Rubric	CIVL4630 (Spring 22-23)
Title of course	Public transport planning and operation
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Course catalog	Public transport systems are recognized as a critical component in
description,	addressing urban mobility challenges, including congestion, air
prerequisites, and	quality, and accessibility. This course focuses on approaches of planning, designing and operating public transport systems. It
credit	introduces traditional and innovative public transport modes, services
	and systems. It covers the demand modeling of public transport modes,
	the network planning of public transport routes and services, the
	operation optimization of public transport timetable setting and vehicle
	and crew scheduling, and the performance evaluation of public
	transport systems.
	Prerequisite: CIVL2170
	Corequisite: CIVL3610
	Credit: 3
Textbook(s) and/or	Reference book:
other required	Ceder, A. (2016). Public transit planning and operation: Modeling,
material	practice and behavior. CRC press.
Course objectives	This course will enable students to:
	1. Fill in the gap and learn the fundamental theory and models of
	public transport planning and operation.
	2. Comprehend and apply theoretical methods to solving real-world
	public transport problems.
Topics	This course will cover the following topics:
	1. Introduction to public transport planning and scheduling
	2. Public transit modal characteristics and roles
	3. Forecasting Transit Ridership
	4. Measuring Transit Quality of Service
	5. Transit network design
	6. Transit assignment
	7. Traffic flow and public transit priority
	8. Timetable balancing
	9. Crew scheduling
	10. Transit feeder/shuttle service design
Computer usage	N.A.
Laboratory projects	N.A.
Class/laboratory	Lecture: 3 hours/week, Lab tutorial: 1 hour/week
schedule	
Contribution to the	100% engineering topics
professional	
component	
Relationship to	This course contributes to the following program objectives:
program objectives	POE2 Train students with good communication skills so they can
	work effectively in large projects involving different parties and
	professionals.
	Students will work in a team in the group project and learn how to
	manage a project from proposing a research question to presenting the
	project results.
	POE4 Expose students to real world engineering projects as well
	as cutting edge research to improve their understanding of the

	profession and technological advancements that can improve
	current practice.
	Students will work on realistic transportation "big data" and identify
	real-world research questions they are interested to solve.
Relationship to	This course contributes to the following program learning outcomes:
program outcomes	1. Obtain fundamental knowledge in mathematics and science
	Students will learn the fundamental knowledge of public transport
	planning and operation.
	5. Formulate problems and propose feasible solutions
	Students will learn how to identify problems in a real public transport
	system and solve the problem using mathematical models. Students
	will apply project design and data analysis methods to real problems.
	8. Obtain in-depth knowledge in at least one specialized area
	Students will learn in-depth knowledge in public transit demand
	modelling, operation approach and network design, and performance
	evaluation of public transit systems.
	12. Stay abreast of contemporary issues
	Students will work on real data obtained from either government
	website or APIs, and utilize public transport planning and operation
	approaches to evaluate existing public transport system performance,
	identify current issues, and propose solutions.
Assessment of	65% individual assignment (Outcomes 1, 5,8,12) + 35% Final exam
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