Course: CEG 4104: Retaining Wall and Embankment Design (6131)
CEG 6515: Earth Retaining Systems and Slope Stability (0846, EDGE)

Time & Place: 3rd Period (9:35 - 10:25 A.M.) Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
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Prerequisites: CEG 4011, CEG 4012


Course objectives and/or goals: See instructor.

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* Notes on grading:

1. Homework assignments will typically be due at beginning of class period, and before lecture begins. Solutions submitted after this time will receive a 10 percent deduction per day late, and no solutions will be accepted after one week. Prepare all homework solutions on one side of sheet only (no spiral bound paper) and staple all pages together.
2. Questions, comments, etc. regarding the grading of exams or homework assignments must be submitted to the instructor within 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) of their return, after which time the discussion is closed.

3. Homework solutions will be made available on E-Learning course management system.

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