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CEAE Graduate Rules

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Introduction

The Department of Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering (CEAE) offers graduate degrees in civil engineering and architectural engineering. The departmental rules governing these degrees derive from the *Graduate School Rules* of the University of Colorado Boulder, available at <http://www.colorado.edu/GraduateSchool/policies>. In particular, Article II of the Graduate School Rules, entitled Graduate Education, describes the general policies for all graduate degrees offered on the Boulder campus and represent the minimum requirements for departmental programs.

This document describes the variations from, and additional requirements to, the general Graduate School Rules for all graduate degrees offered by CEAE. It is organized for easy reference to the Graduate School Rules, using the same section structure from Article II, and identifies only the difference between Department and Graduate School requirements.

Graduate students in CEAE are expected to understand and comply with the rules of both the Graduate School and the Department. While the Department faculty and staff are available to advise students in meeting these requirements, it is ultimately the responsibility of the student to ensure compliance with these rules.

Section 1: Degree Programs

No variations or additional requirements.

Section 2: Admissions

The following variations and additions apply to CEAE:

- Students are admitted to a particular specialty area of study. These specialty areas are also known as disciplines, interdisciplinary areas, or subplans of the degree programs and are described on the CEAE website. Each specialty area within the Department may have its own set of additional requirements for admission, especially in defining the prerequisite undergraduate coursework.
- If a student wishes to change a specialty area, the student must receive the written permission of the Graduate Committee.

Section 3: Transfer Credits

The following variations and additions apply to CEAE:

- Individual specialty areas may define other program coursework requirements that may further limit the number of transfer credits that can be applied toward the graduate degree. Students may also be required to take additional coursework in pursuit of their research as determined by their Advisory or Examination Committee.

Section 4: Course Requirements

The following variations and additions apply to CEAE:

- For a Master's degree, the Graduate School allows a maximum of 6 semester hours of 3000/4000 level courses to be applied to the degree. For CEAE Master's degrees, a maximum of 6 semester hours of non-AREN/CVEN course work may be completed at the 4000 level. All other course work must be at the 5000 level or higher.

Section 5: Grades and Quality of Work

The following variations and additions apply to CEAE:

- Courses in which grades of C (2.0) or C+ (2.3) are received are only accepted for Master's degrees with the approval of the advisor.
- Courses taken to remove academic deficiencies may not be taken for pass/fail.

Section 6: Examinations

The following variations and additions apply to CEAE:

- The Chair of the examination or advisory committee must be a member of the resident graduate faculty of the Department. If the Chair of the doctoral student's Advisory and Examination Committee is not a full-time member of the Department's resident graduate faculty then a Co-Chair must be appointed. At least one-half of the membership must be members of the resident graduate faculty of the University of Colorado.
- Each doctoral student shall take a Preliminary Examination as determined by the faculty of the specialty area in which the student is enrolled, normally not later than 12 months from the time the student is first enrolled in the Doctoral Program. The student must pass this examination in order to continue in the Doctoral Program.
- The Comprehensive Examination shall consist of a written and an oral examination. The exam may not be attempted until the student's last semester of formal course work. At the Comprehensive Examination, the student shall present a plan for the dissertation research to the Advisory Committee for approval. Failure to pass the Comprehensive Examination may be remedied by repeating the examination after an interval of not less than four months.

Section 7: Foreign Language Requirement

No variations or additional requirements.

Section 8: Full-time Status and Minimum Registration Requirements

No variations or additional requirements.

Section 9: Admission to Candidacy

No variations or additional requirements.

Section 10: Thesis/Dissertation Requirements

No variations or additional requirements.

Section 11: Time Limits for Completion of Degrees

No variations or additional requirements.