



SYLLABUS

City College of San Francisco

CM 240 - Construction Cost Estimating (3 UNITS)

Fall 2018 - Wednesdays: 6:40-9:30 PM, Mission Center, Room 471



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OFFICE HOURS: By Appointment

COURSE DESCRIPTION: A study of the fundamental approaches to estimating the cost of building construction projects. Topics discussed include: types of construction estimates; the material takeoff process; the use of computers in estimating; total project estimating including direct costs, indirect costs, contingency and profit.

Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

- A. Describe the estimating process, identifying the information required to construct an estimate.
- B. Assemble and price an estimate for a building construction project including direct costs, indirect costs, profit and contingencies.
- C. Develop material and labor quantity takeoffs for key construction systems.
- D. Analyze construction documents to determine methods and means of construction in order to estimate rates of productivity, equipment and labor requirements.
- E. Differentiate between different types of estimates and relate their appropriate use to the different phases of the construction process.
- F. Describe the contractual, ethical and business considerations which influence the preparation of construction estimates.

CLASS SCHEDULE*

Date	Subject	Chapter	Assignment Due
8/22/2018	Prerequisite Confirmation/Teacher & Student Intros/ Syllabus Review		
8/29/2018	Intro to Estimating/Contracts/Insurance/Project Manual	1, 2, 3	
9/5/2018	Estimate/Overhead and Contingencies/Profit/Other Estimating Methods	4, 6, 21, 22	
9/12/2018	Labor/Equipment/Specialty Contractor	7, 8, 9	
9/19/2018	HW Catch-up and Independent Study outside of class		
9/26/2018	American Society of Professional Estimator's Meeting (Lean Const.)		
10/3/2018	Computers in Estimating (Demo & Hands-on of OST, WinEst & Vico Office, etc.)	5	
10/10/2018	Midterm Exam (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 21, 22)		
10/17/2018	Excavation	10	Assignment - Oct 24
10/24/2018	Concrete Masonry Metals/Wood	11, 12	Assignment - Oct 31
10/31/2018	Thermal & Moisture Control	13, 14	Assignment - Nov 14
11/7/2018	Field Trip - Location TBD		
11/14/2018	Interior Finishes	17	Assignment - Nov 28
11/21/2018	Mock Bid Group Work (Group Assignment, meet in groups outside-class) (Thanksgiving Week)		Group Assign. Due Nov 28
11/28/2018	Continue Mock Bid in-class, Submit and present proposal in-class		
12/5/2018	Electrical/Plumbing/HVAC	18, 19, 20	
12/12/2018	Final Exam Date Option 1 (10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20) or Final Exam Review Q&A		
12/19/2018	Final Exam Date Option 2 (10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20)		

**Class Schedule Subject to Change – See Google Classroom for Updates*

Homework: Each assigned chapter has associated multiple choice chapter review questions. Homework will not be graded but turning it in will count towards your grade.

Text: Estimating in Building Construction, 9th Edition

Frank R. Dagostino & Steven Peterson, Pearson ISBN: 9780134701165

Classroom Software: **WinEst**® by Trimble (Estimating Spreadsheet Software)
 On-Screen Takeoff® by On-Center (Digital Quantity Takeoff Software)
 Vico Office® by Trimble (BIM Tool for 3D model takeoff and estimating)
 Google Apps (Classroom, Sheets, Docs, Slides, Drive, YouTube, Forms, Sites)

CCSF Department of Architecture Absence and Attendance Policy:

Since this is an evening 1 night a week course, we only have 18 sessions. It is critical you attend all scheduled classes and examination periods on time. Absences more than **15%** (*equivalent to 3 sessions*) of regularly scheduled class meetings as in the course syllabus result in a failing grade for the course. This policy shall not infringe upon any other rights a student may have granted to them under the college-wide rules and regulations.

Last Day to Drop without a “W”: September 7, 2018

Last Day to Withdraw: September 12, 2018

PREREQUISITE: CM 110 or demonstration of CM 110 exit skills

GRADES:

1. Attendance is required:

- 1 _____ Unexcused absence is allowed with no penalty
- 2 _____ Unexcused absences: 5% Penalty
- 3 _____ Unexcused absences: A final grade of “**F**” will be assigned.

2. Percentage Breakdown:

Class Participation/Discussion:	5% Total Grade
Chapter Review Questions (Homework):	15% Total Grade
Individual Assignments:	20% Total Grade
Group Assignment (RFP Proposal/Mock bid):	20% Total Grade
Midterm Exam:	20% Total Grade
Final Exam:	20% Total Grade

3. Course Grading:

- A: 90-100%
- B: 80-89%
- C: 65-79%
- D: 50-64%
- F: 0-49%

4. Late assignments will be penalized 10% of grade value.

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