Course Overview

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Construction Engineering and Management

Purpose of the course

 To introduce a new management tool and system analysis method to graduate students in construction engineering and management

Prerequisites:

- General engineering knowledge
- Basic understanding of construction organizations

Class audiences

Graduate Students in Construction Engineering and Management

Course outline

| # | Topic |
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| 1 | Introduction to System Dynamics |
| 2 | Causal Loop Diagrams |
| 3 | Stocks and Flows |
| 4 | Dynamic Systems Computer Simulation |
| 5 | The Modeling Process |
| 6 | Structure and Behavior of Dynamic Systems |
| 7 | Dynamics of Stocks and Flows |
| 8 | Closing the Loop: Dynamics of Simple Structures |
| 9 | The Dynamics of Growth |
| 10 | Delays |
| 11 | More Tools for Modeling Dynamic Systems |
| 12 | Model Testing |

Grade Distribution:

- Home Assignments: 15%
- Lab/ in Class Exercises: 10%
- Term Project: 15%
- Final Exam: 60%

Texts and References

Sterman J.D. (2000) "Business Dynamics: System Thinking and Modeling for a Complex World" McGraw-Hill Higher Education: NY.

Thank you!