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The DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING offers highly acclaimed undergraduate and graduate programs of study. Our bachelor of science degree programs are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET (www.abet.org).

The department’s faculty includes internationally renowned scholars and researchers as well as clinical professors and adjunct faculty who bring extensive professional practice experience to the classroom. State-of-the-art facilities, small class size, faculty-student interaction, high job placement rates, and the success of our graduates all attest to the excellence of our programs. The department also offers opportunities for scholarships, research assistantships, internships, and design project experience.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

- Bachelor of science in civil engineering
- Minor in environmental engineering
- Certificate in Architectural Engineering and Design
- Kellogg Certificate Program for undergraduates

EXAMPLE COURSES

- CIV_ENV 320 Structural Dynamics (Earthquake Engineering)
- CIV_ENV 320 Structural Art
- CIV_ENV 325 & 323 Reinforced Concrete & Structural Steel Design
- CIV_ENV 330 Construction Management
- CIV_ENV 371 Introductory Transportation Planning and Analysis

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Students may conduct independent research under the guidance of a faculty member or participate in a research project with graduate students.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Undergraduates compete in several annual national competitions, including Concrete Canoe, where they design, build, and race a canoe made entirely of specially engineered, lightweight concrete, and Steel Bridge, where they design, fabricate, and construct a 20-foot scale model of a steel bridge.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS (ASCE)

The Northwestern student chapter, an official affiliate of the national professional organization, offers students opportunities to interact professionally and socially among students of similar interest and with the Chicago engineering community.

GRADUATE STUDY

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

- Master of science in civil engineering
- PhD in civil engineering

RESEARCH AREAS

- Structural stability and failure
- Natural hazards
- Transportation logistics
- Autonomous vehicles
- Sustainable infrastructure
- Nanomodification of cement
- Nondestructive testing
- Mechanics of flexible electronic materials and bioinspired materials
- Modeling travel behavior
“CIVIL ENGINEERING AT NORTHWESTERN PROVIDES ME WITH A HOLISTIC LOOK INTO THE FIELD—FROM DESIGNING IN THE ARCHITECTURE STUDIO TO SOLVING MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS IN STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING TO RESEARCHING THE LATEST INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION METHODS.”

LUPE GOMEZ \ CIVIL ENGINEERING

CAREERS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

WHAT’S NEXT?
The annual Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Career Fair attracts companies from wide-ranging industries interested in recruiting students for internships and permanent positions in:

- Infrastructure engineering consulting
- Design engineering
- Consulting
- Transportation infrastructures and planning
- Project management
- Finance
- Energy infrastructure design

RECENT GRADUATE PLACEMENTS

- Project architect at Booth Hansen, Inc.
- Project engineer at Thornton-Tomasetti, Inc.
- Mechanical design engineer at Boeing
- Civil engineer at USDA Forest Service
- Project manager at Ryan Companies
- Project engineer at CN
- Structures supervisor at BNSF Railway
- EU Transportation project manager at Amazon
- Subsea engineer at BP
- Structural design engineer at KPFF Consulting Engineers
- Transportation engineer at Jacobs

HOW YOU SPEND YOUR TIME IN THIS PROGRAM

BASED ON A SURVEY OF CURRENT STUDENTS.

- 6.0% Giving/preparing for presentations
- 23.9% Studying for/taking written exams
- 12.2% Group projects
- 40.0% Working on problem sets
- 5.9% Building things
- 9.4% Working in a Lab
- 2.6% Computer programming
ENVISION WHAT’S POSSIBLE

NORTHWESTERN ENGINEERING STUDENTS CONSTANTLY EXPLORE NEW PATHWAYS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING. IMAGINE YOURSELF:

- Redesigning urban infrastructure and deploying renewable energy systems
- Promoting sustainable practices in energy, water, food, transportation, waste, and materials
- Building longer, taller, and lighter structures with new materials and construction techniques
- Analyzing and solving natural hazard threats

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