

## Faculty of Applied Sciences



### AMCO2172 Soil Mechanics

[30h+22.5h exercises] 5 credits

This course is taught in the 1st semester

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**Language:** French  
**Level:** Second cycle

#### Aims

To provide to future architects and civil engineers fundamentals of soil physics and of soil mechanical behavior

#### Main themes

Soil physics, classification and behavior

#### Content and teaching methods

- Definitions, chemical and physical properties, grain size analysis, phase relations, consistency indices and Atterberg limits, classification
- Effective stress concept, effect of water at rest and of water seepage, permeability
- Mechanical characteristics, stress-strain relation, shear strength
- Water seepage through soils : fundamentals, Laplace equation, boundary conditions, flow net determination, , drainage, geotextiles

#### Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Pedagogy : lectures, elementary exercises  
 Examination : written (exercise), oral (theory)

#### Other credits in programs

<b>GC21</b>	Première année du programme conduisant au grade d'ingénieur (5 credits) civil des constructions	Mandatory
<b>INFO23</b>	Troisième année du programme conduisant au grade d'ingénieur civil informaticien (5 credits)	