

**DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF WROCLAW UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY**

SUPERVISOR/TEAM/ DECLARING/CONDUCTING COURSE: Wojciech Puła
DEPARTMENT: Civil Engineering Department
SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINE: Civil Engineering and Transport

COURSE CARD

Course name in Polish: Metody probabilistyczne w inżynierii
Course name in English: Probabilistic methods in engineering

Course language: English

University-wide general course type*:

The course is intended for all PhD students: YES / NO

~~1) BASIC COURSE~~

2) **SPECIALIST COURSE**

~~3) SEMINAR~~

~~4) HUMANISTIC COURSE~~

~~5) LANGUAGE~~

Subject code: ILQ100024W

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	Lecture	Foreign language course	Seminar	Mixed forms
Number of hours of organized classes in university (ZZU)	30	-	-	-
Grading	Exam	-	-	-
Number of ECTS points	0	-	-	-

PREREQUISITES RELATING TO KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND OTHER COMPETENCES

1. A basic course in soil mechanics and foundation engineering
2. A basic course in probability and statistics
3. A course in calculus

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- C1. To enable PhD students to use probabilistic methods within their PhD theses.
- C2. To demonstrate students the rules of probability based design

PROGRAM CONTENTS

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Form of classes – lecture (Lec)		Number of hours
Lec1	General comments on uncertainty in geotechnical analyses. Sources and types of uncertainty in geomechanical properties.	1
Lec2	Basic discrete probability theory.	1
Lec3	Some basic concepts of probability measures theory.	2
Lec4	Random variables and probability distributions, expected values, variance, moments of higher order. Random vectors, stochastic independence, covariance/correlation Common discrete and continuous distributions.	2
Lec5	Convergence of probability distributions. Limit theorems	1
Lec6	Stochastic processes and random fields	4
Lec7	Probabilistic modelling of soil properties. Estimation problems. Theory and examples	2
Lec8	Structural reliability methods and reliability assessments in geomechanics	3
Lec9	Reliability oriented simulation techniques. Random fields Simulation.	2
Lec9	Advanced reliability evaluations. Bearing capacity of shallow foundations.	2
Lec9	Advanced reliability evaluation. Response surface method and its application to foundation settlement problem	2
Lec10	Stochastic finite element method and the random element method (RFEM). An overview.	2
Lec11	Applications of RFEM to various geomechanical problems.	2
Lec12	Reliability based design. General rules and examples.	1
Lec13	Calibration of characteristic and design values in conjunction of rules given by Eurocodes	3
Total hours:		30

TEACHING TOOLS USED
N1. Classical lecture N2. Multimedial presentations N3. Discussions of problems.

ACHIEVED SUBJECT LEARNING OUTCOMES		
Type of learning outcome	Code of learning outcome	Assessment of learning outcome
Knowledge	P8S_WG	has knowledge at an advanced level of a basic nature for a field related to the area of scientific research, including the latest methods of research and verification of achieved results
Knowledge	P8S_W	Understanding the basic methods of structural reliability methods.
Knowledge	P8S_WK	A knowledge in reliability based design

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Skills	P8U_U	An elementary skill in probabilistic modelling
Skills	P8S_UK	An elementary skill in reliability evaluations
Skills	P8S_UO	A skill in characteristic and design evaluation
Social competence		

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LITERATURE

PRIMARY LITERATURE:

- [1] FENTON G.A., GRIFFITHS D.V. (2008), *Risk assessment in geotechnical engineering*. John Wiley & Sons, Hoboken, N.J.
- [2] EUROCODE 7 AND RELIABILITY-BASED DESIGN. IN: RELIABILITY BASED DESIGN IN GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING, TAYLOR AND FRANCIS, LONDON–NEW YORK,
- [3] BAECHER G.B., CHRISTIAN J.T. (2003), RELIABILITY AND STATISTICS IN GEOTECHNICAL
- [4] ENGINEERING. J. WILEY & SONS, CHICHESTER.
- [5] FISZ M. (1980), PROBABILITY THEORY AND MATHEMATICAL *statistics*. Krieger Publ. Co.

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- [1] DITLEVSEN O., MADSEN H.O. (1996), STRUCTURAL RELIABILITY METHODS. JOHN WILEY & SONS, CHICHESTER.
- [2] PROBABILISTIC METHODS IN GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING. ED. BY D. V. GRIFFITHS,
- [3] GORDON A. FENTON. WIEN; NEW YORK: SPRINGER, COP. 2007. s. 127-145. ISBN: 978-3-211-73365-3.
- [4] MELCHERS R.E. (2018), STRUCTURAL RELIABILITY. ANALYSIS AND PREDICTION. 3RD EDITION, JOHN WILEY & SONS.

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