

GEO-E2080 course feedback and comments

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Your feedback from the WEBROPOL survey is presented in the separate file.

What was good about the course? Which factors in particular supported your learning?

Number of respondents: 6

- The range of the course quite wide. It was useful for me to learn the subjects in detail and to use a new software program.
- assignment session is quite important during the course, and the recorded lecture help me a lot.
- The contents of the course are composed of very relevant and interesting topics in the Geotechnical Engineering. The lectures were very informative and the Professor as well shared her field experiences in a pleasant way. The exercises were also covered important practical aspects.
- The different modeling exercises were quite nice.
- Lectures were interesting and had good structure. Lecture questions were good for reflecting on the topic. The hybrid teaching was well done, both online and in class lectures and assignment sessions were good.
- The practical examples from sites (videos and photos) given during lectures and exercises. The lectures were connected to practical work, so it was easier to internalize given information.

What needed improvement on the course? Which factors complicated your learning?

Number of respondents: 5

- The number of assignments in a week can be decreased sometimes based on the difficulty of the assignments.

- in online session, I can not see the whiteboard clearly because of the camera view in some lectures.
- In the Course Description, it was stated that there will be an excursion to Sitowise, where they will show us the modern way of design with BIM tools. But it was not conducted and the reasons were not stated. It would have been better to include that event to the course. In addition, the calculation software used in the exercise somehow displays anomalies in some analyses (stability and settlement calculations) as also stated in the previous lectures during the Geotechnics course. I strongly think that more efficient applications that are widely used in international industries shall be included and taught.
- In the course it was kind of required to Autocad software. It would be nice if there would be some guidance to use it for those who have not used the software before.
- In the course introduction -file was said that the feedback of the exercises is going to be given already during the course. For real, there was feedback given about night or two before the final exam. I would have hoped the feedback little bit earlier. Despite this, the feedback I received, was proper and instructive.

Counter feedback

Dear Students!

Thank you for the feedback! According to them, the course succeeded relatively nicely. The covid 19 situation affected the course quite much. But we luckily could arrange teaching in hybrid mode and had even paper exams.

Based on your feedback we will develop the course further on also next year. The lecture material will be developed further next year, because there is new, published data of the ground improvement methods used in Finland. We will try to arrange also feedback of the exercise as soon as possible, but this depends on how many course assistants we have. The visit to Sitowise has been arranged earlier but this year it could not be arranged. I'm sorry that this information was left to the course description.

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