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## **CE 599 SEISMIC PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS**

Units: 3

Spring 2018—Wednesday—6:30-9:10 pm

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### **Course Description**

The course develops an advanced understanding of analysis, behavior and design of structural systems used for seismic protection and enhanced seismic performance. The focus is on buildings and bridges. Seismic isolation, supplemental energy dissipation and controlled rocking systems are presented. The mechanical behavior of elastomeric and friction isolation devices is discussed. Passive, semi-active and active damping devices are covered. Rocking walls, frames and foundations are considered. Applications to new and existing structures are presented. ASCE 7 code provisions are compared with the state of the art of research and practice. The computational nonlinear analysis of seismic systems, using existing software, is presented. The development of active damping and controllable semiactive damping strategies are discussed.

### **Learning Objectives**

The course develops an advanced understanding of seismic protective systems in terms devices, components as well as at the system level. Comprehension of how code requirements compare with the state of the art of research and practice is achieved. Basic understanding of computational nonlinear analysis, using existing software, of such systems is attained.

### **Recommended Preparation:**

A background on the seismic design and nonlinear behavior of structures is very helpful. Students should have a background in structural analysis/mechanics (on the level of CE 458) and structural dynamics (preferably at the level of CE 541a).

## Course Notes

There is no single textbook used in this course. Copies of lecture slides and other class information (videos, journal papers, reports) will be posted on Blackboard.

## Main References and Suggested (Not Required) Readings

1. Christopoulos C. and Filiatrault A., 2006. Principles of Passive Supplemental Damping and Seismic Isolation. IUSS Press, Pavia, Italy.
2. Kelly J.M and Constantinidis D.A., 2011. Mechanics of Rubber Bearings for Seismic and Vibration Isolation. Wiley
3. Priestley MJN, Calvi GM, Kowalsky MJ, 2007. Displacement Based Seismic Design of Structures. IUSS Press, Pavia, Italy.

## Code Provisions

1. American Society of Civil Engineers, 2010. ASCE 7-10 Minimum design loads for buildings and other structures.

## Software

**ETABS 2016 Ultimate**, 2016. CSI Analysis Reference Manual, Computers and Structures, Inc., CA.

The software is accessible via *Enhanced Desktop*. An evaluation version can be obtained from the following link:

<https://www.csiamerica.com/support/downloads/software-evaluation-request?productnid=222>

## Description and Assessment of Assignments

Five homework assignments (one every 2 or 3 weeks) will count for **30%**, in total, of the course grade. A term project and a final examination will count for **20%**, and **50%** of the grade, respectively.

## Term Project

The term project will include the seismic analysis and design of a structure (building, bridge, other) using one of the seismic protective systems covered in the course. The design validation will require nonlinear response history analysis using the software ETABS Ultimate and three ground motions. The term project will be introduced in the eighth to ninth week of the course and will due at the beginning of the last lecture. During the last lecture each student will give a 10-minute-presentation of his/her project results. Different structures and design objectives will be given as options so that each student works on a different case.

## Grading Timeline

Unless otherwise noted in homework assignments and exams, homework assignments and exams will be returned within ten days after submission.

## Course Schedule: A Weekly Breakdown

Details of the course content described below may change depending on the interest of students and course development during the semester.

	<b>Topics/Daily Activities</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	Basis of conventional and high-performance seismic design
<b>Week 2</b>	Earthquake ground motion characteristics and nonlinear dynamic response of SDOF and MDOF oscillators and of conventional structural systems
<b>Week 3</b>	Linear / nonlinear dynamic analysis of base isolated buildings
<b>Week 4</b>	Linear / nonlinear dynamic analysis of base isolated buildings
<b>Week 5</b>	Mechanical behavior and design of rubber bearings
<b>Week 6</b>	Mechanical behavior and design of friction bearings
<b>Week 7</b>	Seismic design of base-isolated buildings
<b>Week 8</b>	Seismic design of base-isolated buildings
<b>Week 9</b>	Passive, semi-active and active damping devices and control strategies
<b>Week 10</b>	Passive, semi-active and active damping devices and control strategies
<b>Week 11</b>	Seismic isolation of bridges
<b>Week 12</b>	Seismic design/retrofit of buildings with viscous dampers and buckling restrained braces
<b>Week 13</b>	Seismic design of structures using post-tensioned walls, frames, and rocking foundations
<b>Week 14</b>	Seismic design of structures using post-tensioned walls, frames, and rocking foundations
<b>Week 15</b>	Presentation of term projects
<b>FINAL</b>	

## Statement on Academic Conduct and Support Systems

### Academic Conduct:

Plagiarism – presenting someone else’s ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words – is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism in *SCampus* in Part B, Section 11, “Behavior Violating University Standards” [policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b](http://policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b). Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in *SCampus* and university policies on scientific misconduct, <http://policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct>.

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Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention. [engemannshc.usc.edu/counseling](http://engemannshc.usc.edu/counseling)

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Provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

*Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Services (RSVP) – (213) 740-4900 – 24/7 on call*

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