

Department of Civil Engineering			
Soil Mechanics Lab. (61332)			
Total Credits	1		
major compulsory			
Prerequisites	P1 : Soil Mechanics (61331) P11Synch. : Soil Mechanics (61331)		
Course Contents			
This lab will cover essential soil mechanics laboratory tests to help the students understand the basic knowledge in soil mechanics and foundation engineering. It includes the following tests: moisture content, atterberg limits (liquid and plastic limits), relative density, compaction, field compaction, permeability, shear strength tests (unconfined and direct shear box) and consolidation.			
Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO's)		Student Outcomes (SO's)	Contribution
1	Ability to measure soil physical properties (moisture content, Atterberg Limits, specific gravity, permeability, etc.)	B	40 %
2	Ability measure characteristics use in soil classification (sieve analysis, hydrometer)	B	15 %
3	Ability to measure and analyze soil compaction in lab. and field.	B	15 %
4	Ability to measure soil behavior characteristics and shear strength parameters under different loading conditions. (Consolidation, shear tests, unconfined compression test).	B	20 %
5	Ability to communicate effectively	G	10 %
Textbook and/ or References			
1. Soil Mechanics Laboratory Manuals, Braja Das, Seventh Edition, 2009. 2. Soil Mechanics Laboratory Manuals, Isam Jardaneh + Eng. Ahmed Bdair.			
Assessment Criteria		Percent (%)	
Mid. Term Exam		30 %	
Laboratory Work		30 %	
Final Exam		40 %	
Course Plan			
Week	Topic		
1	Introduction to Soil Mechanics Lab Tests and Preparation of Reprot		
2	Moisture Content Test		
3	Specific Gravity Test		
4	Sieve Analysis Test		
5	Hydrometer Analysis Test		
6	Atterberg Limits Tests (Liquid Limit Test)		
7	Atterberg Limits(plastic Limit Test)		
8	Mid.Term Exam.		
9	Compaction Test		
10	Field Density By Sand Cone Method		
11	Permeability Test		
12	Consolidation Test		
13	Direct Shear Test		
14	Unconfined Compression Test		
15	Final Exam		