

AOM 3220
AGRICULTURAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE
Agricultural & Biological Engineering
The University of Florida

Fall 2023 Tuesday (class) **8:30-9:20 AM**, Room 129 Frazier Rogers Hall
 Tuesday (lab) 3:00-4:55pm (Lab meets in Bldg 616 Corner of Museum and Hull)
 Wed (lab) 3:00-4:55pm (Lab meets in Bldg 616 Corner of Museum and Hull)
 Thursday (class) **8:30-9:20 AM**, Room 129 Frazier Rogers Hall
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Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites for AOM3220

Catalog Description

Selection and use of materials and tools used in planning, constructing, and maintaining buildings. Students will participate in class lectures and laboratory activities to build full-scale projects involving framing, plumbing, electrical, windows, etc. Building codes and building science will be combined to provide an introduction to the world of construction.

Course Objective

Through laboratory experiences and subject matter covered, the student is expected to gain rudimentary skill proficiencies and knowledge in the following areas:

- The student will be able to select, safely use, service, and operate common shop and field construction tools.
- The student will be able to estimate material needs, select proper materials, and use them to build common structures.
- Students will be able to analyze common electrical circuits, construct or repair them, and demonstrate functionality.
- Students will be able to analyze common plumbing systems and materials and demonstrate construction techniques with PVC and copper.
- Students will use building science information and techniques to assist in material selection and building design for the hot-humid climate.
- Students will use best management practices to operate buildings in the most resource efficient method possible.
- Lab exercises will be used to develop student's small group management skills.

Time does not permit everything to be covered in lecture and lab, therefore, reading and homework will be assigned. Exams will include outside reading material as well as that provided in the lectures and labs. Reading lists and materials will be included in each module. There is no assigned textbook for this class. The schedule is approximate. Exact test dates will

be presented in class at least one week ahead of each exam due to particular requirements of the AEC students. The Canvas system will be used to enable students to access course materials.

Course Schedule (dates are approximate)

Week	Lecture	Topic	HW	Lab/Comments
1				
	L1	Syllabus, Intro		No lab
2	L2	Safety/sign-up	HW1	
	L3	Tape measure Construction Math	HW2	Lab1: Safety, tools, wall skills
3	L4	Building Envelope	HW3	
	L5	Building Envelope types	HW4	Lab2: Fasteners
4	L6	Building Envelope types	HW5	
	L7	Construction Drawings		Lab 3: Drywall
5	L8	Construction Drawings	HW6	
	L9	Test review		Lab 4: Wall Sections
6	L10	Test 1		
	L11	Bldg Systems: Electrical	HW7	Lab 5: Electrical I
7	L12	Electrical	HW8	
	L13	Siting Issues, Topo		Lab 6: Electrical II
8	L14	Plumbing	HW9	
	L15	Plumbing	HW10	Lab 7: Plumbing
9	L16	Concrete		
	L17	Concrete		Lab 8: Concrete
10	L18	Concrete		
	L19	Test review		Lab 9: Sheathing
11	L20	Test 2		
	L21	HVAC	HW13	Lab 10: Roof Trusses
12	L22	HVAC	HW14	
	L23	HVAC		Lab 11: Window Installation
13	L24	Case Studies	HW15	
	L25	Case Studies	HW16	Lab 12: Picnic Tables
14	L26	Case Studies		
	L27	Energy & Water Efficiency	HW17	No Lab Thanksgiving
15	L28	Energy & Water Efficiency	HW18	Lab 13: PV and Demos
	L29	Energy & Water Efficiency		
16	L30	Review and the Future, Test 3 assigned		No lab

Grading

Exams	3 @ 100 pts each	300 pts
Labs	12 @ 20 pts each	240 pts
Homework	18 @ 10 pts each	180 pts
Attendance	27 lectures @ 2 pts each, plus 13 labs @ 2 pts each	80 pts
800 to 752 pts	A	
751 to 720 pts	A-	
719 to 696 pts	B+	
695 to 664 pts	B	
663 to 640 pts	B-	
639 to 616 pts	C+	
615 to 576 pts	C	
575 to 560 pts	C-	
559 to 536 pts	D+	
535 to 496 pts	D	
495 to 480 pts	D-	
Below 480 pts	E	

For information on current UF policies for assigning grade points, see <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>

NO CELL PHONE USE DURING CLASS!!!!

General Requirements

1. Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments and other work are consistent with university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>.

Attendance is required at the lab you are registered. This is a very hands-on course, the only way to learn in lab and to do the project (both of which earn points) is through attendance. Therefore, it is to the student's great advantage to make every effort to attend. A particular missed lab can not be made up once the week in which that lab is taught, has passed.
2. Skills and psychomotor proficiencies take longer to develop than the cognitive skills, therefore it may take some people additional time and practice to gain mastery of some skills. Much of the lab work in this course is psychomotor or skill oriented and proficiency will be evaluated for grading purposes.
3. Since this is a shop course, please dress accordingly (i.e. no sandals, loose fitting sleeves, dangling jewelry or hair, shirt tails and clothing that might get caught in the machinery).
4. You will be asked to help clean up the lab toward the end of the period.
5. Students are **not only expected to attend each lab but the ENTIRE scheduled period**. Therefore, arrangements should be made ahead of time in order to leave early and still receive credit.

Attendance and Make-Up Work

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Online Course Evaluation Process

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at

<https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

Academic Honesty

As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge: *"We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity."* You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic community, and on all work submitted for credit at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: *"On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."*

It is assumed that you will complete all work independently in each course unless the instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks (e.g. assignments, papers, quizzes, exams). Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the Student Honor Code, please see: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code>.

Software Use:

All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

Services for Students with Disabilities

The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation

0001 Reid Hall, 352-392-8565, <https://disability.ufl.edu/>

Campus Helping Resources

Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general well-being are encouraged to utilize the university's counseling resources. The Counseling & Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance.

- *University Counseling & Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Road, 352-392-1575, www.counseling.ufl.edu/*
 - Counseling Services
 - Groups and Workshops
 - Outreach and Consultation
 - Self-Help Library
 - Wellness Coaching
- U Matter We Care, www.umatter.ufl.edu/
- *Career Connections Center, First Floor JWRU, 392-1601, <http://career.ufl.edu/>*
- Student Success Initiative, <http://studentsuccess.ufl.edu>.

Student Complaints:

- Residential Course: <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>.
- Online Course: <https://pfs.tnt.aa.ufl.edu/state-authorization-status/#student-complaint>