



Subject card

Subject name and code	Bridge structures, PG_00041518						
Field of study	Civil Engineering						
Date of commencement of studies	February 2025	Academic year of realisation of subject			2025/2026		
Education level	second-cycle studies	Subject group			Optional subject group		
Mode of study	Full-time studies	Mode of delivery			at the university		
Year of study	1	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	2	ECTS credits			3.0		
Learning profile	general academic profile	Assessment form			assessment		
Conducting unit	Department of Railway Engineering -> Faculty of Civil and Environmental Engineering						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. inż. Marcin Abramski				
	Teachers						
Lesson types and methods of instruction	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	45
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	45		5.0		25.0	75
Subject objectives	Basic knowledge on bridge structures made of steel and/or concrete. Static systems, design of structure, equipment and maintenance of bridges. Project of simply supported reinforced concrete bridge in grid static system.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome			Method of verification	
	[K7_U02] can design and dimension complex steel, concrete (including reinforced), wood and masonry constructions and its details		After passing the course students should be able to do the following for a single-span reinforced concrete grid bridge structure: • calculate bending moments and shear forces for any given longitudinal girder, • present principles of design, i.e. detailing and dimensioning of the individual structural members, • draw detailed cross-section and longitudinal section of the structure, including bridge equipment.			[SU1] Assessment of task fulfilment [SU5] Assessment of ability to present the results of task	
	[K7_W02] knows principles of analysis, design and dimensioning of complex constructions and its elements		After passing the course students should be able to: • define basic terms concerning the bridge structures, • name and determine types of bridges, • recognize structural members of bridge structures and explain system of carrying the loads by them, • name bridge equipment elements and explain their role, • draw sample cross-sections and longitudinal sections of plate, beam, frame, arch, cable-stayed and suspension bridges.			[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge [SW2] Assessment of knowledge contained in presentation	

LECTURES

1. Prestressed concrete. Pre-tensioned and post-tensioned concrete structures. Bonded and unbonded post-tensioning. Structure safety in design process: full, reduced and partial prestressing. Prestressing tendons: wires, strands and cables. Dead-end and live-end anchorages of strands and cables. Modes of failure for prestressed concrete structures.
2. Bridge supports. Abutment: its parts and their role in carrying the loads. Soil lateral pressure on abutments. Approach slabs in abutments. Global stability of abutments and piers. Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil bridge abutments. River piers, ice aprons. Scour in river piers. Seismic hazards for bridge supports.
3. Classification of bridges with regard to structure type of main girders: beam bridges, truss bridges, frame bridges, arch bridges, cable-stayed bridges, suspension bridges, extradosed bridges, stressed ribbon bridges.
4. Short- and medium-span concrete beam bridges. Static schemes. Span cross-sections (including slab bridges). Using prefabricated concrete beams in bridge construction. Methods of making freely supported bridge spans fully or partially continuous. Bituminous expansion joints.
5. Other types of concrete bridges: frame bridges, arch bridges, cable-stayed bridges, extradosed bridges, stressed ribbon bridges.
6. Contemporary technics of concrete bridge construction: fully cast on falsework, with prefabricated structural members, incremental launching, balanced-cantilever method.
7. Exploitation and maintenance of bridges. Bridge damages, bridge inspections. Rehabilitation and strengthening methods.
8. Elements of bridge equipment. Expansion joints (types and choice principles), bearings, drainage, barriers, railings, acoustic barriers.
9. Traffic loads on bridges.
10. Steel bridges - construction and design (beam bridges, truss bridges, arch bridges).
11. Bridge testing (load tests, measurement techniques).
12. Fatigue life of bridges.

PROJECT

Single-span reinforced concrete road bridge in static system of grid.

1. Draft project (drawings).
2. Static calculation:
 - a) influence line (rigid cross-beam method),
 - b) determining of loads according to Eurocode 1,
 - c) determining of loads related to individual girder,

	<p>d) determining of internal forces (bending moment, shearing force) considering six cross-sections situated every L/10 in length.</p> <p>3. Design of a a given girder in Ultimate Limit State:</p> <p>a) bending,</p> <p>b) shearing.</p> <p>4. Drawings.</p> <p>a) general drawing of bridge</p> <p>b) structure of main girder</p>																	
Prerequisites and co-requisites	<p>Structural statics: statically determinant structures</p> <p>Concrete structures: designing reinforced concrete beam members subjected to bending moments and shearing forces</p>																	
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Recommended reading	Basic literature	Zhao J.J., Tonias D.E.: Bridge Engineering: Design, Rehabilitation, and Maintenance of Modern Highway Bridges. Publisher: McGraw- Hill Education, 3rd ed.: 2012.																
	Supplementary literature	Calgaro J.-A., Tschumi M., Gulvanessian H.: Designer's Guide to Eurocode 1: Actions on bridges. Thomas Telford Ltd. London, 2010.																
	eResources addresses	Adresy na platformie eNauczenie:																
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed																		
Work placement	Not applicable																	

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