

# CE740 Traffic Engineering (2018)

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## Module I. Traffic stream characteristics

- L 1** *Fundamental parameters of traffic flow*: speed, density, volume, travel time, headway, spacing, time-space diagram
- L 2** *Fundamental relations of traffic flow*: time mean speed, space mean speed and their relation, relation between speeds, flow, density, fundamental diagrams.
- L 3** *Traffic stream models*: Greenshield's model, Greenberg's logarithmic model, Underwood's exponential model, pipe's generalized model, multi-regime models.

## Module II. Traffic measurement procedures

- L 4** *Measurement at a point*: Traffic volume measurement, equipment for flow measurements, data analysis, concepts of ADT, AADT.
- L 5** *Measurement over a short section*: Speed measurements, 15<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds, design speed, speed distributions.
- L 6** *Measurement along a length of road*: Density measurement, travel time measurement.
- L 7** *Moving observer method*: Concepts and derivation, illustration, Calibration of Greenshield's model.
- L 8** *Automated traffic measurement*: GPS devices, loop detectors, video analysis, and other technologies.

## Module III. Microscopic traffic flow modeling

- L 9** *Vehicle arrival models*: Headway modeling, exponential, normal and Poisson distributions, Vehicle generation using exponential and Poisson distribution, evaluation of distributions.
- L 10** *Car-following models*: Concept of stimulus-response, general models, safety distance, psycho-physical, optimal velocity, fuzzy logic models, and application, relationship with stream models.
- L 11** *Lane changing models*: Conceptual framework, lane selection model, gap acceptance model
- L 12** *Microscopic traffic simulation*: Vehicle generation, design, calibration, validation, applications, operational models.
- L 13** *Discrete simulation models*: Cellular automata concepts, discretization of time and space, rules for acceleration, deceleration, randomization, and vehicle updating.

## Module IV. Macroscopic traffic flow modeling

- L 14** *Traffic flow modeling analogies*: Fluid flow analogy, heat flow analogy, granular flow, Lighthill-Withams theory, shock waves.
- L 15** *Cell transmission models*: Flow conservation, flow transmission.
- L 16** *Traffic progression models*: Robertson progression model, platoon movement, dispersion index, applications.

## Module VI. Traffic intersection control

- L 17** *Principles of traffic control*: Requirements, basic driving rules, priority movements, principles of traffic control, intersections conflicts.
- L 18** *Traffic signs and road markings*: Regulatory, warning, and information signs; longitudinal, transverse, and object marking.
- L 19** *Uncontrolled intersection*: Level of service concept, priority streams, conflicting traffic, critical gap and follow-up time, capacity, queue length, control delay.
- L 20** *Channelization*: channelizing devices, geometrical aspects, turning radius.
- L 21** *Traffic rotary*: Conflict resolution in a rotary, geometric layout, design elements, capacity of rotary.

**L 22** *Grade separated intersection:* Road over bridges, under pass, overpass, trumpet interchange, diamond interchange, fully and partial clover leaf intersection.

### Module VI. Traffic signal design

**L 23** *Elements of traffic signal:* Definitions, analysis of saturation headway, saturation flow, lost time, critical flows, derivation of cycle length.

**L 24** *Design principles of a traffic signal:* Phase design, cycle time determination, green splitting, pedestrian phases, and performance measures.

**L 25** *Evaluation of a traffic signal:* Definitions and measurement of stopped and control delay, Webster's delay model, oversaturated conditions.

**L 26** *Capacity and Level of service LOS:* Definitions, highway capacity, factors affecting LOS, HCM methods.

**L 27** *Capacity and Los analysis of a signalized I/S:* HCM 2000 method of analysis of a signalized intersection and determination of the level of service.

**L 28** *Coordinated traffic signal:* Concepts of offset, common cycle length bandwidth, offset for one-way and two way streets.

**L 29** *Vehicle actuated signals and Area traffic control:* Basic principles of vehicle actuation, collection of data, system architecture and algorithms.

### Module VIII. Traffic impact studies

**L 30** *Parking Studies:* Parking inventory, statistics, parking surveys; in-out, license plate, on-street and off-street parking.

**L 31** *Congestion studies:* Performance measures, intensity, duration, extent of congestion, traveler perception, remedial measures, congestion pricing.

**L 32** *Toll operation:* Design and configuration, queuing characteristics, operation and maintenance issues.

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