Welcome To CE-401

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To: Students Enrolled in CE-401 For Fall 2025

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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, August 29, 2025, 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 August 23, 2025, 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 webpage[1] (See Footnote 1 for hyperlink).

Our class sessions will take place in Anderson Tower room 259. This room has 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:

Fall 2025 Teams For Section 01 For Week 01 Only

A	Backus	Cooper	Rudd	Strong
B	Baker	Deal	Stevens	
C	Bright	Fields	Taylor	
D	Brown	Fowler	Thompson	
E	Carrillo	Herold	West	
F	Caudill	Hogan	Woods	

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

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Fall 2025 Teams For Section 02 For Week 01 Only

A	Audi	Conley	Howe	Malala
B	Barber	Hamblin	Morrison	
C	Brooks	Holt	Paxton	
D	Buckner	Jude	Sturgeon	
E	Combs	Kane	Thomasy	
F				

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	Cooper	Backus	Cooper	Rudd	Strong	
1	C	Bright	Bright	Fields	Taylor		
1	E	Carrillo	Carrillo	Herold	West		
2	B	Deal	Baker	Deal	Stevens		
2	D	Brown	Brown	Fowler	Thompson		
2	F	Hogan	Caudill	Hogan	Woods		
3	A	Backus	Backus	Cooper	Rudd	Strong	
3	C	Fields	Bright	Fields	Taylor		
3	F	Caudill	Caudill	Hogan	Woods		
4	B	Baker	Baker	Deal	Stevens		
4	D	Thompson	Brown	Fowler	Thompson		
4	E	West	Carrillo	Herold	West		
5	A	Rudd	Backus	Cooper	Rudd	Strong	
5	D	Fowler	Brown	Fowler	Thompson		
5	F	Woods	Caudill	Hogan	Woods		
6	B	Stevens	Baker	Deal	Stevens		
6	C	Taylor	Bright	Fields	Taylor		
6	E	Herold	Carrillo	Herold	West		

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Section 2 Week 1 Discussion Question Activity Report

Question	Group	Leader	1	2	3	4	5
1	A	Audi	Audi	Conley	Howe	Malala	
1	C	Brooks	Brooks	Holt	Paxton		
1	E	Kane	Combs	Kane	Thomasy		
2	B	Hamblin	Barber	Hamblin	Morrison		
2	D	Buckner	Buckner	Jude	Sturgeon		
2	F						
3	A	Howe	Audi	Conley	Howe	Malala	
3	C	Paxton	Brooks	Holt	Paxton		
3	F						
4	B	Barber	Barber	Hamblin	Morrison		
4	D	Sturgeon	Buckner	Jude	Sturgeon		
4	E	Combs	Combs	Kane	Thomasy		
5	A	Conley	Audi	Conley	Howe	Malala	
5	D	Jude	Buckner	Jude	Sturgeon		
5	F						
6	B	Morrison	Barber	Hamblin	Morrison		
6	C	Holt	Brooks	Holt	Paxton		
6	E	Thomasy	Combs	Kane	Thomasy		

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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 17.