

Civil Engineering  
CIVENG 4A04  
Engineering Hydrology  
*Fall 2023*



**ENGINEERING**

## Instructor Information

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## Course Information

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**Lectures:** TuThFr 8:30AM - 9:20AM

**Tutorials:** We 2:30PM - 4:20PM

**Course Dates:** 09/05/2023 - 12/06/2023

**Units:** 4.00

**Course Delivery Mode:** In Person

**Course Description:** Hydrologic cycle; climate; hydraulic and hydrologic processes, precipitation; unit hydrographs; hydrologic statistics, hydrologic routing; introduction to groundwater flow. Three lectures, one tutorial (two hours); one term Prerequisite(s): CIVENG 3M03

## Instructor-Specific Course Information

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The topics in this course will be presented in a traditional lecture format, with emphasis on developing physical intuition and mathematical competency. Students are expected to attend and actively participate in the lectures. Tutorials will be used to review and practice key concepts presented in the lectures.

## Important Links

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- [Mosaic](#)
- [Avenue to Learn](#)
- [Student Accessibility Services - Accommodations](#)
- [McMaster University Library](#)
- [eReserves](#)

## Course Learning Outcomes

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For accreditation reasons, these learning outcome statements must be tied back to CEAB graduate attributes (GAs), including those that are measured in this course. If you are unsure how to do this, please contact the Associate Chair Undergraduate in your department.

- Develop the competence in the specialized engineering knowledge of local and global hydrologic cycles (Attribute 1.2)
- Gain the ability to perform infiltration calculations (Attribute 4.2)
- Develop the competence to conduct hydrograph routing (Attribute 2.1)
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## Required Materials and Texts

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Textbook Listing: <https://textbooks.mcmaster.ca>

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## Optional Course Materials

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**Engineering Hydrology**

**ISBN:** 9390177502

**Authors:** Subramanya, K.

**Publisher:** McGraw-Hill

## Class Format

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In Person

## Course Evaluation

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Homework assignments	20%
Course project	20%
Midterm exam	25%
Final exam	30%
Participation	5%

## Grading Scale

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Grade	Equivalent Grade Point	Equivalent Percentages
A+	12	90-100
A	11	85-89
A-	10	80-84
B+	9	77-79
B	8	73-76
B-	7	70-72
C+	6	67-69
C	5	63-66
C-	4	60-62
D+	3	57-59
D	2	53-56
D-	1	50-52
F	0	0-49

## Course Schedule

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WEEK 1	Introduction; The Hydrologic Cycle	
WEEK 2	Precipitation	HW1
WEEK 3	Evapotranspiration	
WEEK 4	Groundwater Flow	HW2
WEEK 5	Soil Moisture & Infiltration	

WEEK 6	Streamflow	HW3
WEEK 7	Runoff Flow	MIDTERM EXAMINATION
WEEK 8	Hydrograph	HW4
WEEK 9	Hydrologic Design	
WEEK 10	Term Presentations	
WEEK 11	Climate Change & Hydrology	
WEEK 12	Statistical Hydrology	HW5
WEEK 13	Review	
FINAL EXAMINATION	Scheduled during the regular University Final Examination period established by the Registrar's Office	

## Late Assignments

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- A 25% penalty will be assessed to all late assignments.

## Absences, Missed Work, Illness

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McMaster Student Absence Form (MSAF): In the event of an absence for medical or other reasons, students should review and follow the Academic Regulation in the Undergraduate Calendar “Requests for Relief for Missed Academic Term Work”.

The McMaster Student Absence Form is a self-reporting tool for Undergraduate Students to report absences that last up to 5 days and provides the ability to request accommodation for any missed academic work. Please note, this tool cannot be used during any final examination period. You may submit a maximum of 1 Academic Work Missed requests per term. It is your responsibility to follow up with your Instructor immediately regarding the nature of the accommodation. If you are absent more than 5 days or exceed 1 request per term you must visit your Associate Dean's Office (Faculty Office). You may be required to provide supporting documentation. This form should be filled out immediately when you are about to return to class after your absence.

## Generative AI: Use Prohibited

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Students are not permitted to use generative AI in this course. In alignment with [McMaster academic integrity policy](#), it “shall be an offence knowingly to ... submit

academic work for assessment that was purchased or acquired from another source”. This includes work created by generative AI tools. Also state in the policy is the following, “Contract Cheating is the act of “outsourcing of student work to third parties” (Lancaster & Clarke, 2016, p. 639) with or without payment.” Using Generative AI tools is a form of contract cheating. Charges of academic dishonesty will be brought forward to the Office of Academic Integrity.

## **APPROVED ADVISORY STATEMENTS**

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### **Academic Integrity**

You are expected to exhibit honesty and use ethical behaviour in all aspects of the learning process. Academic credentials you earn are rooted in principles of honesty and academic integrity. **It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty.**

Academic dishonesty is to knowingly act or fail to act in a way that results or could result in unearned academic credit or advantage. This behaviour can result in serious consequences, e.g. the grade of zero on an assignment, loss of credit with a notation on the transcript (notation reads: “Grade of F assigned for academic dishonesty”), and/or suspension or expulsion from the university. For information on the various types of academic dishonesty please refer to the [Academic Integrity Policy](https://secretariat.mcmaster.ca/university-policies-proceduresguidelines/), located at <https://secretariat.mcmaster.ca/university-policies-proceduresguidelines/>

The following illustrates only three forms of academic dishonesty:

- plagiarism, e.g. the submission of work that is not one’s own or for which other credit has been obtained.
- improper collaboration in group work.
- copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

### **Authenticity / Plagiarism**

**Some courses may** use a web-based service (Turnitin.com) to reveal authenticity and ownership of student submitted work. For courses using such software, students will be

expected to submit their work electronically either directly to Turnitin.com or via an online learning platform (e.g. Avenue to Learn, etc.) using plagiarism detection (a service supported by Turnitin.com) so it can be checked for academic dishonesty.

Students who do not wish their work to be submitted through the plagiarism detection software must inform the Instructor before the assignment is due. No penalty will be assigned to a student who does not submit work to the plagiarism detection software. **All submitted work is subject to normal verification that standards of academic integrity have been upheld** (e.g., on-line search, other software, etc.). For more details about McMaster's use of Turnitin.com please go to [www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity](http://www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity).

## **Courses with an On-line Element**

**Some courses may** use on-line elements (e.g. e-mail, Avenue to Learn, LearnLink, web pages, capa, Moodle, ThinkingCap, etc.). Students should be aware that, when they access the electronic components of a course using these elements, private information such as first and last names, user names for the McMaster e-mail accounts, and program affiliation may become apparent to all other students in the same course. The available information is dependent on the technology used. Continuation in a course that uses on-line elements will be deemed consent to this disclosure. If you have any questions or concerns about such disclosure please discuss this with the course instructor.

## **Online Proctoring**

**Some courses may** use online proctoring software for tests and exams. This software may require students to turn on their video camera, present identification, monitor and record their computer activities, and/or lock/restrict their browser or other applications/software during tests or exams. This software may be required to be installed before the test/exam begins.

## **Conduct Expectations**

As a McMaster student, you have the right to experience, and the responsibility to demonstrate, respectful and dignified interactions within all of our living, learning and working communities. These expectations are described in the [Code of Student Rights & Responsibilities](#) (the “Code”). All students share the responsibility of maintaining a positive environment for the academic and personal growth of all McMaster community members, **whether in person or online.**

It is essential that students be mindful of their interactions online, as the Code remains in effect in virtual learning environments. The Code applies to any interactions that adversely affect, disrupt, or interfere with reasonable participation in University activities. Student disruptions or behaviours that interfere with university functions on online platforms (e.g. use of Avenue 2 Learn, WebEx or Zoom for delivery), will be taken very seriously and will be investigated. Outcomes may include restriction or removal of the involved students’ access to these platforms.

### **Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities**

Students with disabilities who require academic accommodation must contact [Student Accessibility Services](#) (SAS) at 905-525-9140 ext. 28652 or [sas@mcmaster.ca](mailto:sas@mcmaster.ca) to make arrangements with a Program Coordinator. For further information, consult McMaster University’s [Academic Accommodation of Students with Disabilities](#) policy.

### **Academic Advising**

For any academic inquires please reach out to the Office of the Associate Dean (Academic) in Engineering located in JHE-Hatch 301.

Details on academic supports and contact information are available from:

<https://www.eng.mcmaster.ca/programs/academic-advising>

### **Requests for Relief for Missed Academic Term Work**



In the event of an absence for medical or other reasons, students should review and follow the [Policy on Requests for Relief for Missed Academic Term Work](#).

## **Academic Accommodation for Religious, Indigenous, or Spiritual Observances (RISO)**

Students requiring academic accommodation based on religious, indigenous or spiritual observances should follow the procedures set out in the [RISO](#) policy. Students should submit their request to their Faculty Office *normally within 10 working days* of the beginning of term in which they anticipate a need for accommodation or to the Registrar's Office prior to their examinations. Students should also contact their instructors as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements for classes, assignments, and tests.

## **Copyright and Recording**

Students are advised that lectures, demonstrations, performances, and any other course material provided by an instructor include copyright protected works. The Copyright Act and copyright law protect every original literary, dramatic, musical and artistic work, **including lectures** by University instructors.

The recording of lectures, tutorials, or other methods of instruction may occur during a course. Recording may be done by either the instructor for the purpose of authorized distribution, or by a student for the purpose of personal study. Students should be aware that their voice and/or image may be recorded by others during the class. Please speak with the instructor if this is a concern for you.

## **Extreme Circumstances**

The University reserves the right to change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances (e.g., severe weather, labour disruptions, etc.). Changes will be communicated through regular McMaster communication channels, such as McMaster Daily News, Avenue to Learn and/or McMaster email.