

CIVIL-413

**Urban hydraulic systems**

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Civil Engineering	MA2, MA4	Opt.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	3
Session	Summer
Semester	Spring
Exam	Oral
Workload	90h
Weeks	14
<b>Hours</b>	<b>3 weekly</b>
Lecture	2 weekly
Exercises	1 weekly
<b>Number of positions</b>	

**Summary**

Sustainable fresh water and urban drainage system are considered. For fresh water, the capture, reservoir and net are discussed. For the drainage, hydrology as well as the individual conduit and manhole hydraulics are included. The integral rain water management and the legal frame are key elements.

**Content****General introduction to urban hydraulics**

- Legal and conceptual aspects, including common concepts of fresh and waste water nets
- Sustainable design respecting the natural water cycle and reducing the pollution outfall
- Approaches to reduce the runoff generation, via evapotranspiration and infiltration
- Design bases related to fresh water consumption, storm water and dry-weather discharge in sewer
- Introduction to flood retention with hydraulic design of components
- Overview on literature and activities of competent organizations

**Focus on fresh water**

- Systems with consumption and production, with measures to reduce both
- Capture
- Reservoirs
- Supply net hydraulics

**Focus on wastewater hydraulics**

- Hydraulic design of sewer conduit
- Standard manhole
- Special manhole: Drop and junction, sewer side weir and bottom opening

**Learning Prerequisites****Recommended courses**

Fluid mechanics I et II  
Hydraulic structures and schemes I

**Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Describe the objectives of urban hydraulic systems
- Analyze the legal environment of urban hydraulic networks
- Assess / Evaluate the sewer types and existing systems
- Elaborate relevant discharges
- Characterize fresh water supply nets, captures and reservoirs
- Design sewer pipes considering all related phenomena
- Estimate the hydraulically correct dimensions of manholes
- Compose urban hydraulic nets out of the relevant elements

### Transversal skills

- Set objectives and design an action plan to reach those objectives.
- Respect relevant legal guidelines and ethical codes for the profession.
- Take responsibility for environmental impacts of her/ his actions and decisions.
- Make an oral presentation.

### Teaching methods

Course with exercises, examples, and presentations

### Expected student activities

To read literature and book chapters, to present results

### Assessment methods

Oral exam

### Supervision

Office hours	No
Assistants	No
Forum	No

### Resources

#### Bibliography

Is provided at course begin

#### Notes/Handbook

Slides and Books

#### Moodle Link

- <https://go.epfl.ch/CIVIL-413>