

# Discover Day



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**Civil, Architectural, and  
Environmental Engineering**

## Introduction to CAEE Academic Year 2024-2025



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# Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering

- Civil, Architectural, and Environmental engineers **create and maintain infrastructure**:

- Transportation systems
- Municipal water systems
- Energy, communications, buildings, etc.

- **Infrastructure** should be designed to:

- Protect human and environmental health
- Use resources efficiently and sustainably
- Improve people's quality of life

- We work in both the public and private sector



# Undergraduate degrees offered in CAEE @ IIT

- B.S. Civil Engineering  
All kinds of infrastructure



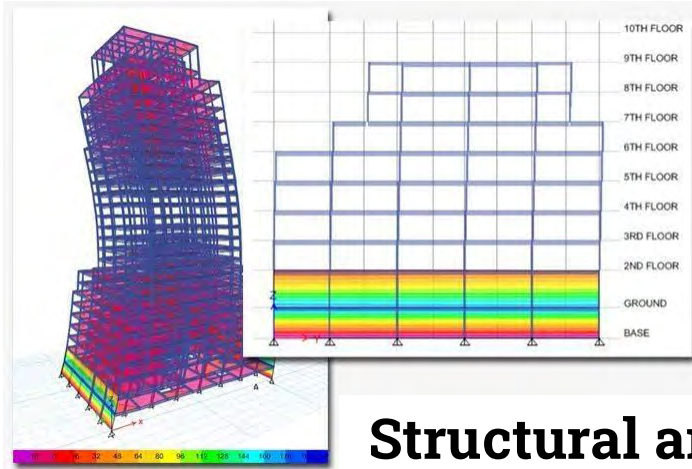
- B.S. Architectural Engineering  
Buildings, buildings, buildings



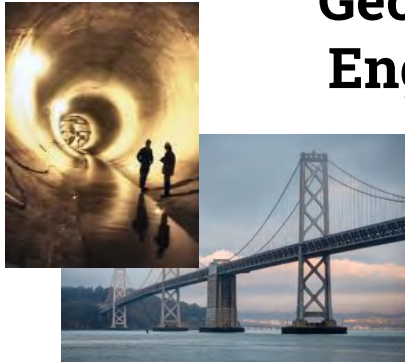
- B.S. Engineering Management  
Management of technical projects  
Specialize in different areas of engineering



# Civil Engineering includes...



## Structural and Geotechnical Engineering



**Structural and geotechnical engineers** design steel, concrete, timber, and earthen structures:

- Buildings
- Towers
- Bridges
- Dams
- Retaining walls
- Foundations
- Stadiums



**Boyoung Jeong**



**Steve Kleps**



**Mehdi Modares**



**Matt Gombeda**



**Jamshid Mohammadi**



**Gongkang Fu**



# Civil Engineering includes...



Chicago Traffic Simulator

## Transportation Engineering



**Transportation engineers** design and analyze:

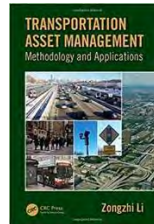
- Highways
- Railways
- Airports
- Road networks
- Bike lanes
- Public transit systems
- Traffic control systems



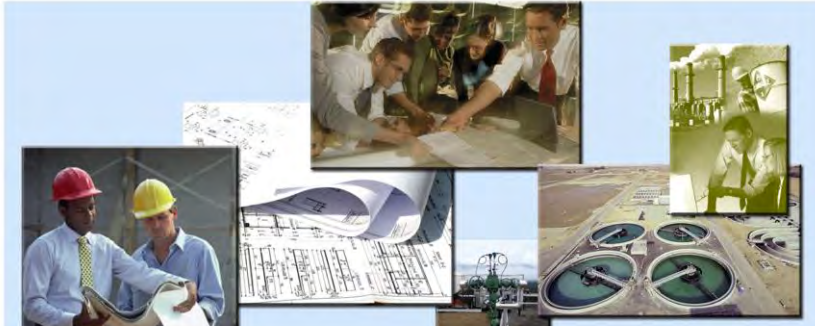
Zongzhi Li



Mohammad Miralinaghi



# Civil Engineering includes...



## Construction Engineering And Management

**Construction engineers** manage quality control and ensure a project is complete on time and on budget by:

- Reviewing contracts
- Ordering materials
- Hiring and scheduling sub-contractors



Ray Lemming

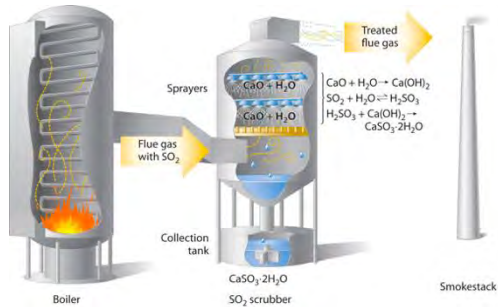


Ivan Mutis





# Civil Engineering includes...



## Environmental Engineering

**Environmental engineers** protect human health and the environment by providing:

- Drinking water treatment
- Wastewater treatment
- Air pollution control
- Water resources management
- Industrial waste treatment
- Soil remediation
- Indoor air quality management



Stickney, MWRD



David Lampert



Brent Stephens



Boyoung Jeong



# What is Architectural Engineering?

- **Architectural engineers** focus on buildings
- They collaborate with architects and civil engineers to design and build structures that consider:
  - Energy use
  - Environmental impacts
  - Human health
  - Economics
  - Sustainability



**Brent  
Stephens**



**Edoarda  
Corradi**



**Mohammad  
Heidarinejad**



**Deborah  
Steimel-Clair**





# Professional Engineers & Accreditation

## Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)

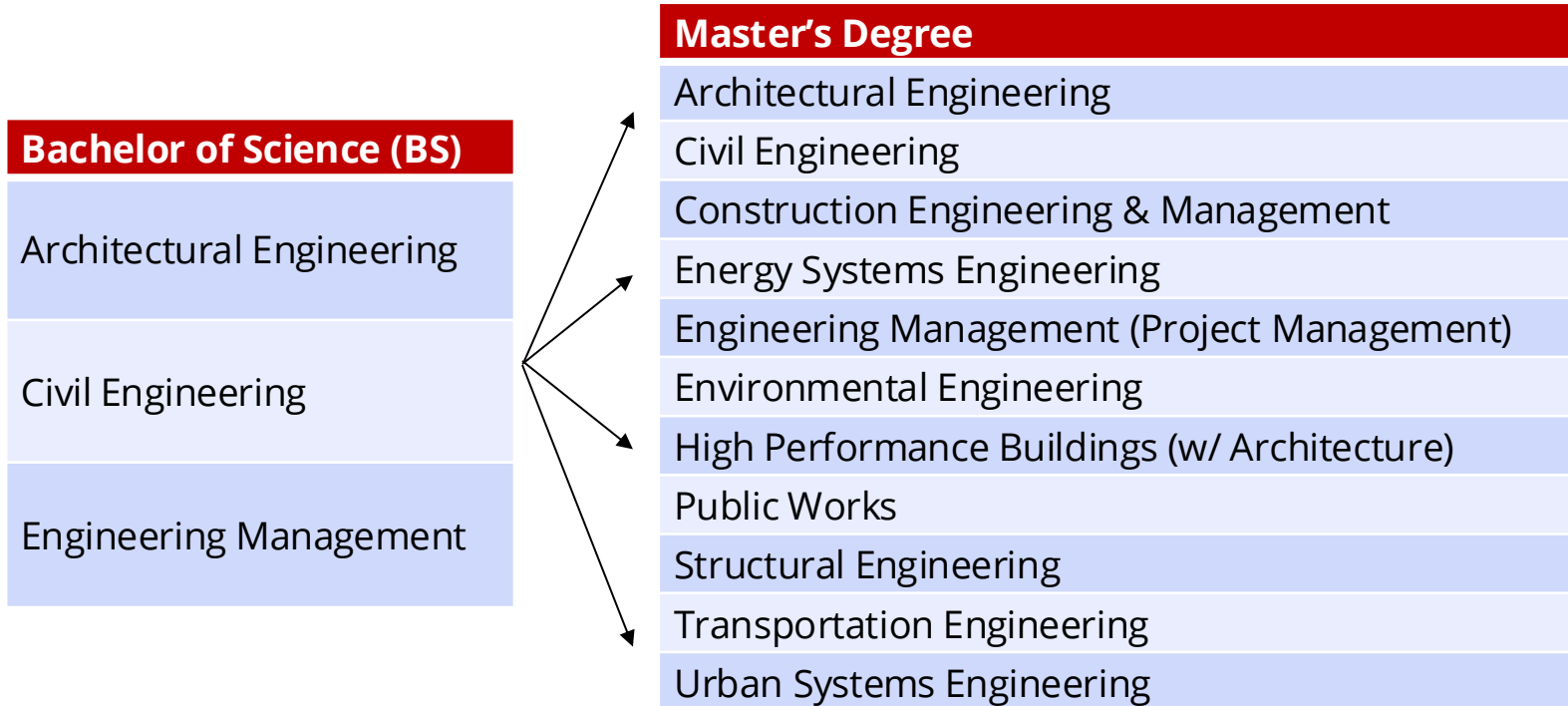


- Accreditation is the start of your journey to becoming a registered **Professional Engineer (PE)**
- **Civil Engineering** and **Architectural Engineering** programs are ABET-accredited
  - Illinois Tech has 1 of only ~25 ABET-accredited Architectural Engineering programs in the U.S.
- **Engineering Management** is not ABET-accredited



# Accelerated Master's Degrees (5-year BS+ME)

**"Fast-track" (4+1) master's degrees – apply in your 3<sup>rd</sup> year**



**+ Or mix and match (select your own) ... lots of options**



# The most valuable college majors in 2021, ranked

Bankrate

## Most valuable college majors

### Architectural Engineering

Median income: \$90,000  
Unemployment rate: 1.3%

### Construction Services

Median income: \$80,000  
Unemployment rate: 1%

### Computer Engineering

Median income: \$101,000  
Unemployment rate: 2.3%

### Aerospace Engineering

Median income: \$100,000  
Unemployment rate: 1.9%

### Transportation Sciences and Technologies

Median income: \$86,000  
Unemployment rate: 1.8%

## Most to least valuable college majors

RANK	DECLARED DEGREE	MEDIAN INCOME	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	PERCENT WITH ADVANCED DEGREE
1	Architectural Engineering	\$90,000	1.3%	29%
2	Construction Services	\$80,000	1.0%	12%
3	Computer Engineering	\$101,000	2.3%	40%
4	Aerospace Engineering	\$100,000	1.9%	51%
4	Transportation Sciences and Technologies	\$86,000	1.8%	21%
6	Electrical Engineering	\$107,000	2.3%	46%
7	Materials Engineering and Materials Science	\$97,500	2.0%	45%
8	Civil Engineering	\$90,000	1.9%	38%
9	Mechanical Engineering	\$96,000	2.2%	38%
10	Chemical Engineering	\$100,000	2.3%	48%
11	Engineering Mechanics, Physics and Science	\$93,000	1.3%	61%
12	Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Administration	\$101,000	2.4%	53%



**Our fantastic students**

# Student highlights – Scholarships

- IIT CAEE students won 4 2024 ASCE IL Section scholarships

## Structural Engineering Institute

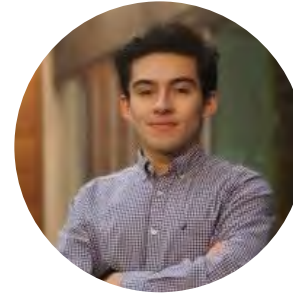


Samantha Muller  
(BS ARCE)

## Geo-Institute



Prasant Kafle  
(BS CE, ME CM)



German Laiton  
Hernandez  
(BS CE)

## Transportation & Development Institute



Maritza Torres  
(BS CE)



<https://www.isasce.org/scholarships/>





# Student highlights – Scholarships

- IIT students won 5 of 5 2023 ASHRAE IL Chapter scholarships



Samantha Muller  
(BS ARCE)



Aditya Singh  
(PhD ENVE)



Saman Haratian  
(PhD ARCE)



Jongki Lee  
(PhD ARCE)



Saeed Farhoodi  
(PhD ARCE)



<https://illinoisashrae.org/Scholarship>



# Student highlights – Profiles

Living Your Values as an Engineer



**Jonathan Ellison (CE '24)**

"I don't just feel accepted as an older learner, I'm actually valued."

Merging Architectural Engineering and Computer Science



**Samantha Muller (ARCE '26, CS Minor)**

"There are not many colleges that offer an architectural engineering bachelor's degree, and Illinois Tech is consistently ranked one of the best."

Intersecting Architectural Engineering and Public Health



**Insung Kang (PhD ARCE '22)**

*Assistant Professor, UT-Arlington*

"I saw that a lot of students were given ample opportunities for hands-on projects, internships, and research that are crucial for understanding real-world applications of their studies."

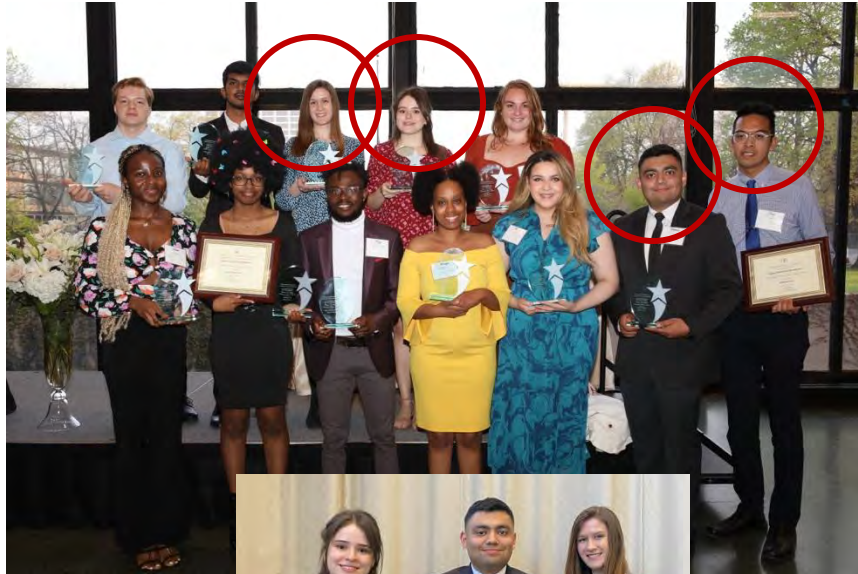
<https://www.iit.edu/news/living-your-values-engineer>

<https://www.iit.edu/student-experience/student-and-alumni-stories/merging-architectural-engineering-and-computer-science>

<https://www.iit.edu/student-experience/student-and-alumni-stories/intersecting-architectural-engineering-and-public-health>



# Student highlights – Awards



Congratulations to the 2023 Service & Leadership Award Recipients!

## Outstanding TA of the Year

Kurt Ordillas, PhD student, CAEE

- CAE 315, 307 (Steve Kleps)
- Advisor: Matt Gombeda

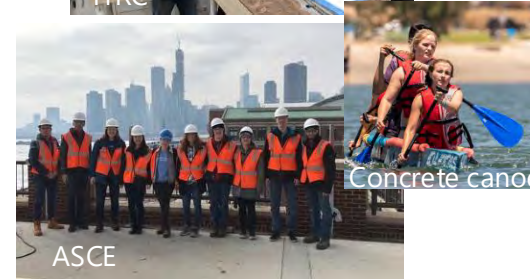
## Stryker Distinguished Service Award

- Luiza Martines (ASCE)
- Estevan Rivera (ASCE)
- Greta Vasiliauskaite (SEES)



# Student highlights – Student Organizations

- **Student organizations** involving CAEE students include:
  - American Society of Civil Engineering (ASCE)
  - Construction Management Association of America (CMAA)
  - Society for Environmental Engineers and Scientists (SEES)
  - Chi Epsilon - Civil Engineering Honor Society
  - Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (SEAOI)
  - American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)
  - Architectural Engineering Institute (AEI)
  - Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)
  - Women in Transportation (WIT)
  - Engineers Without Borders (EWB)
  - Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW)
  - Illinois Tech Railroad Club (ITRC)





# Student highlights – Student Organizations

**ASCE** | STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

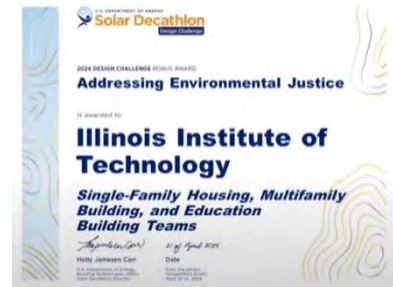
*Western Great Lakes  
April 4–6, 2024*





# Student highlights - Competitions

- Department of Energy's 2024 Solar Decathlon Design Challenge
  - 3 teams (mentored by Edoarda Corradi) made the finals: NREL, Golden, CO
  - IIT won a **Bonus Award** for **Addressing Environmental Justice**
  - One team also won an IPRO Innovation Day division award



<https://www.solardecathlon.gov/2024/design/2024-design-challenge-results.html>



# Student highlights - Competitions

- Central States Water Environment Association (CSWEA) 2024 Student Design Competition
  - CSWEA competition winner in the Water Environment category for **“ChASM - Chatham Aqueous Stormwater Management”**
  - Also an IPRO Innovation Day Winner



Constantine Giattina (BARCH), Ryan Griepentrog (BS CE, ME STE), Judith Rackow (BARCH), Francis Gilleece (BS CPE), and Mathis Lucet (ME USYS)



<https://cswea.org/student-yeps/student-design-competition/>



# Student highlights - Competitions

- Kaplan Institute Pitch Tank Startup Competition
  - Overall winner: Radiator Revivers (\$30,000)
    - Battery-Operated Radiator Controller



 **RADIATOR**  
REVIVERS



**Our fantastic faculty**

# Faculty highlights - Expertise



Ivan Mutis

## Four Failures Stunting the Adoption of Construction Robotics

James McClister | August 7, 2024

<https://builtworlds.com/news/four-failures-stunting-adoption-construction-robotics/>



Mohammad Heidarinejad

## Heat Study: Chicago Temperatures Vary As Much As 22 Degrees Between Neighborhoods

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<https://borderlessmag.org/2024/01/29/chicago-heat-map-campaign-heat-vulnerability-index-disaster-disrupters-northwestern-university/>



Brent Stephens

## Public Health Officials Should Urgently Prioritize Reducing Exposure to Indoor Fine Particulate Matter, New Report Recommends

News Release | January 19, 2024

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/news/2024/01/public-health-officials-should-urgently-prioritize-reducing-exposure-to-indoor-fine-particulate-matter-new-report-recommends>

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# Faculty highlights - Awards



**Edoarda Corradi**

Associate Teaching Professor

**2023 Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award**

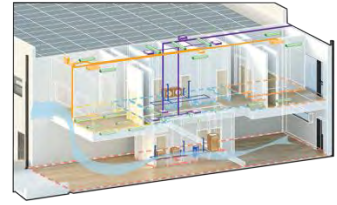
U.S. Department of Energy  
Solar Decathlon Design Challenge



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Solar Decathlon**

<https://www.solardecathlon.gov/richard-king-award.html>



**1 of 4 schools in inaugural cohort, 2 programs:**

- Master of Architectural Engineering
- Master of High Performance Buildings

<https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/zero-energy-design-designation>



# Faculty highlights – Active research projects



VR/AR in 1<sup>st</sup> Year Engineering  
Corradi and Mohammadi - \$64k



Sorbent-amended caps for PFAS contaminated sediments  
Lampert - \$100k (Phase 2)



Fly ash in precast concrete  
Gombeda - \$1M



Early strength tension-driven high strength concrete  
Gombeda - \$56k



IL-specific nonproprietary UPHC  
Gombeda - \$19k



Forecasting harmful algal blooms with unmanned systems  
Lampert - \$80k (\$250k total; PI OSU)



Transport of PFAS to surface waters  
Lampert - \$250k (IWRC)



North Branch Chicago River Nutrient Assessment & Reduction Plan  
Lampert - \$32k (\$368k total; PI Geosyntec)



Bridge element deterioration curves  
Fu - \$150k



PFAS bioaccumulation in contaminated sediment  
Lampert - \$200k (NOAA)



Operationalizing transit signal priority  
Miralinaghi - \$37k



NSF Innovation Engine: Great Lakes ReNEW  
Lampert - \$200k Y1-2 (up to \$160M total, 50+ orgs)



NSF SAI: Stormwater Resilience in Urban Areas  
Lampert - \$750k (Senior Personnel: Stephens)



i-learn: empowering learning using mixed reality and machine learning  
Mutis - \$550k (NSF)

Mixed reality for eng. design interpretation in construction eng. mgmt.  
Mutis - \$300k (NSF)



Sources and sinks of oxidative PM  
Stephens & Heidarinejad & - \$249k (NSF)



Low-cost stream trap failure detection and radiator control  
Heidarinejad & Stephens - \$100k+



LEAP: robot technology in construction industry  
Mutis - \$75k (NSF)  
Louis Stokes STEM pathways  
Mutis - \$75k (NSF)



Swamp cooler filtration solutions for wildfire smoke  
Stephens & Heidarinejad - \$200k (\$1M total, PI: Public Health Institute)

Air filtration for military veterans with COPD  
Stephens & Heidarinejad - \$1M + \$300k suppl (with Jesse Brown VA Medical Center)

Over \$5M in active research funding



# Faculty highlights – Active research projects



## NSF establishes 10 inaugural Regional Innovation Engines across the country

Each NSF Engine will transform its region into a self-sustaining, technology-and innovation-driven hub of economic activity

January 29, 2024



**Great Lakes Water Innovation Engine** (Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin), led by Current Innovation NFP, aims to discover, develop and deploy innovative key technologies that attract water-intensive manufacturers to the region, recover valuable energy and mineral resources from wastewater streams, and foster workforce opportunities, all while maintaining environmental health.



- Over 50 participating organizations
- Up to \$160M over 10 years  
Lampert - \$200k in Y1-2



David Lampert

<https://greatlakesrenew.org/>



# A big new addition – Trimble Technology Lab



Ivan Mutis

Trimble, Illinois Tech  
Partner to Establish Trimble  
Technology Lab





# A big new renovation – Structures Laboratories



**Matt Gombeda**

Lab Renovations Include  
Unique All-In-One Concrete  
Testing





# CAEE @ IIT: Adjunct faculty (20+)



**Paul Anderson, PhD**  
Retired, IIT Associate Professor



**Abbas Divani, PhD, PE**  
Civil Engineer, Illinois DOT



**Steven Barrett, PE**  
Fire Protection Engineer III, SmithGroup



**August (Gus) Domel, PhD, SE, PE**  
Principal, Engineering Systems, Inc.



**Julide Bozoglu, PhD**  
Director of Digital Practice, Goettsch Partners



**Larry Dorn, MS**  
Architecture/Construction Consultant



**William (Bill) Briggs, EdD**  
President, Dr. Elzie Young Community Center



**Bill Franek, PhD, PE**  
Retired, IL EPA



**Michael Desch, PhD**  
Staff Engineer, AISC



**Don Grabowski, PE**  
VP Rail Services, GSG Consultants



**Ferdinand Dmailig**  
Principal, BOX Studios



**Christopher Haite**  
Senior PMIS Implementation Specialist, AECOM



**Mojtaba Dirbaz, PhD, PE**  
Discipline Manager, L&T Technology Services



**Soliman Khudeira, PhD, PE, SE**  
Section Chief, City of Chicago



# CAEE @ IIT: Adjunct faculty (20+)



Anatol Longinow, PhD, PE  
Retired Consultant, WJE



Sania Seilabi  
Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Buffalo



Ajit Naik, PE  
Director of Building Performance Analytics  
Baumann Consulting



PS Sriraj, PhD  
Director, UIC Urban Transportation Center



Ibrahim Osman, PhD  
Asst Vice President, Bowman Consulting



Lipika Swarup, PhD  
Project Controls Specialist III, Fermilab



Juan Quiroz, PhD  
Principal Structural Engineer, Stantec



Jennifer Wilkie, PhD, PE  
Principal Engineer, Jacobs Engineering



Laurence Rohter, MS, PE  
Senior Science Advisor, IITRI (retired)



Rebecca Wingate  
Associate, Cambridge Systematics



Rich Schultz, PhD, GISP, CPG  
Assoc Res Scientist, Prairie Research Inst  
President, IL GIS Association



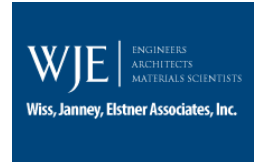
Chris Winnie, PE  
Mechanical Engineer III, SmithGroup



Tommy Zakrzewski, PhD  
Principal, Director of Building Eng. Physics, HKS



# Where do our graduates work?



Building Technology Consultants, Inc.



# Hands-on experiences are integral to CAEE majors



CAE 105 Surveying



CAE 110 ITP





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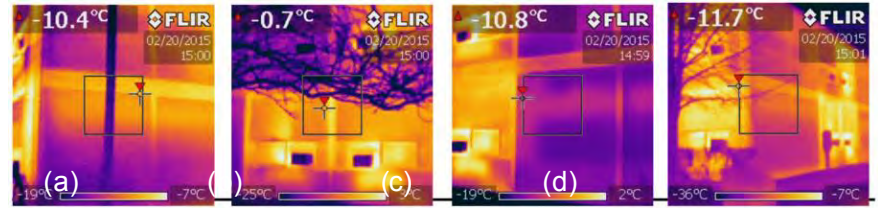
# Hands-on experiences are integral to CAEE majors

CAE 463 Building Enclosure Design



FAÇADE INSPECTION REPORT

Fall 2018



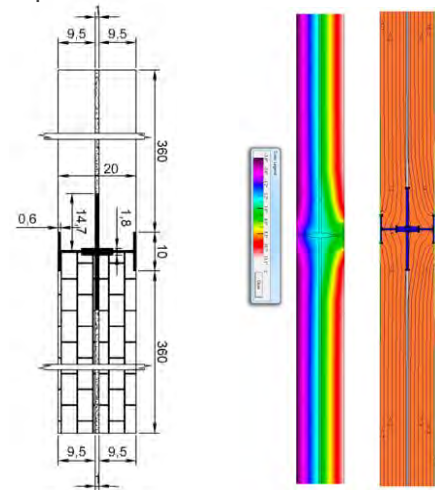
CAE 506 Building Envelope Rehab



25) Vertical debonding of mortar at column.



26) Vertical foundation crack.





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## Professional Development & Networking



For more information on our department, programs, and people:

<https://www.iit.edu/caee>

Undergraduate advising:

<https://www.iit.edu/caee/student-resources/undergraduate-academic-advising>

People:

<https://www.iit.edu/caee/people>



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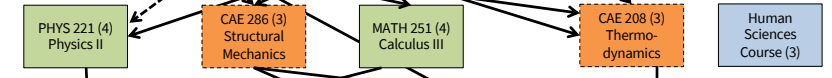
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## Semester 2 - Spring (17 hours)



## Semester 3 - Fall (17 hours)



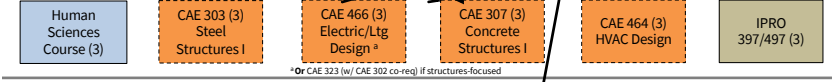
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## Semester 5 - Fall (15 hours)

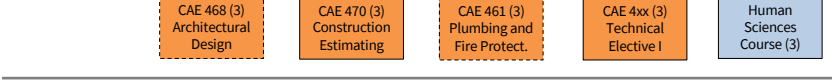


## Semester 6 - Spring (18 hours)

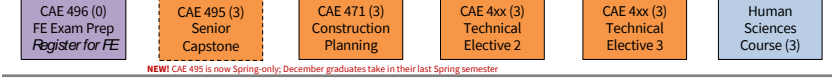


\*Or CAE 323 (w/ CAE 302 co-req) if structures-focused

## Semester 7 - Fall (15 hours)

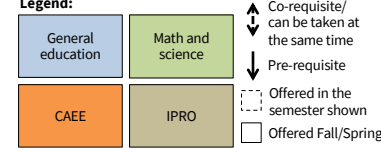


## Semester 8 - Spring (15 hours)



NEW! CAE 495 is now Spring-only; December graduates take in their last Spring semester

Total credit hours required: 130 (ABET accredited)



- MMAE 320 can replace CAE 208; MMAE 313/CAE 209 can replace CAE 302
- MMAE 200 and 202 no longer count for CAE 286 and 287 after Fall 2022
- Technical electives must be CAE, ENVE, EG, or EMGT 400- or 500-level
  - Tech Electives, IPROs, & H/SS as they fit; Max. 1 EG or EMGT elective
- Human Sciences requirements:**
  - 3 hrs of HUM 200 level
  - 6 hrs of 300/400 level (H)umanities (AAH, COM, HIST, HUM, LIT or PHIL)
  - 9 hrs of (S)ocial Sciences (ECON, PS, PSYC, SOC or SSCI):
    - 6 hrs @ 300/400 level & courses from at least 2 different fields

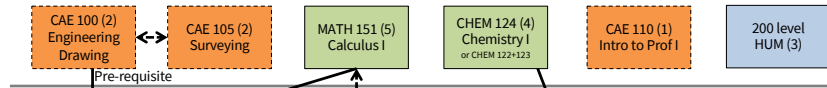
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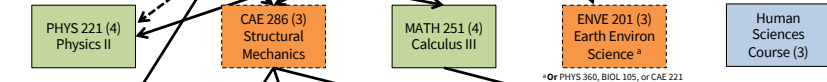
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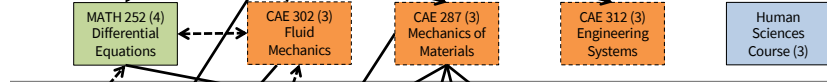


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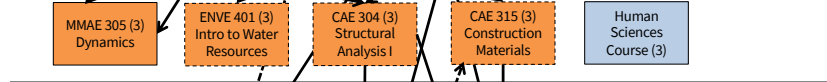


\*Or PHYS 360, BIOL 105, or CAE 221

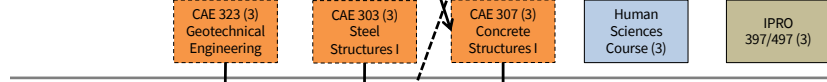
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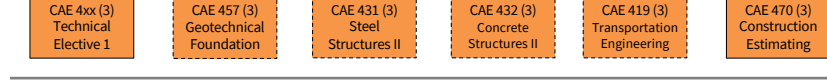
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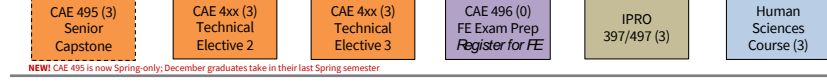
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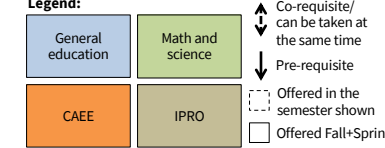


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