

**Nashville State Community College  
School of STEM  
Civil and Construction Engineering Technology**

**Fall 2022 Master Course Syllabus**

**CIVT 1250 – Materials and Methods of Construction**

The purpose of the syllabus is to tell you how the course is organized, what the expectations are, and how you will be graded. In addition, there is important information about how the college will operate during severe weather and how the college will communicate with you. The syllabus is not a contract. Instead, it is meant to help you succeed in this course. If any of the content changes during the semester, you will be notified.

**Course information:**

**Course Title: Materials and Methods of Construction**

**Credits: 3 Credits**

**Class Hours: 3 Class Hours**

**Course Description:**

The basic techniques and fundamentals essential in erecting wood frame, steel frame and reinforced concrete frame buildings. The study involves the various phases from site investigation through finished work.

**Instructor Information:**

**Name:**

**Email:**

**Office Phone:**

**Office Location:**

**Office Hours:**

**Instructor Zoom Room link:**

**Class Session Zoom Link Information (if virtual):**

**Required Textbook(s) & Other Materials:**

**Textbook(s): ):** Building Construction: Principles, Materials and Systems, by Mehta, Scarborough & Arm Priest. Prentice Hall, Third edition.

**ISBN:** 9780134454177

Once you have registered for your courses, you should make sure you have the correct textbook and materials for each course. Before courses begin, you can do this by looking up your courses on the [bookstore's website](https://www.bkstr.com/nscstore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials) ( <https://www.bkstr.com/nscstore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials> ) using your A# or by entering your course information. If you are registered with the Access Center and need

an alternate format for the textbook and other course materials, please contact the Access Center at 615-353-3721, 615-353-3741, or [accesscenter@nscc.edu](mailto:accesscenter@nscc.edu).

**Digital Course Materials:** These ensure you pay less for your course materials and have easy access through D2L throughout the semester. When you registered for this course, the charge for these materials appeared on your account. If you decide you do not want to purchase the course materials embedded in NS Online, you can opt out of the program **until the end of the second week of classes**. If you opt out, you will be responsible for purchasing the required course materials on your own. For more information, please visit [www.nscc.edu/dcm](http://www.nscc.edu/dcm).

**Honors Option:** Honors credit is available in some classes. If you are interested in participating in the Honors Program, please see your instructor within the first four weeks of class.

**Course Outcomes:** At the end of the semester, this is what you should know and/or be able to do:

1. Know the responsibilities of the owner, the designer, and the contractor for a construction project.
2. Understand the principles used to control forces, temperature, moisture, air, and fire in a building.
3. Understand basic concepts relating to the materials and methods of construction including wood, steel, concrete, drywall, roofing, floors, drywall, windows, and doors.
4. Understand and use of appropriate technical terminology in construction.
5. Understand the basic components and methods involved in both light and heavy construction.
6. Develop speaking and writing skills by preparing a paper on construction materials or methods and give an oral presentation.
7. Gain hands-on experience with the materials used in the construction industry.
8. Build a small structure using small groups.
  
9. Understand the principles of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDS).

### Course Competencies:

The following are detailed course competencies, or specific skills or knowledge, intended to help you achieve the course outcomes:

The Course Outcomes above will be used to measure objective examinations of the theory, principles, and by instructor observations of classroom activities. Your ability to communicate technical information will be assessed by your instructor as part of your oral presentation. The standards expected and the level of quality of meeting those standards is stated with the assignment.

### Topics to Be Covered:

<u>Week</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Chapter and Topic</u>
<b>Part 1 Principals (Ch. 1-10)</b>		
<b>1</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Introduction, Chapter 1: Building Delivery (SD,DD,CD), Masterformat, Construction (Pre, Post)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Chapter 2: Design and Construction Regulations, IBC
<b>2</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	4 Steps to determine Height, Area of Building
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Chapter 3; Building Load (DL, LL, Rain, Wind, EQ, Trib. Area)

3	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Chapter 4; Load Resistance (Stress, E, Bending, Factor Safety).
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Chapter 5; Properties of Envelope – I (Thermal, R, U, Map)
4	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Chapter 6; Properties of Envelope – II (Air/Water Movement)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Chapter 7; Fire and Smoke (Types of Construction p.173,4)
5	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Chapter 8; Acoustical Properties (STC, NRC)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Chapter 9; Joints and Sealants (Expand and Contract)
6	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Chapter 10; LEED; Principles of Sustainable Construction
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	<b>TEST #1 (Chapters 1-10) Principles</b>

**Part 2 Materials (Chapters 11-25)      Materials; Soils, Wood, Steel, Concrete, Masonry, Stone**

7	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Chapter 11 Soils & Excavations Chapter 12, Foundations & Basements
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Chapter 13; Wood Construction – I (Lumber) Chapter 14; Wood – (Engineered Wood Products, Connections)
8	<b>SPRING BREAK (NO CLASS)</b>	
9	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Chapter 15-16; Light Frame Construction – 1&2 Chapter 17; Structural Insulated Panel (SIPs)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Chapter 18-20; Steel, Cold Formed Steel
10	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Chapter 22; Concrete (Formwork, Rebar, Slabs) Chapter 23; Concrete (Site-Cast and Precast)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Chapter 24; Mason Materials - I (Mortar and Brick) Chapter 25; Mason Materials - II (CMU, Stone, Glass)
11	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Chapter 26; Mason and Concrete Bearing Wall Construction
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	<b>TEST #2 (Chapters 11-25) Materials</b>

**Part 3 Systems (Chapters 27-37) Walls, Roofs, Stairs, Doors, Windows, Floors, Ceilings**

12	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Chapter 27-28; Exterior Cladding – I&II (Rain Control, Masonry, Precast Concrete, and GFRC)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Chapter 29; Exterior Cladding - III (Stucco, Veneer, EIFS)
13	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Chapter 30-31; Glass, Glazing, Plastics, Windows and Doors
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Chapter 32; Exterior Wall Cladding–IV (Wall Systems in Glass)
14	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Chapter 33-34; Roofing - I (Low-Slope, Steep)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Chapter 35; Stairs, build dog house
15	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Chapter 36; Flooring, build dog house
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Chapter 37; Ceilings, build dog house <b>TEST #3 (Chapters 27-37) Systems</b>

1<sup>st</sup> Class Chapter Presentations, build dog house  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Chapter Presentations, build dog house

**16 May. 2 29th Class FINAL EXAM (Comprehensive)**

**Course Assessments:** We will use the following assessments to demonstrate your understanding, knowledge, and skills:

**Grading Policy:**

Three Tests (10% each)	30%
Final Exam	10%
Report and Presentation	10%
Homeworks	20%
Attendance and Participation (see below)	10%
<u>Class Assignments</u>	<u>20%</u>
Total	100%

**Grading Scale:**

Letter Grade	Percentage Range
A	90-100
B	80-90
C	70-80
D	60-70
F	Below 60

**FA**

If you stop attending class or if you are in an online class and stop submitting assignments, but do not turn in a withdrawal form by the deadline, you are still enrolled in class. You will be given a grade of FA, which means you have failed due to not attending class and not completing your assignments. Please refer to the current academic calendar available on the Nashville State web site, looking for the date that indicates it is the “Last Day to Earn F for Attendance (FA).” If you stop attending your course after this date, you will receive an F.

**FN**

An FN is awarded if you have never attended your course or done any of the work in an online course.

**Late Work Policy & Make-up Procedures for Missed Assignments and Work:**

No late work is accepted without instructor approval.

## Attendance Policy

### General Policy

- *Absences in a course may affect your final grade.*
- *Tardiness may also affect your final grade.*
- *You are responsible for all work/tests that occur during any missed course session(s) regardless of reason(s) for absence.*
- *If you are not well enough to attend a course session (class), you must notify the instructor as soon as possible before the scheduled course time.*
  - *If you are unable to notify an instructor before the scheduled course time, you must contact the instructor as soon as reasonably possible.*
- *If you have an unavoidable conflict with a scheduled course session, you must notify the instructor before the course session.*
  - *If you are unable to notify an instructor before the scheduled course time, you must contact the instructor as soon as reasonably possible.*

### Instructor's Policy

The attendance policy for this course is: No absences are allowed without prior instructor approval.

**For financial aid** purposes, **attendance** is measured by participation in the course. Instructors can determine your level of participation in several ways. Some of those ways are:

- continued attendance
- participation in on-ground or virtual class sessions
- participating in D2L as prompted
- responding to an instructor's email
- posting to a discussion board
- completing and submitting assignments

### Technology Statement

- All classes at the College are web enhanced. "Web enhanced" means that components of the course, such as assignments and online discussions, may be located online in the class D2L/NS Online course shell and used in the course, even if the course meets in a classroom on ground.
- You must have access to a computer and an internet connection to complete assignments, engage in online discussions, and access various course materials through D2L/NS Online course shells.
- You may also be required to use free video conferencing platforms (examples: Zoom, Teams, etc.) for course sessions and meetings.
- You will be responsible for appropriate dress while on video. This means that you are expected to dress as if you were in a classroom.
- You will be responsible for a distraction free environment while on video. This means that the professor and others in the course should not be able to hear noise in your home, such as cell phones, TVs, or barking dogs. The best way to do this is to keep yourself on "mute" until you need to speak.

- You will be responsible for making sure your background is neutral. Keep in mind that students and professors come from all around the world, and you are all a part of our community. Therefore, please avoid having images in your background that may be offensive to your classmates.
- Certain publisher materials, such as textbook figures, may not work on cellphones and may require a laptop or a tablet.
- If you have questions or concerns regarding access to a computer or internet resources, please contact your instructor. Additional information is available on the [access to internet and technology website](#).

### **Computer Labs**

Computers are available for all Nashville State students to use at each campus during open hours. Open computer lab availability may vary from campus to campus.

You should check the NSCC website for current hours of operation.

### **D2L/NS Online and myNSCC**

It is your responsibility to check your email in **both** D2L/NS Online course shells and your @my.nsc.edu (student email) on a regular basis. These are the official communication channels between the college and you. You are responsible for the information communicated through these email channels. D2L/NS Online emails contain specific course information and @my.nsc.edu emails contain important information from college offices, such as Financial Aid.

### **ADA Compliance Statement**

If you need accommodations due to a disability, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Access Center. Disabilities for which you can receive accommodations include documented physical, emotional, and/or learning conditions. Nashville State is committed to supporting your success, and we encourage you to get assistance if needed. If you require accommodations for any courses in which you are enrolled, contact the Access Center at 615.353.3363, or e-mail [accesscenter@nsc.edu](mailto:accesscenter@nsc.edu).

### **Classroom Misconduct**

Disruptive conduct is not allowed in the classroom. Disruptive conduct is any behavior that prevents students from learning and interferes with the ability of the instructor to teach. This may change from course to course; therefore, your individual instructors will give you guidance on what qualifies as “disruptive conduct” in their courses. Please review the [Nashville State Student Code of Conduct policy](#). Please be aware that children are not allowed in class or to be left unattended on campus.

### **Academic Misconduct**

You have started this academic journey to prepare for a future career. Because of this, it is important that you learn the materials being presented in your courses. For this reason, cheating, in any form, robs you of your opportunity to learn and master the material that will enable you to succeed in that future career. Nashville State has a clear [Academic Misconduct Policy](#) that you are expected to follow. In addition, your instructors will clarify what Academic Misconduct looks like and the consequences for violations in each course that you take. The instructor has the authority to assign an “F” or a “zero” for

such violations or for the semester grade. Copying is not allowed and may result in a deduction in the assignment or final grade.

### **Academic Early Alert System**

If you are not doing well in your course, your instructor may send you an Early Alert through your @my.nsc.edu email. This email will go to your academic advisor and Student Success advisor, as well. If you get an Early Alert, contact your instructor immediately. Instructors send these when they want to help you figure out how to get extra support to pass the course. An Early Alert does not mean that you have already failed the course. Rather, it means you are in danger of failing the course if you do not change your learning strategy. Please use an Early Alert to your advantage and as an opportunity to improve your grade.

### **RAVE Emergency Alert System**

You can log in to this free alert system to receive text messages about emergencies related to NSCC campuses: <https://www.getrave.com/login/nsc>. The instructions for this are listed below.

- Your RAVE Username is your NSCC email address.
- If you've never received an email from RAVE with your password, or if you need to reset your password, select "Forgot your password?" and a new password will be emailed to you.
- Should the RAVE system indicate "user not found", select Register and create your own RAVE account.

### **Student Wellness**

Your well-being is important to us. With this in mind, the college has several resources available to provide support when needed:

- [Free tutoring](#) provides assistance beyond the classroom to help you make the most of your college education.
- [These resources](#) include NSCC email, scheduling, online courses, textbooks, tech check out and support, computer labs on campuses, academic advising, financial advising, COVID-19 information and procedures on campuses.
- [Services](#) that help with bus passes, food, childcare, textbooks, housing, financial counseling, personal counseling, suicide prevention, health insurance.

### **Equity Statement**

Nashville State Community College strives to ensure that each student receives what that student needs to be successful, with goals of success beyond the classroom. We understand and practice ideals of equity and inclusion for our students by embracing a full spectrum of experiences, viewpoints, and intellectual approaches in order to overcome barriers to success.

### **Inclement Weather & Campus Closings**

You get notices about campus closings in these places: text messages from RAVE and [www.nsc.edu](http://www.nsc.edu). Even when campuses are closed, you are still responsible for completing all assigned work. Check D2L/NS Online for a message from your instructor so you do not miss important assignments and due dates, which may change due to the campus closure.

## **Class Cancellation Policy**

Our instructors post messages about cancelling classes in the D2L/NSOnline course shells and/or on the classroom door on campus. These messages can be found in the News and Content section or the Email tab in the online shell. Please check these to be sure that you take advantage of opportunities for learning and points toward your grade.