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WACO, TEXAS

**COURSE SYLLABUS
AND
INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**PLANE SURVEYING
ENGR - 1307 – B001**

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NOTE: This is a 16-week course.
NOTE: This is a Blended/Hybrid course.

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Course Description:

Development of skills necessary to recognize and solve problems in surveying; introduction and use of various precision instruments used for surveying, including level, theodolites, electronic distance measuring equipment, and total stations for collecting field data; introduction of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and their use in surveying; and use of graphic design software, such as AutoCAD or Microstation, in surveying problems. Semester hours 3 (2 lec, 4 lab)

This is BLENDED course. This means that the lecture portion of this course will be delivered online. Most homework assignments will also be done online. The lab portion of this course will be face-to-face on Tuesdays after Spring Break.

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

C or better in MATH 1316—Plane Trigonometry or equivalent academic preparation, C or better in ENGR 1304—Engineering Graphics

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name: Paulina Z. Sidwell

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Office Location: S 144

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****This course will be meeting online only up until Spring Break. After Spring Break, there will be on-campus, face-to-face labs on Tuesdays from 1:15 pm to 5:20 pm.****

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Required Text & Materials:

- *Surveying* by McCormac, Sarasua, and Davis, 6th edition, ISBN: 978-0470496619
- *Autodesk Civil 3D 2024 Fundamentals* by SDC Publications, ISBN: 978-1-63057-588-5
- A calculator (any)
- A lab notebook (provided by instructor)
- Students should download the free AutoCAD Civil 3D 2024 software from www.autodesk.com.

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

Additional requirements:

Students must have a reliable computer and internet connection. Students must be able to demonstrate basic computer literacy skills such as keyboarding, sending and receiving email, and using a web browser.

MCC Engineering uses Slack for communication. All major course announcements will be posted in Slack – failure to check Slack will result in you missing important information. Also, anything we hear about jobs, scholarships, speakers, etc., will also be posted to Slack in the #general channel. Slack is free and used in the professional community as a workflow management system, so it is good to gain experience with the tool.

Please bear in mind that Slack is an open communication tool. Please do not ask for or reveal personal information through the tool. Note that anything you post in Slack in channels will be viewable by other channel participants. Do not post anything about personal grades, due dates, or personal issues. Do not post your own correct solutions to assignments, but you can post incorrect work and ask if anyone can see where you went wrong.

Slack can be used on both a desktop computer and as an app. For more information about Slack in general, visit <https://slack.com/>. You will be invited to our class channel via your MCC student account. Detailed guidelines for Slack are on Brightspace and on Slack itself.

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

Students will learn through online lecture videos, assigned readings, as well as through work on homework, labs, and exams. Additional methods may be used as opportunities present themselves.

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Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. State the different classifications and types of surveys. *Chapter 1*
2. Apply principles of trigonometry to surveying problems. *All chapters*
3. Perform necessary unit conversions in surveying. *All chapters*
4. Demonstrate skills necessary for field work such as safety, note keeping, and instrument care. *All chapters*
5. Operate surveying equipment such as level, theodolite, total station, electronic distance measuring equipment, and surveying tape. *All labs*
6. Determine the expected value and error bounds associated with measurements. *Chapters 2 & 4*
7. Perform horizontal and vertical measurements using standard surveying equipment for distance, angles, and contours. *All chapters*
8. Perform traverse and area calculations, including traverse closure. *Chapter 12*
9. Perform field layout for typical civil engineering applications such as highway geometrics and land development. *All labs*
10. Present surveying data in graphical form using engineering design software such as AutoCAD or Microstation. *Select labs*
11. Discuss the basic principles of GIS and GPS systems and their application to field surveying problems. *Chapters 16 – 18*

Course Outline or Schedule:

Students must be aware of two schedules: the lecture and homework schedule (which pertains to the online portion of the course), and the lab schedule (which pertains to the face-to-face portion of the course).

Lecture Schedule			
Week	Topics	Chapters	Due Friday at 11:59 pm
Week 1: 01/8 - 01/12	Introduction to the course Introduction to Surveying	Ch 1	Orientation Quiz
Week 2: 01/13 - 01/19	Introduction to Measurements Measurement and Error Error Analysis Signification Figures and Rounding	Ch 2	Homework 1
Week 3: 01/20 - 01/26	Distance Measurement Taping Trigonometry Review Distance Corrections	Ch 3 & 4	Homework 2 & 3

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Week 4: 01/27 - 02/02	Introduction to Leveling Differential Leveling Leveling Corrections	Ch 6 - 8	Homework 4 & 5
Week 5: 02/02 - 02/09	Test 1 (Ch 1 - 8) by Friday, Feb 9 via Respondus Monitor		
Week 6: 02/10 - 02/16	Angles and Direction Azimuths and Bearings Traverse Computations	Ch 9 - 11	Homework 6
Week 7: 02/17 - 02/23	Compass Rule Adjustment Area Computations	Ch 12	Homework 7
Week 8: 02/24 - 03/01	Topographic Surveying GPS GIS	Ch 14 - 18	Homework 8 & 9
Spring Break			
03/11	Test 2 (Ch 9 -18) by Monday, March 11, via Respondus Monitor		

Lab Schedule			
Week	Due the Monday before Lab	Tuesday Lab (1:15 to 5:20)	Due at the End of Lab/Friday
Week 10: 03/11 - 03/15	Lab Prep Quiz 1 Notebook 1 prep	Lab 1: Introduction and Determination of Pace	Finalized Notebook entry 1
Week 11: 03/18 - 03/22	Lab Prep Quiz 2 Notebook 2 prep	Lab 2: Length Measurement Techniques	Finalized Notebook entry 2 Autodesk Civil 3D #1
Week 12: 03/25 - 03/29	Lab Prep Quiz 3 Notebook 3 prep	Lab 3: Differential Leveling	Finalized Notebook entry 3 Autodesk Civil 3D #2
Week 13: 04/01 - 04/05	Lab Prep Quiz 4 Notebook 4 prep	Lab 4: Horizontal Angle Measurement	Finalized Notebook entry 4 Autodesk Civil 3D #3
Week 14: 04/08 - 04/12	Lab Prep Quiz 5 Notebook 5 prep	Lab 5: Measurement of Closed Traverse with Total Station Lab 6: Compass Rule Adjustment with Lab 5 data	Finalized Notebook entry 5 Lab 6 Spreadsheet (due Friday) Autodesk Civil 3D #4
Week 15: 04/15 - 04/19	Lab Prep Quiz 6	Lab 7: GPS/GIS	Lab 7 PPT (due Friday) Autodesk Civil 3D #5
Week 16: 04/22 - 04/26	Lab Prep Quiz 7	Lab 8: Combining Fieldwork and Civil 3D	Lab 8 Civil 3D files (due Friday)
	Test 3: Lab Practical	Due Friday, April 26, via Respondus Monitor	
	Final Exam (Comprehensive)	Due Tuesday, April 30th, via Respondus Monitor	

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Course Grading Information:

Grade Distribution	
Homework	20%
Pre Lab Quizzes	5%
Field Work	30%
CAD Assignments	10%
Lab Practical	10%
Tests	25%
Total	100%

A: 90%+ B: 80% – 89% C: 70% – 79% D: 60% – 69% F: 0% – 59%

Homework: All homework assignments will be completed on Brightspace. While most assignments involve answering questions directly on Brightspace, there may be assignments that need to be printed out, completed, scanned (using a proper scanner or a scanning app, like CamScanner), and then submitted on Brightspace. Assignments are due at 11:59 pm on Fridays as marked on the course calendar.

Pre Lab Quizzes: Before each lab, to be fully prepared, students must have watched all videos and completed the homework assignment on the topics the lab will cover. Additionally, there will be a video that will give them additional information about the lab itself. Within the video will be a password, which students must have to take the quiz. Students will have unlimited attempts on the quiz, but must earn 100% on the quiz. **Students who do not complete the related quiz with 100% by the previous Monday at 11:59 pm (before the lab) will not be allowed to participate on the week's lab and will receive a ZERO.**

Field Work: Labs will be graded on completeness, neatness, and accuracy. Details will be provided in the first lab meeting. There will be no opportunity to make up missed labs. Any unexcused lab absence will result in a zero for that lab. Excused lab absences (per official MCC policy) will result in the assignment being exempted (no grade given). It is the student's responsibility to learn the material since it will still be covered in the lab practical.

All labs will occur after Spring Break. Labs will be held at various locations on MCC campus. Labs will begin promptly at 1:15 pm. Lab locations will be posted on Brightspace. Some things to keep in mind:

- Most labs take place outdoors. As such:

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- Students should wear comfortable clothing (closed-toed shoes, no skirts, etc.) and dress warmly as appropriate. Students are also required to bring water.
- Students who arrive unprepared for lab (not dressed properly, no water, no notebook) will not be allowed to participate in the lab activity and will be given a zero for the day's work.
- Students should keep an eye on Slack just prior to lab, since weather may force us to cancel or move a lab at the last minute. Changes will be announced at least one hour prior to the beginning of lab.
- To prepare for lab:
 - Students should download a copy of the lab pdf to a phone or small mobile device (not a tablet or computer), or bring a printout. The instructor will not provide a copy of the lab on site.
 - Students must prepare their field notebook templates by the previous Monday and submit a scanned copy on Brightspace for verification.
 - Students who do not complete by the deadline will receive a letter grade deduction on the week's lab.
 - Students who arrive late to lab will lose one letter grade on that lab for every 10 minutes they are late.
 - Students must make sure they know where lab is meeting in advance. "Lost" students are also considered "absent" or "late."
- Field notebooks should be completed during the lab and must be uploaded to Brightspace by the end of the day to receive a grade.

CAD Assignments: We will be using AutoCAD Civil 3D 2024, which all college students may download from the AutoCAD website for free. AutoCAD Civil 3D activities will be posted on Brightspace and must be completed on the dates marked on the lab schedule.

Lab Practical: At the end of the semester, there will be an exam covering the use of equipment and field theory. More information will be provided later in the semester.

Tests: Besides the Lab Practical, three tests will be given during the semester (two tests and a final). Tests are closed notes/closed book. Students will be allowed a 3 by 5 index card, a calculator, and scratch paper. Students will need to submit their scratch work as soon as the test is done in order to receive credit. The lowest test grade will be dropped. Tests will be taken using Respondus Lockdown Monitor, which requires the use of a webcam. Before the day of the exam,

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students will need to complete the Technology Check to ensure they have Respondus Lockdown Browser working on their machine.

Academic Dishonesty. Any student that is found guilty of academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, or collusion on any problem on an assignment, lab, or test will receive a grade of zero on the entire assignment, lab, or test. File sharing is considered cheating. For repeated violations (including multiple violations on the same assignment, lab, or test) and/or egregious violations, a guilty student can be assigned a failing grade in this course and can be recommended for suspension from the McLennan Community College District.

Academic Resources. The Engineering & Physics Club has regularly scheduled Homework Nights to assist students who need help with their engineering coursework. Free tutoring will be provided. Zoom and in-person options will be available. Please check Slack for location and/or Zoom link.

Course Attendance/Participation Guidelines:

If a student is not in attendance in accordance with the policies/guidelines of the class as outlined in the course syllabus as of the course census date, faculty are required to drop students from their class roster prior to certifying the respective class roster. A student's financial aid will be re-evaluated accordingly and the student will only receive funding for those courses attended as of the course census date.

Before the 60% point of the semester (*for Spring 2024, it is March 21*), a student who is absent for 25% or more of a face-to-face or blended course or who misses 25% or more of assigned work for an online course will be withdrawn from the course with a grade of W. A student may also request to be withdrawn with a grade of W before the 60% point of the semester. After the 60% point of the semester, the student may request to be withdrawn if the student is passing, or be assigned the final grade earned at the end of the semester after grades have been updated to reflect missing work.

Late Work and Make Up Work Policies:

Late work will not be accepted. This is a blended course, and as such, attendance will be recorded weekly via two different methods, one prior to Spring Break and the other one after Spring Break. During the first half of the semester, attendance will be determined based on participating in online activities, such as homework assignments or tests. Any week in which you do not submit at least one of the assignments will count as one absence. For the second half of

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the semester, attendance will be based on physical participation in on-campus labs. For this purpose, arriving late and leaving the lab early both count as half an absence.

MCC allows for “excused” absences under these circumstances: authorized participation in official College functions; personal illness, or the illness of a dependent (such as a child) that requires the student to serve as a caretaker; an illness or a death in the immediate family; the observance of a religious holy day. Additionally, accommodations can be made for special circumstances related to military service, changes in immigration status, pregnancy and parenting protection under Title IX. It is your responsibility to let me know the reason for an absence the day you return to campus and provide sufficient documentation (doctor’s note, email from coach, etc.).

If you wish to drop this class, you must email me from your MCC student account before 5 pm on the last day for student-initiated drops, with the request “Please drop me from COURSE ID and SECTION NUMBER.” If the email does not come from your student account, or if the request is verbal, I cannot drop you. Alternatively, there is a form you can fill out and have me sign before 5 pm on the last day for student-initiated drops. (make an appointment to ensure I am on campus to provide the signature). Drops past the drop date are only done in documented, extreme, life-crisis circumstances, which usually involve withdrawing from school entirely.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Students are expected to maintain classroom decorum that includes respect for other students and the instructor, prompt and regular participation, and an attitude that seeks to take full advantage of this educational opportunity.

[Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)

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Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have additional guidelines specific to this course.

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ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

Accommodations/ADA Statement:

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit www.mclennan.edu/disability

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu (254)299-8122
Room 319, Student Services Center

Title IX:

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling, Dr. Claudette Jackson, (Accommodations/Title IX) at (254) 299-8465. MCC employees are mandatory reporters and must report incidents immediately to the Title IX Coordinator. Individuals may also contact the MCC Police Department at (254) 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>

Additionally, Title IX provides rights and protections for pregnant and newly parenting students. Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at www.mclennan.edu/titleix/. It contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

Student Support/Resources:

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

Academic Support and Tutoring is here to help students with all their course-related needs. Specializing in one-on-one tutoring, developing study skills, and effectively writing essays. Academic Support and Tutoring can be found in the Library and main floor of the Learning Commons. This service is available to students in person or through Zoom. You can contact the Academic Support and Tutoring team via Zoom or email (ast@mclennan.edu) by going to our website (<https://www.mclennan.edu/academic-support-and-tutoring/>)

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact either MCC CREW – Campus Resources Education Web by calling (254) 299-8561 or by emailing crew@mclennan.edu or a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing success@mclennan.edu.

Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff. To schedule an appointment, go to <https://calendly.com/paulannespantry-mcc/15min>.

The CREW, Success Coaches, and Paulanne's Pantry are all located on the second floor of the Student Services building in Success Coaching Services.

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an

emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf

MCC Academic Integrity Statement:

Please view our [Academic integrity statement](#) for more information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating. The unauthorized use of artificial intelligence (AI) for classwork can be a violation of the College's General Conduct Policy. Whether AI is authorized in a course and the parameters in which AI can be used in a course will be outlined by each instructor.

Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty-and-Staff-Commons/requirements.html> for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be notified via your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

Email Policy:

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy (<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>) regarding college email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails. For more information about your student email account, go to www.mclennan.edu/studentemail.

Instructional Uses of Email:

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with their students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

Email on Mobile Devices:

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email Helpdesk@mclennan.edu for help.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](#)
- [Email Setup for Androids](#)

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support](#) or email helpdesk@mclennan.edu.

Disclaimer:

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.