MSc in Soil Mechanics
(with specialisations)

Leading Geotechnical Specialist Education
for seven decades

Geotechnics Section
http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/geotechnics/
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INTRODUCTION

The internationally renowned cluster of MSc courses in Soil Mechanics at Imperial College is running in its seventh decade. The current and emeritus staff include three Rankine and five Géotechnique Lecturers. Graduates from the course hold senior positions around the world. The Geotechnics Section engages closely with the geotechnical engineering industry, ensuring that the course content is up to date and relevant to current professional practice.

AIMS

The course is designed to provide students with a solid technical basis in the key areas of geotechnics through a coherent, coordinated and balanced degree programme, integrating core engineering science and recent research with practical applications.

COURSE THEMES

The four Soil Mechanics MSc courses share approximately 80% of the curriculum, while the remaining 20% allow specialisation in the four areas listed in the left column.

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF THE PROGRAMME

- Strong links with industry including:
  - industry funded studentships (see back page)
  - networking with key geotechnical employers
  - guest lectures
  - one-day Offshore Geotechnics Seminar (OGS) organised by Fugro, Shell, Senergy and other industrial partners
- 11-week individual research project including hands-on work with state-of-the-art soil testing equipment and numerical analysis tools
- Emphasis on field work

FACILITIES

- Experimental laboratory: standard and osmotic oedometers, stress-path triaxial cells, hollow cylinder apparatus, temperature-controlled triaxial and conductivity cells.
- Micro-mechanical laboratory: optical microscope, interferometer, QicPic apparatus.
- Dedicated FEM laboratory: bespoke FE code ICFEP for 2D and 3D static and dynamic analysis, with thermo-hydro-mechanical coupling for saturated and unsaturated soils.
- Dedicated DEM laboratory: PFC code 2D and 3D, and be-spoke development of the LAMMPS code.
- Departmental library: the best Civil Engineering library collection of books and periodicals.
- Access to transferable skills training: a range of courses, from academic English to career services, available from the Imperial College Graduate School.
**MSc CORE MODULES**
- Consolidation and Seepage
- Strength and Deformation
- Laboratory and Field Techniques
- Analysis and Constitutive Modelling
- Site Investigation and Ground Models
- Embankments & Earthworks
- Stability of Soil Slopes
- Foundations
- Earth Pressures
- Geotechnical Processes
- Laboratory Testing and Data Interpretation
- Field Work
- Offshore Geotechnics Seminar (OGS)
- Individual Research Project

**MSc SPECIALISATION MODULES**
- Engineering Geomorphology
- Unsaturated Soil Behaviour
- Advanced Constitutive Modelling
- Rock Engineering
- Advanced Soil Properties
- Contaminated Land and Groundwater
- Containment Engineering
- Geotechnical Hazards
- Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering
- Microeconomics
- Project Management

**FULL- AND PART-TIME STUDY**
The full-time programme is taken over 11 months, with a single entry point per year at the beginning of October. The part-time programme is available on a Term Release basis over 2 years.
MSC INDUSTRY FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Our courses are supported by a group of 14 Companies whose financial contribution enables us to provide industry funded scholarship awards to our students. Funding normally covers the full fees as well as a contribution towards subsistence costs and is available to UK based students. Other funding opportunities include a number of Departmental fee scholarships.

Companies forming the scholarship group organise recruitment events and regularly recruit our MSc graduates, contributing to the excellent employability record of our graduates.

MORE INFORMATION

You can find more information on the Soil Mechanics Course online via:
http://www.imperial.ac.uk/civil-engineering/prospective-students/

HOW TO APPLY

Apply for the Course online via:
http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/apply/how-to-apply/

As a minimum applicants should have an Upper Second Class Honours degree in Civil Engineering or a related discipline from a UK university (or overseas equivalent).

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