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| <b>Module Code</b>  | CEU33A10  |
| <b>Module Name</b>  | 3A10 SURVEYING AND GEO-SPATIAL PLANNING   |
| <b>ECTS credit weighting</b>  | 5 ECTS  |
| <b>Semester taught</b>  | Semester 2  |
| <b>Module Coordinator/s</b>   | Julie Clarke  |
| <b><a href="#">Module Learning Outcomes</a> with embedded <a href="#">Graduate Attributes</a></b> | <p>On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:</p> <p>LO1. Design and organise levelling, total station and global positioning survey (GPS) surveys, including estimation of probable errors.</p> <p>LO2. Undertake reconnaissance exercises to establish best possible surveying methods to be used in different stages of engineering projects.</p> <p>LO3. Perform instrument checks to ensure the equipment meets specifications for quality assurance of surveying tasks.</p> <p>LO4. Learn how to use different surveying instruments by undertaking basic surveying procedures.</p> <p>LO5. Explain the concepts and theories that underpin GIS and outline their application to the real world.</p> <p>LO6. Demonstrate technical proficiency in the use of an industry standard GIS software package.</p> <p>LO7. Apply GIS technologies in problem-solving</p> <p>LO8. Collate and map different forms of geo-spatial data using Geographical Information System (GIS) software to support surveying activities.</p> <p>LO9. Analyse, report, and where appropriate, distribute, the survey errors.</p> <p><b>Graduate Attributes: levels of attainment</b></p> <p>To act responsibly - Enhanced</p> <p>To think independently - Enhanced</p> <p>To develop continuously - Enhanced</p> <p>To communicate effectively – Attained</p> |

## Module Content

Surveying and geo-spatial planning is a single semester module that will help you gain a foundation understanding of the principles of surveying and planning practices, intermediate knowledge of the methods and procedures used on site, and familiarity with a full range of geospatial surveying equipment and tools.

This module will give students the ability to plan and manage surveying projects in a wide range of contexts and environments. Students will gain an appreciation of the importance of accuracy and precision when translating detailed plans when setting out any civil engineering project. This will include addressing the challenges faced for surveyors working in different construction environments and consider the impact of spatial design changes during project development.

This practical work will be grounded by mathematical theory of analysing for possible errors that may occur in both surveying instrumentation and the methods used for calculating spatial-related data.

The following topics are covered.

- Levelling
- Totals Stations
- Linear and Angular Measurement
- Setting Out
- Global Positional Systems (GPS)
- Geospatial (GIS) Mapping and Modelling
- Remote Sensing

## Teaching and Learning Methods<sup>1</sup>

During the practical's and computer laboratories, students will work on independent and team tasks relating to the different life cycle stages of an engineering project: from site investigations to preliminary design, and through to construction and development checks. These tasks are designed to enable students develop a competency in operating surveying equipment and use surveying data for different project planning and development activities covered during the lectures:

- Levelling survey
- Totals Station survey and traverse
- GPS survey
- Geo-spatial planning assignments using GIS

Coursework practical's requires the submission of a report containing tabular result, sketch, error reporting, and commentary on the methods used.

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<sup>1</sup> [Trinity-INC](#) provides tips and resources on how to make your curriculum more inclusive.

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| <b>Assessment Details<sup>2</sup></b><br>Please include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Assessment Component</b></li> <li>• <b>Assessment description</b></li> <li>• <b>Learning Outcome(s) addressed</b></li> <li>• <b>% of total</b></li> <li>• <b>Assessment due date</b></li> </ul> It is recommended that module co-ordinators consider assessment types used across the year to ensure varied assessment methods. | Assessment Component  | Assessment Description  | LO Addressed | % of total | Week due |
|  | Examination   | 2-hour written examination  | LO1-9        | 50%        |          |
|  | Coursework  | Individual: 2 No. geo-spatial planning (GIS) laboratory assignments | LO2,5-8      | 5+5%       | 5        |
|  | Coursework  | Individual: 3 No. basic survey demonstrations and reports           | LO1,3,4 & 9  | 10%        | 9        |
|  | Coursework  | Group: 3 Advanced surveying practical's and group project           | LO1-4, 6-9   | 30%        | 12       |
| <b>Reassessment Requirements</b>   | 100% written examination  |   |              |            |          |
| <b>Contact Hours and Indicative Student Workload<sup>3</sup></b>   | <b>Contact hours:</b> 48 (27 hours of lectures; 15 hours of surveying practical's; 6 hours of geospatial planning tutorials)  |   |              |            |          |
|  | <b>Independent Study (preparation for course and review of materials):</b> 20 hours   |   |              |            |          |
|  | <b>Independent Study (preparation for assessment, incl. completion of assessment):</b> 57 hours   |   |              |            |          |
| <b>Indicative Reading List (approx. 4-5 titles)</b>  | <b>Relevant textbooks</b><br><i>Uren &amp; Price, Surveying for Engineers, Palgrave Publ. 5<sup>th</sup> Ed.</i><br><i>Schofield &amp; Breach, Engineering Surveying, 6th Ed.</i><br><i>Banister, Raymond &amp; Baker Surveying, Longman</i><br><i>Wolf &amp; Ghilani, Elementary Surveying, Prentice Hall Publ.</i><br><i>Longley, Geographic Information Systems &amp; Science, Wiley, 3rd Ed</i><br><i>Heywood, An Introduction to Geographical Information Systems, Prentice Hall, 4th Ed</i> |   |              |            |          |
| <b>Module Pre-requisite</b>  |   |   |              |            |          |
| <b>Module Co-requisite</b>   |   |   |              |            |          |
| <b>Module Website</b>  | <a href="https://www.tcd.ie/academicpractice/resources/assessment_workload/">Year Three - Engineering   Trinity College Dublin (tcd.ie)</a>   |   |              |            |          |

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Schools/Departments involved  
in the delivery of this module?  
If yes, please provide details.**

**Academic Year of Date**

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