

# CIVIL ENGINEERING - PROFESSIONAL MASTER OF SCIENCE (MSCVE)

The Department of Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering offers a professional master's degree tailored toward working engineers who desire to develop a new skill set. The programs are coursework based and result in a Master of Science degree.

## Areas of Emphasis

### Water Engineering and Management Emphasis

CU Boulder's professional Master of Science degree in civil engineering, with an emphasis in water engineering and management (WE&M), combines technical courses in environmental and civil engineering with highly-valued professional, non-technical skills in communication, leadership, management, utility finance and governance. The water engineering and management program provides students with leadership skills so they can effectively manage teams and initiatives typically faced in the water profession.

The water engineering and management professional master's program (PMP), designed for working professionals, provides the tools you need to produce results and solve increasingly complex problems in the water profession. Courses are delivered on campus and live streamed/recorded options over the internet, allowing working professionals from around the world to earn a graduate MS degree while continuing to put the learning into practice in their work.

Students are young and mid-career professionals working for utilities, consulting firms, government and regulatory agencies, looking to advance their careers in the water industry. With faculty of senior water professionals from across the country, including those from utilities, consulting firms, and global professional organizations, students gain an opportunity to network and learn through real work case studies.

All of the graduate courses are available to distance and on campus students. All the students can come to class, watch the live classes over Zoom and/or the recorded Zoom classes.

The WE&M courses are available for a WE&M graduate certificate (<https://www.colorado.edu/ceae/water-engineering-management-certificate/>) or as an Professional MS degree (<https://www.colorado.edu/ceae/water-engineering-management-professional-masters-program/>).

### Degree Options

The PMP program has three plans. Plan I includes a written thesis, with reduced course work. Plans IIa and IIb focus on coursework, with an option of including up to 2 semesters of independent study for a report. A vast majority of PMP students use plans IIa and IIb.

- **Plan I (Thesis Options):** This plan requires 24 hours of course credits and 6 hours of thesis credits. This is pursued under the direct supervision of a research advisor, and student must formally defend the thesis.
- **Plan IIa (Coursework Option):** This plan requires 30 credits. Thirty credits can be obtained with 10, 3 hour-credit courses. This plan has a wider variety of coursework.
- **Plan IIb (Report Option):** This plan requires 30 credits, but up to 6 hours of independent study may be included towards to 30-credit

requirement. The independent study requires a report completed under the guidance of a faculty member.

For more information, visit the department's Water Engineering and Management (<https://www.colorado.edu/ceae/research/interdisciplinary-programs/water-engineering-management/>) webpage.

## Global Engineering Emphasis

The Master of Science degree in civil engineering, with an emphasis in global engineering is a unique program offered by the Mortenson Center at CU Boulder. This degree is a professional track of the MS program in civil engineering. It is designed to offer students exposure to a breadth of knowledge in relevant areas such as global health, development economics and impact evaluation, while also building technical skills and providing the opportunity for further study in a specific area of interest within global engineering. In addition to classroom-based learning, students are required to complete a field practicum, embedded for six weeks to six months with a global development organization. These practicum placements have taken place in over 50 countries, partnering with over 80 organizations. Learn more about our practicum partnerships on the Mortenson Center (<https://www.colorado.edu/center/mortenson/education/practicum-placements/>) website.

Our graduates are able to provide technical expertise to development agencies or other firms by recognizing the many facets of community development that are critical to sustainable solutions. Students gain skills in data analysis, project management and systems thinking so they can help create and implement solutions to address worldwide needs.

For more information, visit the Mortenson Center in Global Engineering (<https://www.colorado.edu/center/mortenson/>) webpage.

## Distance Education Option

Students can take individual courses toward a master's degree or graduate certificate through distance education (online). For more information, connect with the individual graduate program directly.

## Requirements

### Course Requirements

The following course requirements are subject to change; for the most current information, visit the department's Water Engineering & Management webpage or the Mortenson Center in Global Engineering (<https://www.colorado.edu/center/mortenson/>) webpage.

The professional master's degree requires a total of 30 credit hours, at least 24 of which must be completed at the 5000 level or above. At least 18 credit hours must be from coursework in CVEN.

### Time Limit

All degree requirements must be completed within four years of the date of commencing coursework.

## Areas of Emphasis

### Water Engineering & Management Emphasis

This emphasis requires at least 30 credit hours from the following categories.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Environmental Engineering Core Courses</b>		
CVEN 5464	Environmental Engineering Processes	3
CVEN 5404	Water Chemistry	3
CVEN 5484	Applied Microbiology and Toxicology	3
Choose one:		3
CVEN 5524	Drinking Water Treatment	
CVEN 5534	Wastewater Treatment	
CVEN 5474	Hazardous and Industrial Waste Management	
<b>Water Engineering &amp; Management Core Courses</b>		
CVEN 5564	Water Profession: Communication and Utility Finance	3
CVEN 5574	Water Utility Management: Current Issues and Future Challenges	3
CVEN 5584	Water Profession: Leadership and Management	3
<b>Electives &amp; Master's Report and Seminar Courses</b>		
Choose from the the following for a total of 9 credits:		9
Civil engineering electives (3-9 credits)		
Public affairs electives at CU Denver (0-3 credits)		
Master's Report and Seminar (2 credits)		
Additional courses to fulfill 30-credit minimum, if necessary.		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

### Global Engineering Emphasis

This emphasis requires at least 30 credit hours distributed as follows.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Core Courses</b>		
CVEN 5919	Global Development for Engineers	3
CVEN 5939	Global Development Practicum	3
<b>Global Engineering Series</b> <sup>1</sup>		
MCGE offers courses as series of 5-week modules, with each module worth one credit-hour. In the Professional Master's in Global Engineering, students are required to complete 12 credit-hours from the series		12
Principles		
Project Management		
Field Methods		
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)		
Humanitarian Aid		
Household Energy		
<b>Option Area</b>		
Students work with their faculty advisor to determine which courses to take in order to fulfill the remaining 12 required credit hours. These can be met through courses that fall under an established theme (e.g., energy, infrastructure, WASH) or that help to strengthen prioritized skills (e.g., project management, data analysis) as identified by the student and their advisor.		12
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> Global Engineering Series course options can be found on the Mortenson Center (<https://www.colorado.edu/center/mortenson/graduate-education/professional-masters-degrees/>) website.

### Dual-Track Emphasis

For this emphasis, students are required to:

1. Select 9 credit hours from the courses listed in **Group A** and 15 credit hours from **Group B** of more than one **sub-areas listed below**.
2. Select 6 credits of 5000-level free electives from the extensive course offerings from civil or other engineering disciplines in the College or professional management classes, such as EMEN 5010 and EMEN 5020, collectively referred to as **Group C**.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Sub-area 1: Structural Engineering</b>		
<i>Group A</i>		
CVEN 5161	Advanced Mechanics of Materials I	
CVEN 5525	Matrix Structural Analysis	
CVEN 5511	Introduction to Finite Element Analysis	
CVEN 5111	Structural Dynamics	
<i>Group B</i>		
CVEN 5575	Advanced Topics in Steel Design	
CVEN 5585	Advanced Topics in Reinforced Concrete Design	
CVEN 6595	Earthquake Engineering	
<b>Sub-area 2: Construction Engineering</b>		
<i>Group A</i>		
CVEN 5836	Special Topics for Seniors/Grads (CEM Fundamentals)	
CVEN 5226	Construction Safety	
CVEN 5246	Legal Aspects of Construction	
<i>Group B</i>		
CVEN 5276	Engineering Risk and Decision Analysis	
CVEN 5346	Managing Construction and Engineering Projects and Organizations	
CVEN 5836	Special Topics for Seniors/Grads	
<b>Sub-area 3: Geotechnical Engineering</b>		
<i>Group A</i>		
CVEN 5708	Soil Mechanics	
CVEN 5798	Dynamics of Soils and Structures	
CVEN 5788	Computational Modeling in Geotechnical Engineering	
CVEN 5768	Introduction to Rock Mechanics	
<i>Group B</i>		
CVEN 5628	Seepage and Slopes	
CVEN 5728	Foundation Engineering	
CVEN 5818	Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering	
<b>Sub-area 4: Water Resources Engineering</b>		
<i>Group A</i>		
CVEN 5333	Physical Hydrology	
CVEN 5353	Groundwater Hydrology	
CVEN 5313	Environmental Fluid Mechanics	
CVEN 5454	Statistical Methods for Natural and Engineered Systems	

CVEN 5537	Numerical Methods in Civil Engineering
<i>Group B</i>	
CVEN 5363	Modeling of Hydrologic Systems
CVEN 5393	Water Resources System and Management
CVEN 5383	Applied Groundwater Modeling
CVEN 5343	Transport and Dispersion in Surface Water
CVEN 5423	Water Resources Engineering Design