

# Civil Engineering

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## Vision

The Department of Civil Engineering strives to graduate highly qualified engineers, maintain nationally recognized research and provide quality professional and community service to the region and the world.

## Mission

The Department of Civil Engineering of The University of Texas at El Paso through its faculty, staff, students, and constituents works to acquire, generate, share, and use knowledge in the different fields of Civil Engineering to make the El Paso-Ciudad Juárez region and the world a better place to live. The department accomplishes its mission through both undergraduate and graduate programs.

The department contributes to the quality of these programs by generating research opportunities that create synergy among faculty, students, and practicing professionals. We contribute to the quality of life of society through innovation in the generation, sharing, and use of knowledge. We will continue to be leaders in procuring external funding for research and teaching. Faculty work together within the department and with other departments in the University to provide multidisciplinary opportunities for both students and faculty.

The Civil Engineering Department recruits, retains and graduates individuals with high professional and ethical standards to work in government and private organizations. The faculty is committed to increasing and improving the quality of our graduates. The result of our work is reflected in the continuing improvement of the quality of life in El Paso and the surrounding regions through the impact that our graduates have on these communities.

## Honor Code

Civil Engineering and Construction Management are licensed professions that are regulated by each state through a licensing or engineering practice law. Each state requires engineers to protect the public safety and act in an honest and trustworthy manner. These standards of ethical behavior are also codified in ethics guidelines established by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and the Texas Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE).

## Department Policy

The Department has established this Honor Code Policy because it has an obligation to the State and the public to prevent students from entering the profession who are not honest and trustworthy in their academic efforts. This Honor Code Policy allows the Department to recommend disciplinary action to the University Office of Student Services and to remove students from the Department who have violated the Honor Code. This Honor Code is consistent with the Student Conduct and Discipline Chapter of the Student Affairs Section of the Handbook of Operating Procedures (<https://www.utep.edu/hoop/>) of the University of Texas at El Paso. The Honor Code applies to graduate and undergraduate students, faculty members, and administrators. The Honor Code is based on these requirements:

- Engineers must possess personal integrity both as students and as professionals. They must ensure safety, health, fairness, and honesty in their undertakings.
- Students in the Department are honorable and trustworthy.
- The students, faculty, and administrators of the Department trust each other to uphold the principles of the Honor Code, and they are jointly responsible for precautions against violations of its policies.
- It is dishonorable for students to receive credit for work that is not the result of their own efforts.

Department students are required to sign an Honor Code Agreement which will be kept on file with the Department. The Honor Code has been established to support and enforce course policies set by instructors. Course instructors have exceptional latitude when preparing the policies for their courses. This can lead to variations between policies of different courses. It is the instructor's responsibility to clearly develop course policies. Students are responsible for understanding the Honor Code and course policies and should consult with the instructor if they are unclear. If a student consults with the instructor and still feels the policies for a course are not clear or fair, the student should notify the Department Chairperson.

Department students enrolled in courses outside of the Department must abide by the policies of the school or college in which the course is offered. Students who are not members of the Department who take a course offered by the Department are bound by the policies of the Honor Code.

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