

Construction Management Seminar
CNST 6100

Course Description

This course offers an overview of the process of conducting a master research project (CNST6396) or thesis (CNST6399). It discusses resources available to graduate students and provides a list of research topics that are of interest to CM faculty. The course will also provide students guidance on writing project report or thesis.

A note on starting a master research project (CNST6396) or thesis (CNST6399):

A research project or thesis will take at least two semesters to complete. Prior to starting a research, i.e. enrolling in a research course, students must have a research proposal approved by his/her research advisor. This means that students need months of planning work before the start of the first semester research. Students are not allowed to enroll in a research course without an approved proposal. During the planning stage, students should discuss their research interests with CM faculty, identify a research topic, conduct preliminary literature review and develop a project proposal. The proposal should discuss problem statement, objectives, research methodology, research activities, and a time schedule in about 3-5 pages.

Course Prerequisites

None.

Textbook

Will be provided by the instructor.

Schedule of Topics*

No	Module/Topic
1	Course info
2	Course outline/instructor
3	Intro to research
4	Research procedure & topics
5	Library resources
6	Research methods
7	Final project guideline
8	Sample research & writing I
9	Sample research & writing II
10	Faculty resume & writing III
11	Reference & research topics
12	Make effective presentations

Academic Honesty

The instructor reserves the right to adjust letter grades, upward only, based on individual attendance and class participation if numerical grade warrants such consideration. Students who violate University rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and dismissal from The University. Since dishonesty harms the individual, all students, and the integrity of The University, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced.

Students with Disabilities

University of Houston provides, upon request, appropriate academic adjustments for qualified students with disabilities. Any student with a documented disability (physical or cognitive) who requires academic accommodations should contact the Center for Students with Disabilities (713/743-5400) for more assistance.

Exam Policy

Exams will include material covered in class discussions and homework assignments. Make-up exams will be given only in the event of a verified emergency or doctor-verified sickness. The student is responsible for all reading assignments and class handouts whether or not covered in class or listed on the syllabus.

Course/Instructor Evaluation

A course/instructor evaluation will be conducted in class during the last scheduled lecture. Any suggestions you have on improving the course, however, are welcome throughout the term.

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http://www.uh.edu/provost/stu/stu_syllabsuppl.html