

**ENVT 165A - Geotechnical Sampling and Instrumentation**
*3 Credits, 2 Hours Lecture, 3 Hours Lab*

The course is an introduction to the practical field and laboratory techniques used in the construction of buildings, industrial facilities, roads, bridges, containment structures, waste handling facilities, power lines, pipe lines and recreation sites common to the area. Topics such as construction site safety and material sampling and testing (soil, gravel, concrete and asphalt) are covered.

*Prerequisite: EAS 100*

**Instructors**

Instructor: Neil O'Donnell Office Location : S209G Phone Number: 780-791-4821 email: <a href="mailto:neil.odonnell@keyano.ca">neil.odonnell@keyano.ca</a>  Office Hours (Winter 2021)  Wednesday            10:00 am – noon Thursday            10:00 am – 11:00 am Thursday            4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Friday                10:00 am – 11:00 am  Other times are possible, by appointment	Instructor: Dr. Marie-France Jones Office Location: S209E Phone Number: 780-791-8957 email: <a href="mailto:marie-france.jones@keyano.ca">marie-france.jones@keyano.ca</a>  Office Hours (Winter 2021)  Monday            9:00 am – 10:30 am Tuesday            1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Thursday            1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Friday                9:00 am – 10:30 am
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**Hours of Instruction (Winter 2021)**

Tuesday            9:00 – 11:50 am (Lab)  
 Thursday            1:00 – 2:50 pm (Lecture)

**Required Resources**

**Geotechnical Engineering: Principles and Practices.** 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, ISBN-13: 978-0-13-236868-1

**Course Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student shall be able to:

- establish and explain connections of course knowledge, as it applies to relevant current events, with emphasis on those of environmental concern.
- recognize the scope of geotechnical engineering and the role of the technologist.
- describe the regulatory environment (codes, standards, regulations, standard practices) in which geotechnical engineering is conducted.
- understand the composition, structure and classification of soil, aggregates, concrete, and asphalt.
- identify the various geotechnical issues involved in the construction of foundations, roads, bridges, pond liners, ditches, weirs and dams.
- distinguish the field and laboratory testing equipment frequently used by geotechnical engineers.
- explain the function on of various types of heavy construction equipment.
- assess issues related to job site safety and etiquette.
- categorize surficial land formations of importance to geotechnical engineers.
- collect sand and gravel samples in the field, and perform common laboratory soil tests as per standard methods (soil sieve and proctor analysis, hydrometer, specific gravity, unit weight, shrinkage + expansion, compressibility).

- describe concrete tests as per standard methods (slump test, ball penetration test, density, air content, cement content, aggregate sampling, strength tests). (Guest lecture possible).

### Evaluation

Labs – Reports	20%
Labs – Assignments	20%
1 <sup>st</sup> Half Exam (Week 6)	10%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Exam (Week 13)	10%
Final Exam	40%
Total	100%

*A grade of C- is required for progression or transfer.*

*The minimum standard for passing this course is a grade of D (50%).*

*Students must achieve an average of 50% on the midterm and the final exam in order to pass the course and an overall average in the course of 50% (D).*

### Term Mark (labs, reports, assignments, on-line quizzes)

- Term Mark will be determined from all the labs, reports, and assignments.
- Term Mark will be weighted average of all submissions.
- If 20% or more of submissions (labs, reports, and assignments) are missing, student will not be allowed to write the final exam. This rule applies, even if the submission has a zero grade.

### Mid-Term and Final Exams

- Two mid-term exams will be given:
  - Week 6 - covers lecture materials Weeks 1-6.
  - Week 13 - covers lecture materials Weeks 8-13.
- Mid-term exams will not be deferred.
  - If missed for an "excused absence", the percentage will be integrated into the final exam percentage.
  - If missed otherwise, the mark will be zero.
- Final exam covers lecture materials Weeks 1-14, and associated lab materials.

### Lab Sessions

Instructions for lab sessions will be provided by Dr. Jones on a separate Moodle venue.

Laboratory work will be conducted weekly starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of classes. Lab protocol will be explained during the first class in Week 2, 2021. Labs will be graded. Completion of the labs and a passing grade on that component of the course are considered mandatory to pass ENVT 165.

The labs will run 3 hours per week. Attendance is mandatory. To get credit for any lab, you must attend the scheduled lab session. If you are absent, the mark recorded will be zero.

For laboratory work in this course, the observations you record must be made individually by you. All lab observations and notes must be completed in the lab. You must carry out all calculations yourself, and written answers must be in words composed uniquely by you. Refer to remarks below on Page 4.

The laboratory work is comprised of two sections (1) lab assignments which will be completed in class and (2) lab reports which are larger experiments with a full scientific report due. Lab assignments are due at the **end of the lab session**, and lab reports are due the following week. Late reports will receive a mark of zero.

Unless specified differently by instructor, labs, reports, and assignments will be submitted electronically via Moodle.

Any changes due to special circumstances will be communicated by instructors to students via Moodle.

**Grading System**

Descriptor	Alpha Grade	4.0 Scale	Percent	Rubric for Letter Grades
Excellent	A+	4.0	> 92.9	Work shows in-depth and critical analysis, well developed ideas, creativity, excellent writing, clarity and proper format.
	A	4.0	85 – 92.9	
	A-	3.7	80 – 84.9	
Good	B+	3.3	77 – 79.9	Work is generally of high quality, well developed, well written, has clarity, and uses proper format.
	B	3.0	74 – 76.9	
	B-	2.7	70 – 73.9	
Satisfactory	C+	2.3	67 – 69.9	Work has some developed ideas but needs more attention to clarity, style and formatting.
	C	2.0	64 – 66.9	
	<b>Progression</b>	C-	1.7	
Poor	D+	1.3	55 – 59.9	Work is completed in a general way with minimal support or is poorly written or did not use proper format.
<b>Minimum Pass</b>	D	1.0	50 – 54.9	
Failure	F	0.0	< 50	Responses fail to demonstrate appropriate understanding or are fundamentally incomplete.

**Proposed Schedule of Topics (Lectures) Winter, 2021**

Week 01	Groundwater & Mass wasting Review from EAS 100.
Week 02	Unit 1 : Geotechnology
Week 03	Unit 2 : Soil Behaviour
Week 04	Unit 2 : Soil Behaviour (continued)
Week 05	Unit 3 : Materials (possible Guest Lecturer)
Week 06	Unit 4 : Construction & Mid-Term Quiz No.1
Week 07	Reading Week (February 15 – 19, 2021)
Week 08	Unit 5 : Site Investigation
Week 09	Unit 6 : Groundwater Fundamentals
Week 10	Unit 7 : Geoenvironmental Issues
Week 11	Unit 7 : Geoenvironmental Issues (continued)
Week 12	Unit 8 : Slope Stability
Week 13	Mid-Term Quiz No.2
Weeks 14/15	Course Review and Summary
Weeks 16 & 17	Final Exams

**Proposed Schedule of Laboratory Classes Winter 2021**

Ensure all students have Keyano-specific WHMIS certification.

Week 01	No Lab
Week 02	<b>Lab Assignment</b> - Engineering Geology
Week 03	<b>Lab Report</b> - Sieve Analysis
Week 04	<b>Lab Report</b> - Hydrometer Analysis
Week 05	<b>Lab Assignment</b> - Grain Curve Problems
Week 06	<b>Lab Assignment</b> - Excavation and Fill
Week 07	No Lab - Reading Week.
Week 08	<b>Lab Report</b> - Groundwater Observation Well
Week 09	<b>Lab Assignment</b> - Site Evaluation
Week 10	Field Trip to Geotechnical Lab
Weeks 11/12	<b>Lab Assignment</b> - Keyano STC Geotechnical Site Investigation
Week 13	<b>Lab Assignment</b> - Slope Stability
Weeks 14-17	No Lab

**Please Note:**

Date and time allotted to each topic is subject to change.

## Performance Requirements and Student Services

### Student Responsibilities

It is your responsibility as a student to contact the Office of the Registrar to complete the forms for Withdrawal or Change of Registration, and any other forms. Please refer to the list of important dates as noted in the Academic Schedule in the [Keyano College credit calendar](#). The Keyano College credit calendar also has information about Student Rights and Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies.

### Student Attendance

Class attendance is useful for two reasons. First, class attendance maximizes a student's learning experience. Second, attending class is a good way to keep informed of matters relating to the administration of the course (e.g., the timing of assignments and exams). Ultimately, you are responsible for your own learning and performance in this course.

It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for all classes. Students who miss classes are responsible for the material covered in those classes and for ensuring that they are prepared for the next class, including the completion of any assignments and notes that may be due.

### Academic Misconduct

Students are considered to be responsible adults and should adhere to principles of intellectual integrity. Intellectual dishonesty may take many forms, such as:

- Plagiarism or the submission of another person's work as one's own;
- The use of unauthorized aids in assignments or examinations (cheating);
- Collusion or the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing work;
- The deliberate misrepresentation of qualifications;
- The willful distortion of results or data;
- Substitution in an examination by another person;
- Handing in the same unchanged work as submitted for another assignment; and
- Breach of confidentiality.

The consequences for academic misconduct range from a verbal reprimand to expulsion from the College. More specific descriptions and details are found in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct section of the Keyano College credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies.

In order to ensure your understanding of the concept of plagiarism, you must successfully complete the online tutorial found on [ilearn.keyano.ca](http://ilearn.keyano.ca). Then print the certificate, sign it, and show it to each of your instructors. Your course work may not be graded until you show this signed certificate.

### Specialized Supports

The Student Services department is committed to Keyano students and their academic success. There are a variety of student supports available at Keyano College. Due to the continuing situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, the offered support services will be implemented differently this semester by being provided mostly virtually. In-person service can be requested as needed. All Alberta Health Services guidelines will be followed for in-person appointments—wear a mask, maintain two meters of physical distance, use hand sanitizer, and stay home if you are unwell.

All student services are available during Keyano business hours: Monday to Friday, 8h30-16h30.

**Accessibility Services:** provides accommodations for students with disabilities. Students with documented disabilities, or who suspect a disability, can meet with a Learning Strategist to discuss their current learning barriers and possible accommodations. Students who have accessed accommodations in the past are encouraged to contact us to request them for the semester. Please note that requesting accommodations is a process and requires time to arrange. Contact us as soon as you know you may

require accommodations. For accessibility services supports and to book a virtual appointment, please contact [accessibility.services@keyano.ca](mailto:accessibility.services@keyano.ca).

Accessibility Services also provides individual and group learning strategy instruction for all students, as well as technology training and supports to enhance learning. Meet with a Learning Strategist to learn studying and test-taking strategies for online classes. Schedule an appointment with the Assistive Technology Specialist to explore technology tools for learning. Book an appointment today by emailing [accessibility.services@keyano.ca](mailto:accessibility.services@keyano.ca)

**Wellness Services:** offers a caring, inclusive, and respectful environment where students can access free group and individual support to meet academic and life challenges. Mental Health Coordinators offer a safe and confidential environment to seek help with personal concerns. All individual appointments will continue virtually.

Wellness Services welcomes students to participate in any of the virtual group sessions offered throughout the academic year addressing topics including mindfulness and test anxiety.

Individual virtual appointments can be made by emailing [wellness.services@keyano.ca](mailto:wellness.services@keyano.ca).

**Library Services:** provides students with research and information supports as they engage in their studies. Library staff are available to support you both virtually and in person throughout the semester. For a detailed list of library supports and services, go to [www.keyano.ca/library](http://www.keyano.ca/library). For any inquiries, please email [askthelibrary@keyano.ca](mailto:askthelibrary@keyano.ca).

Begin your research with the [Library's FIND page](#). Search for sources using OneSearch, the Library's Catalogue, or by searching in a specific database selected from the [A-Z Database List](#).

Individual support with the Information Librarian is available virtually. Appointments can be requested by using the [Book A Librarian online form](#).

Research and Subject Guides are helpful resources when beginning your research or addressing other information needs. To view a subject or course specific guide, go to the Subject Guide webpage [here](#).

To access additional research resources, including Citation Guides (APA, MLA, Chicago, or IEEE), go to the [Research Help Library page](#).

The Loanable Technology collection is available to support students in their online learning pursuits. Items available for borrowing include mobile projectors, webcams, noise cancelling headphones, Chromebooks, and laptops. For an up-to-date list of technology available for borrowing, go to the Library's [Loanable Technology webpage](#).

**Skill Centre:** Provides academic support services to students registered in credit programs at Keyano College in the form of tutoring, assignment/lab support, writing support groups, facilitated study groups, workshops, and study space. This service is free and is available for all Math, Sciences, Humanities and Trades courses offered at Keyano.

While most courses are being offered online, the Skill Centre will be offering mostly virtual services and in-person sessions as requested. Please email [Skill@keyano.ca](mailto:Skill@keyano.ca) to get in contact with our Academic Content Specialists. The Skill Centre is located in CC-119 at the Clearwater Campus.

For the most up to date information on how to book a session, please view the [Keyano Skill Centre homepage](#).

**Academic Success Coaching:** offers you support and access to resources for your academic success to help you to find the Keys to your Success. The Academic Success Coach will work with you to develop an academic success plan, develop your study and time management skills, and connect you with the

right resources here at Keyano. [Academic.success@keyano.ca](mailto:Academic.success@keyano.ca) is the best way to access resources during virtual service delivery. The Academic Success Coach is located in the Skill Centre in CC-119 at the Clearwater Campus.

**E-Learning**

Technology and internet will impact your online learning experience. It's important that you are able to watch an online video and other course materials, take online quizzes, and participant in a live class with your instructor and other students.

Keyano College operates in a Windows based environment and having the correct tools for online learning is important. Here's a list of recommended system requirements.

**Internet Speed**

Minimum Internet speeds of 5 Mbps.

Recommended Internet speeds of 25 Mbps (especially if you are sharing your internet at home). Check your internet speed with Fast.com.

**System requirements:**

Microsoft Windows	Apple
<p><b>Minimum Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Windows 10 <b>computer/laptop</b></li> <li>• Minimum 4GB of RAM.</li> <li>• 10GB+ available hard drive storage.</li> <li>• Enough available hard drive space to install the Microsoft Office suite (approximately 3GB). <u>Microsoft Office</u> software is free to all Keyano students and employees.</li> <li>• Microphone, webcam and speakers. A headset with a microphone is recommended.</li> <li>• System updates must be regularly installed.</li> <li>• Anti-Virus / Anti-Malware software</li> </ul>	<p><b>Minimum Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Macintosh (V10.14 and above) <b>computer/laptop</b></li> <li>• Minimum 4GB of RAM.</li> <li>• 10GB+ available hard drive storage.</li> <li>• Enough available hard drive space to install the Microsoft Office suite (approximately 3GB). <u>Microsoft Office</u> software is free to all Keyano students and employees.</li> <li>• Microphone, webcam and speakers. A headset with a microphone is recommended.</li> <li>• System updates must be regularly installed.</li> <li>• Anti-Virus / Anti-Malware software.</li> </ul>
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<p>Chromebooks are <b>not</b> recommended as they are not compatible with testing lockdown browsers.</p> <p>A Microsoft Surface or iPad or iPad Pro may be possible alternatives in some program areas.</p>	

**Specific Department Requirements:**

Business and OA programs require Windows 10.  
Other programs may utilize Windows based tools as well.

**Computer Software**

Students will be able to get access to Microsoft Office 365 for free using Keyano credentials by [clicking here](#).

**Recording of Lectures and Intellectual Property**

Students may only record a lecture if explicit permission is provided by the instructor or by Accessibility Services. Even if students have permission to record a lecture or lecture materials, students may not share, distribute, or publish any of the lectures or lecture materials, this includes any recordings, slides, instructor notes, etc. on any platform. Thus no student is allowed to share, distribute, publish or sell course related content (instructor, or students) without permission. It is important to recognize that the Canadian Copyright Act contains provisions for intellectual property. The [Academic Integrity Policy](#) provides additional information on Keyano College's expectations from students as members of the intellectual community.

**ITS Helpdesk**

If you are having issues with your student account, you can contact the ITS Helpdesk by emailing [its.helpdesk@keyano.ca](mailto:its.helpdesk@keyano.ca) or calling 780-791-4965.