

CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	26 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).

Overall	3.00 GPA required.
Graduate GPA Requirement	Refer to the Graduate School: Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).
Other Grade Requirements	n/a
Assessments and Examinations	<p>Doctoral students are required to complete a qualifying exam to demonstrate a sufficient depth and breadth of knowledge in their major to pursue original research, usually after the first year of study. Students must consult with their advisor and/or the exam coordinator in the major area of study for the schedule and specific procedures.</p> <p>Doctoral students are required to take a comprehensive preliminary/oral examination after they have cleared their record of all Incomplete and Progress grades (other than research and thesis). In order to qualify for the preliminary examination, students must have completed 32 credits in residence and their doctoral minor.</p> <p>Deposit of the doctoral dissertation in the Graduate School is required.</p>
Language Requirements	No language requirements
Graduate School Breadth Requirement	<p>All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/).</p> <p>Students will discuss minor and certificate options with the faculty advisor. Courses must be approved before, or by the time, the student has completed 6 of the total credits for the minor or certificate.</p>

REQUIRED COURSES

Basic requirements for a PhD degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering include:

1. PhD major coursework;
2. qualifying examination;
3. Breadth coursework;
4. preliminary examination;
5. dissertation research; and
6. final oral examination.

Advanced coursework in a major area of civil and environmental engineering is required. The academic program for each doctoral student is planned on an individual basis with their advisor. 32 credits and breadth coursework must be completed prior to achieving dissertator status (for students who have earned an MS degree, credits accumulated for the MS can be applied toward this requirement). All graduate students must register for a 1-credit seminar course per academic year; students will discuss seminar options with faculty advisors.

Seminar Course Options

Students must discuss seminar options with faculty advisor.

Code	Title	Credits
CIV ENGR 579	Seminar-Transportation Engineering	1
CIV ENGR/ ENVIR ST/ URB R PL 717	Water Resources Management Practicum Planning Seminar I	1
CIV ENGR/ ENVIR ST/ URB R PL 718	Water Resources Management Practicum Planning Seminar II	2
CIV ENGR 760	Research Methods in Construction Engineering Management	1
CIV ENGR 909	Graduate Seminar - Environmental Chemistry & Technology	1
CIV ENGR/ ATM OCN/BOTANY/ ENVIR ST/GEOSCI/ ZOOLOGY 911	Limnology and Marine Science Seminar	1
CIV ENGR 919	Seminar-Hydraulic Engineering and Fluid Mechanics	1
CIV ENGR 929	Seminar-Environmental Engineering	1
CIV ENGR 939	Geotechnical Engineering Seminar	1
CIV ENGR 949	Seminar-Structural Engineering	1