

Department of Civil Engineering  
The University of Texas at Arlington

## **CE 5307 Structural Timber Design Fall 2017**

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**Section Information:** CE-5307-001 Structural Timber Design  
CE-5307-101 Structural Timber Design

**Time and Place of Class Meetings:** WH 308 Tu-Th 3:30pm – 4:50pm

### **Description of Course Content:**

Covers material grade, properties of wood, design criteria using structural lumber, glue laminated lumber and structural panels. Design of bending and compression members, trusses and shear diaphragms. Building codes, National Design Specifications (NDS), material specifications, test methods, and recommended practice.

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

- This course will focus on the following student educational outcomes:
- An ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering TI
- An ability to design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs TI
- An ability to identify, formulate and solve engineering problems TI
- An understanding of professional and ethical responsibility CI
- The broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global, economic, environmental and societal context CI
- A recognition of the need for, and an ability to engage in life-long learning CI
- A knowledge of contemporary issues CI
- An ability to use the techniques, skills and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice TI
- Covered Implicitly (CI): The outcome is implicitly covered
- Covered Explicitly (CE): The outcome is explicitly covered
- Tested Implicitly (TI): The outcome is covered and implicitly assessed for by one or more means (assignments, test questions, essay questions, presentation evaluations, lab reports, etc.)

**Prerequisite:** Passing Grade in CE 3341 Structural Analysis. The prerequisite will not be waived

### **Required Textbook:**

- Design of Wood Structures-ASD/LRFD, 7th Edition, by Donald Breyer (Author), Kelly Cobeen (Author), Kenneth Fridley (Author), David Pollock Jr. (Author), 2014, McGraw-Hill Education, ISBN: 978-0-07-174560-4, MHID: 0071745602
- "Wood Design Package", by American Wood Council, Washington, D.C., 2015 Edition

### **Recommended References:**

- Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures (ASCE 7-10)
- 2015 International Building Code (IBC)

- The 2015 NDS, like the previous 2005 edition, is in a dual format, including both allowable stress design (ASD) and load and resistance factor design (LRFD) provisions. Previous editions of the NDS had been in ASD only.

#### Homework:

A number of relevant homework problems, grouped into one or more problem sets will be assigned on the class website or given in class at the end of lecture.

Assignments will be collected in class at the beginning of a lecture in hard copy. Late Homework will NOT be accepted unless arrangement has been made in advance with the instructor. Homework are suggested to be in a standard format. This includes: (a) statement of the problem (with a sketch); (b) quantities with given values; (c) quantities to be found; and (d) solution of the problem.

Work MUST be done in pencil and must be neat and readable. Draw a box around the answer(s). DO NOT WRITE IN THE BACK OF THE PAGE.

#### Make-up Exams Policy:

Makeup examinations are not given. If an examination is missed as a result of an illness or because of a University Authorized Absence, the weight of the missed examination will be added to the weight of the final examination when the class grade is determined. It is the responsibility of the student to provide acceptable, written documentation for absences that occur on the day of an examination.

[http://web.uta.edu/catalog/content/general/academic\\_regulations.aspx#5](http://web.uta.edu/catalog/content/general/academic_regulations.aspx#5) in the UTA catalog at discusses University Authorized Absence. If arrangements are made well in advance, an examination can usually be taken before the scheduled time and a more lenient excuse policy is applied.

#### Make-up Classes:

Will be announced later.

Students will be required to accumulate points from the following:

Assignments	10%
Pop Quizzes	10%
Midterm Exam	35%
Term-Project & Presentation	10%
Final Exam	35%
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Total	100%

Final exam will not be returned, but may be reviewed by students.

The grade assigned to the student's numerical average will be as follows:

(a)	90 to 100 average	=	A
(b)	80 to 89.9 average	=	B
(c)	70 to 79.9 average	=	C
(d)	60 to 69.9 average	=	D
(e)	< 60 average	=	F

**Drop Policy:** Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance.** Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://web.uta.edu/aao/fao/>).

**Disability Accommodations:** UT Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including *The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*, *The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA)*, and *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act*. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of a **letter certified** by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation

will have their request honored. Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting: **The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD)** [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or calling 817-272-3364. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability).

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) [www.uta.edu/caps/](http://www.uta.edu/caps/) or calling 817-272-3671 is also available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems and make positive changes in their lives.

**Non-Discrimination Policy:** *The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit [uta.edu/eos](http://uta.edu/eos).*

**Title IX Policy:** The University of Texas at Arlington (“University”) is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination based on sex in accordance with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which prohibits sex discrimination in employment; and the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act). Sexual misconduct is a form of sex discrimination and will not be tolerated. *For information regarding Title IX, visit [www.uta.edu/titleIX](http://www.uta.edu/titleIX) or contact Ms. Jean Hood, Vice President and Title IX Coordinator at (817) 272-7091 or [jmhood@uta.edu](mailto:jmhood@uta.edu).*

**Academic Integrity:** Students enrolled all UT Arlington courses are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

*I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.*

*I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.*

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code in their courses by having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System *Regents’ Rule* 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university’s standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University. Additional information is available at <https://www.uta.edu/conduct/>.

**Electronic Communication:** UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>.

**Campus Carry:** Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/>

**Student Feedback Survey:** At the end of each term, students enrolled in face-to-face and online classes categorized as “lecture,” “seminar,” or “laboratory” are directed to complete an online Student Feedback

Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student's feedback via the SFS database is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. Students' anonymity will be protected to the extent that the law allows. UT Arlington's effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law and aggregate results are posted online. Data from SFS is also used for faculty and program evaluations. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

**Final Review Week:** for semester-long courses, a period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

**Emergency Exit Procedures:** Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit, which is a stairwell located down the hallway the right of the classroom. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist individuals with disabilities. Students are also encouraged to subscribe to the MavAlert system that will send information in case of an emergency to your cell phones or email accounts. Anyone can subscribe at <https://mavalert.uta.edu/> or <https://mavalert.uta.edu/register.php>

**Student Support Services:** UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include [tutoring](#), [major-based learning centers](#), developmental education, [advising and mentoring](#), personal counseling, and [federally funded programs](#). For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to [resources@uta.edu](mailto:resources@uta.edu), or view the information at <http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/index.php>.

**The IDEAS Center** (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Central Library) offers **FREE** tutoring to all students with a focus on transfer students, sophomores, veterans and others undergoing a transition to UT Arlington. Students can drop in, or check the schedule of available peer tutors at [www.uta.edu/IDEAS](http://www.uta.edu/IDEAS), or call (817) 272-6593.

### Course Schedule

*"As the instructor for this course, I reserve the right to adjust this schedule in any way that serves the educational needs of the students enrolled in this course.."*

TOPICS	Tentative Dates	Number of Lectures
Introduction, lumber, ASD, and LFRD	8/24- 8/31	3
Engineered Wood Products, fasteners, connections	9/5-9/7	2
Design Loads	9/12-9/14	2
Behavior of Wooden Structures	9/19-9/21	2
Properties of Wood and Lumber Grades	9/26-9/28	2
Structural Glued Laminated Timber	10/3-10/5	2
Design of Beams	10/10-10/17	3
Design of Axial Tension Members and Columns	10/19-10/24	2
Design of Wood Structural Panels	10/26/- 11/2	3
<b>MIDTERM EXAM</b>	<b>11/7</b>	
Design of Diaphragms and Shearwalls	11/9-11/21	4
Holiday no class	11/24	
Term Project Presentation	11/28-12/5	3
<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	<b>12/14</b>	

**Emergency Phone Numbers:** In case of an on-campus emergency, call the UT Arlington Police Department at **817-272-3003** (non-campus phone), **2-3003** (campus phone). You may also dial 911. Non-emergency number 817-272-3381

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### LIBRARY [library.uta.edu](http://library.uta.edu)

#### RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

##### Research or General Library Help

Academic Plaza Consultation Services [library.uta.edu/academic-plaza](http://library.uta.edu/academic-plaza)

Ask Us [ask.uta.edu/](http://ask.uta.edu/)

Library Tutorials [library.uta.edu/how-to](http://library.uta.edu/how-to)

Subject and Course Research Guides [libguides.uta.edu](http://libguides.uta.edu)

Librarians by Subject [library.uta.edu/subject-librarians](http://library.uta.edu/subject-librarians)

Research Coaches <http://libguides.uta.edu/researchcoach>

##### Resources

A to Z List of Library Databases [libguides.uta.edu/az.php](http://libguides.uta.edu/az.php)

Course Reserves [pulse.uta.edu/vwebv/enterCourseReserve.do](http://pulse.uta.edu/vwebv/enterCourseReserve.do)

FabLab [fablab.uta.edu/](http://fablab.uta.edu/)

Scholarly Communications (info about digital humanities, data management, data visualization, copyright, open educational resources, open access publishing, and more) <http://library.uta.edu/scholcomm>

Special Collections [library.uta.edu/special-collections](http://library.uta.edu/special-collections)

Study Room Reservations [openroom.uta.edu/](http://openroom.uta.edu/)

Project or Problem-Based Instruction, Gretchen Trkay [gtrkay@uta.edu](mailto:gtrkay@uta.edu)

Undergraduate Research Skills Instruction, Gretchen Trkay [gtrkay@uta.edu](mailto:gtrkay@uta.edu) or your subject librarian.

#### OTHER RESOURCES

Environmental Health & Safety (<http://www.uta.edu/ehsafety>)