

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BUILDING MATERIALS ARC K108
Spring Semester 2012, Wednesday 6pm - 8:45pm

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Grade: Quizzes (4) 75% Final 25%

Course Objectives:

This course introduces students to the source, use and limitations of materials used in building construction. Emphasis shall be placed on the basic design concepts and the practical applications of building materials in-the-field. Focus is also placed on historical uses of material as design expression. Practical working knowledge is attained through site visits of projects under construction (as available).

Method: Lectures, Slide Lectures, Simulations, Class Discussion

Text: **Building Construction Illustrated, Francis D.K. Ching, (and Instructor Supplements)**
(Note: The course's weekly subjects follow the book's layout in sequential chapter order. Please read corresponding subject-chapter material prior to each class.)

<u>Week 1</u> (1/25)	Over-view (Introduction) A Historic Look at Materials	<u>Week 9</u> (3/21)	Spring Break No Classes in Session
<u>Week 2</u> (2/01)	Site Work Site Product Function and Performance	<u>Week 10</u> (3/28)	Doors and Windows Products and Design
<u>Week 3</u> (2/08)	Concrete Properties, Uses & Limits	<u>Week 11</u> (4/04)	Finishes Walls, Floors & Ceilings
<u>Week 4</u> (2/15)	Masonry Products, Uses & Assembly	<u>Week 12</u> (4/11)	Finishes Cont'd Trim and Millwork
<u>Week 5</u> (2/22)	Woods Rough Carpentry	<u>Week 13</u> (4/18)	Mechanical Plumbing & HVAC
<u>Week 6</u> (2/29)	Woods Cont'd Finish Carpentry	<u>Week 14</u> (4/25)	Electrical Service, Circuitry and Fixtures
<u>Week 7</u> (3/07)	Metals Properties, Products & Uses	<u>Week 15</u> (5/02)	REVIEW Course material recap
<u>Week 8</u> (3/14)	Thermal & Moisture Protection Theories, Products & Uses	<u>Week 16</u> (5/09)	Final Exam Course Complete

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Notebook

Students will assemble a notebook, to be made up of handouts distributed at the beginning of each class. A 3" "Slant-ring" notebook with plastic sheet protectors is recommended – this will be a good resource for future reference.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Lecture Period:

Students shall respect the classroom environment. Professors invest valuable time in lecture preparation to make the course content organized, interesting, and understandable and to make the learning environment collegial. Unless specifically directed by the professor, students shall refrain from sending email and instant messages, or from engaging in other activities (reading non-course materials, engaging in private conversations and so on), that disrespect the classroom environment and learning conditions for others.

Access to the Internet can be a valuable aid to the classroom learning environment. Students are encouraged to use laptops, smart phones, and other devices in order to explore concepts related to course discussions and topics. Students are discouraged from using technology in ways that distract from the learning community (e.g. Facebook, texting, work for other classes, etc.) and if found doing so, will be asked to leave the classroom for the day and will not get credit for attendance that class period.

Assessment:

Assessment of your mastery of the Courses learning objectives is administered through quizzes, exams, and essays. These are announced with ample preparation time and sometimes a study guide. Upon absence from a class in which an assessment is given, it is the student's responsibility to request, coordinate and schedule, a makeup date and time with the professor. Assessments not made up within one week from when initially given will result a three point reduction from the score earned, per class period lapse.

Integrity:

Any and all exams, papers or reports submitted by you and that bears your name is presumed to be your own original work that has not previously been submitted for credit in another course unless you obtain prior written approval to do so from your professor.

In all of your assignments, including homework or drafts of papers, you may use words or ideas written by other individuals in publications, web sites, or other sources but only with proper attribution. "Proper attribution" means that you have fully identified the original source and extent of your use of the words or ideas of others that you reproduce in your work for this course, usually in the form of a footnote or parenthesis.

As a general rule, if you are citing from a published source or from a web site and the quotation is short (up to a sentence or two), place it in quotation marks; if you employ a longer passage from a publication or web site, please indent it and use single spacing. In both cases, be sure to cite the original source in a footnote or in parentheses. (See http://www.plagiarism.org/plag_article_how_do_I_cite_sources.html for more information on citing.)

If you are uncertain about the expectations for completing an assignment or taking a test or examination, be sure to seek clarification from your professor beforehand.

Finally, you should keep in mind that as a member of the Three Rivers Community College community, you are expected to demonstrate integrity in all of your academic endeavors and will be evaluated on your own merits.

Be proud of your academic accomplishments and help to protect and promote academic integrity. The consequences of cheating and academic dishonesty may include a formal discipline file, possible loss of financial scholarship or employment opportunities, and denial of admission to a four year college.