantification of various types of foundation systems, structural systems and building envelope systems; excerpts of contract documents from a variety of different building projects.
Prerequisite: COSC 253; concurrent enrollment in COSC 175/AREN 175.

COSC 284 Introduction to Applied Workplace Ethics, Etiquette and Communications
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Professional ethics, etiquette and communication for employment preparation with a construction or construction related company; various case studies emphasizing personal accountability, integrity and codes of conduct; etiquette and communication of all forms will be presented, applied and discussed in reflective writing assignments in order to prepare to meet the professional expectations of employers upon graduation.
Prerequisite: Construction science majors.

COSC 285 Directed Studies
Credits 1 to 3. 1 to 3 Other Hours.
Special project in construction science. Project must be approved by the department.
Prerequisite: Approval of department head.

COSC 291 Research
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Other Hours.
Research conducted under the direction of faculty member in construction science. May be repeated 2 times for credit.
Prerequisites: Freshman or sophomore classification; approval of instructor.

COSC 301 Construction Surveying
Credits 3. 1 Lecture Hour. 4 Lab Hours.
Practical applications of surveying to the practice of construction project management; distance, grade and angular measurement; surveying equipment and its application to construction layout and control; surveying documentation and field work; introduction to other three dimensional measurement and positioning systems.
Prerequisite: Admission to upper level in Construction Science.

COSC 303 High Performance Residential Building
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Exploration into the concepts of homebuilding operations using green building methods, tools to reach consumers, organizational and operational theories and market driven green building solutions; alignment with ICC 700 National Green Building Standard; operations of publicly traded and private production homebuilders and best practices; application for the professional designation of Certified Green Professional (CGP) given by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) upon completion.
Prerequisite: Admission to upper level in Construction Science.

COSC 310 Design and Construction Leadership Education I
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Promotion of personal leadership skills utilized within the design and construction professions; primary understanding and developing management skills with specific attention to developing personal attributes and skills necessary for achieving organizational goals.
Prerequisite: CARC majors only pursuing the minor in leadership in the design & construction professions; junior or senior classification.
COSC 321 Structural Systems I
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Introduction to the physical principles that govern classical statics and strengths of materials through the design of architectural structures.
Prerequisite: Admission to upper level in Construction Science.

COSC 322 Construction Discourse Leadership
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Practicum on leadership skills; leading and managing difficult discussions in a professional setting; mentorship of new students; presentation of difficult discussion topics, demonstration of constructive critique methods.
Prerequisite: COSC 222; Junior or senior classification; construction science majors or leadership in the design and construction profession minors.

COSC 325 Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Systems in Construction I
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Design, operation, materials and installation methods of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems in construction.
Prerequisite: Admission to upper level in construction science or minor in facility management.

COSC 326 Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Systems in Construction II
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
In depth coverage of mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) system operations, materials and installation methods; development of MEP drawings, specifications and contract documents as used in MEP specialty contracting industry.
Prerequisite: COSC 325.

COSC 333 Project Management for Facility Managers
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Overview of project management for facility managers covering concepts and components of project management and their interrelationships in construction practice.
Prerequisite: Minor in facility management; junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

COSC 353 Construction Project Management
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
An introduction to construction project management covering concepts of project selection, estimating bidding, scheduling, subcontracting practices, cost controls, project documentation, construction bonds, insurance, payments and the elements of close out; development of professional communication skills through prepared multi-media presentations.
Prerequisite: Admission to upper level in Construction Science.

COSC 375 Estimating II
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Quantification and pricing of direct field costs and general condition costs from construction documents; the preparation of complete lump sum bid package ready for project execution; complete set of contract documents required.
Prerequisites: Admission to upper level in Construction Science; COSC 275.

COSC 381 Professional Ethics in the Construction Industry
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Principles of ethical behavior in preparation for a professional internship with a construction or construction-related company; various construction company case studies emphasizing personal accountability, integrity, moral courage, individual, association and company codes of conduct; accepted business practices, decision making, company cultures, peer pressure, public opinion.
Prerequisite: Admission to upper level in Construction Science.

COSC 411 Seminar in Design and Construction Executive Leadership
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Promotes an understanding of leadership and builds the capacity to understand and meet the challenges involved in developing and leading ethical and sustainable organizations in today's economy; examination of theory, conceptualizing, reflection and application; share experiences in everyday life and learn to predict outcomes based on theoretical models.
Prerequisite: COSC 410; CARC majors only pursuing the minor in leadership in the design and construction professions; junior or senior classification.

COSC 421 Soil and Structural Analysis.
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Advanced structural analysis of steel and concrete members with an introduction to soil properties and constituents; utilizations of computer analysis tools.
Prerequisite: COSC 321.

COSC 440 Interdisciplinary Capstone
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
A senior capstone for students preparing to enter the designbuild sector of the construction industry; integration of the design and construction processes into a single, cohesive project delivery system, starting with project inception, and carrying through construction, operation and maintenance of various types of construction projects.
Prerequisite: COSC 475; must be taken in graduating semester.

COSC 441 Residential Capstone
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
A senior capstone course for students preparing to enter the residential construction industry; project management of residential projects, including market analysis, site analysis, residential design, building codes, estimating, scheduling, financing, subcontracting, marketing, business planning and current trends in design and construction.
Prerequisite: COSC 475; must be taken in graduating semester.

COSC 442 Commercial Capstone
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
A senior capstone course for students preparing to enter the commercial construction sector; project management of commercial construction projects, including aspects of design, bidding/estimating; presentation, value engineering, contracts/negotiation, subcontractor relations, cost controls, management during construction, close out, and post-construction requirements.
Prerequisite: COSC 475; must be taken in graduating semester.
COSC 443 Industrial Capstone  
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.  
A senior capstone course for students preparing to enter the industrial  
construction sector; project management of industrial construction  
projects including project acquisition, planning and staffing, engineering,  
procurement, construction, start-up, close out, operations and  
maintenance, and turn-arounds.  
Prerequisite: COSC 475; must be taken in graduating semester.

COSC 446 Specialty Capstone  
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.  
Senior capstone course for students preparing to enter the mechanical,  
electrical or other specialty construction company; project management  
of specialty contracts including project acquisition, schematic system  
design, estimating/bidding, scheduling, systems integration, value  
engineering, management during construction of crews and procurement,  
contract administration, business planning and current industry issues.  
Prerequisite: COSC 475; must be taken in graduating semester.

COSC 450 Facility Management Principles and Practices  
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.  
Principles of facility management; the life cycle of a project; strategic  
planning; performance measurements; life cycle cost approach; building  
sustainability; maintenance management; and industry practices.  
Prerequisite: Admission to upper level in construction science or minor in  
facility management.

COSC 459 Industrial Construction  
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.  
Industry specific knowledge such as concepts of developing construction  
management strategies of industrial projects, materials and methods,  
structural and mechanical components; preparation to effectively resolve  
challenges faced in the industrial construction sector.  
Prerequisites: Admission to upper level in construction science;  
COSC 375.

COSC 461 Building Information Modeling System  
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.  
Exploration of a data-rich, object-oriented, and parametric digital  
representation of the facility, from which views and information can be  
extracted and analyzed for construction project acquisition, planning, and  
control.  
Prerequisite: Admission to upper level in Construction Science.

COSC 463 Introduction to Construction Law  
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.  
Introduction to basic contract and tort issues and their application in  
the construction industry; delineation of the various types of contracts  
and remedies available to parties involved in a construction project;  
additional related topics including bidding, delays, mechanics liens, site  
conditions, warranties and the Uniform Commercial Code as it relates to  
the construction industry, introduction to legal research and reasoning as  
used by professional constructors.  
Prerequisite: Admission to upper level in Construction Science.

COSC 464 Construction Safety II  
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.  
Administration and application of the Occupational Safety and Health  
Administration Act in the construction industry; includes OSHA  
standards, the general duty clause, competent person and hazard  
identification; fulfills the requirements for the thirty-hour OSHA, CPR and  
First Aid certifications.  
Prerequisite: Admission to upper-level in construction science; COSC 184.

COSC 465 Advanced Topics in Construction Law  
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.  
Legal issues affecting construction, including the parties to construction  
work, contracting, responsibilities and risk, risk management, damages,  
handling of claims and disputes, indemnification, bonds, insurance,  
bankruptcy, labor and employment, and subcontract management;  
litigation and alternative dispute resolution methods regularly used in the  
construction industry.  
Prerequisite: COSC 463.

COSC 468 Risk Management in the Built Environment  
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.  
Decision-making and risk analysis concepts in the context of the built  
environment and construction projects; major categories and tools of  
risk management regularly used in the construction industry such as  
contracts, insurance and bonds.  
Prerequisites: Admission to upper level in construction science and  
COSC 463 or concurrent enrollment.

COSC 473 Built Environment in International Setting  
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.  
Survey of the built environment and how changing global societies have  
adapted in design, labor and materials used; exposure to opinions and  
practices in the areas of politics, culture, gender and religion.  
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior construction science majors or instructor  
approval.

COSC 474 Facility Management Internship  
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.  
An internship (10 weeks, 400 hours) in a facility management related  
position that exposes the student to facility management activities; daily  
logs, monthly reports, final report and completion letter required; distance  
education off-campus course; does not satisfy College of Architecture  
semester away requirement.  
Prerequisites: COSC 450; approval of internship faculty coordinator.

COSC 475 Construction Project Planning  
Credits 3.2 Lecture Hours.  
Development of parameter cost estimates for activities that relate to  
the construction of a building project; work packages sequenced,  
planned and leveled to develop a working project execution document;  
development of procedures to monitor actual field progress.  
Prerequisite: COSC 353, COSC 375.

COSC 477 Construction Project Controls  
Credits 3.3 Lecture Hours.  
Introduction to construction related financial documents including  
schedule of values, labor and operations cost reports, income  
statements, balance sheets and construction budgets; emphasis on the  
development of techniques required to effectively monitor the financial  
aspects of a construction project.  
Prerequisite: COSC 353 and COSC 494.

COSC 481 Seminar  
Credit 1.1 Lecture Hour.  
Seminar discussion of construction equipment selection, utilization  
maintenance and operating cost.  
Prerequisite: Admission to upper level in Construction Science.
COSC 484 Internship - 10 Week  
Credits 3. 3 Other Hours.  
An internship (10 weeks, 400 hours) with a construction or construction-related company that exposes the student to construction-related activities; daily logs, monthly reports, final report and completion letter required; distance education course with non-resident status; does not satisfy the College of Architecture semester away requirement.  
Prerequisites: COSC 184 and COSC 284; approval of internship faculty coordinator.

COSC 485 Directed Studies  
Credits 1 to 5. 1 to 5 Other Hours.  
Special problems in building construction.  
Prerequisite: Admission to upper-level in Construction Science.

COSC 489 Special Topics in...  
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours.  
Selected topics in an identified field of construction science. May be repeated for credit.  
Prerequisite: Admission to upper-level in Construction Science.

COSC 491 Research  
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Other Hours.  
Research conducted under the direction of faculty member in construction science. May be repeated 2 times for credit. Registration in multiple sections of this course is possible within a given semester provided that the per semester credit hour limit is not exceeded.  
Prerequisites: Admission to upper level in Construction Science and approval of instructor.

COSC 494 Internship  
Credits 7. 7 Other Hours.  
An internship (15 weeks, 600 hours) with a construction or construction-related company that exposes the student to construction-related activities, daily logs, monthly reports, final report and completion letter required; distance education course with non-resident status. No other TAMU courses may be taken while enrolled in COSC 494.  
Prerequisites: COSC 184, COSC 284, COSC 353, and COSC 375; approval of internship faculty coordinator.