UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PALERMO

SCHOOL	POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL
ACADEMIC YEAR	2016/2017
FIRST CYCLE COURSE	CIVIL AND BUIDING ENGINEERING
SUBJECT	ROAD DESIGN
TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY	B
AMBIT	50277-Ingegneria civile
CODE	09128
SCIENTIFIC SECTOR(S)	ICAR/04
HEAD PROFESSOR(S)	GIUFFRE' ORAZIO Professore Ordinario Univ. di PALERMO
OTHER PROFESSOR(S)	
CREDITS	9
INDIVIDUAL STUDY (Hrs)	144
COURSE ACTIVITY (Hrs)	81
PROPAEDEUTICAL SUBJECTS	02600 - DRAWING 07626 - TOPOGRAPHY
YEAR	3
TERM (SEMESTER)	1° semester
ATTENDANCE	Not mandatory
EVALUATION	Out of 30
TEACHER OFFICE HOURS	**GIUFFRE' ORAZIO** Tuesday 10:00 12:00 Ufficio del docente Thursday 10:00 12:00 Ufficio del docente

DOCENTE: Prof. ORAZIO GIUFFRE'

TEACHING METHODS	Classroom lectures, classroom exercises, exercises for drawing up some documents of the geometric road design
ASSESSMENT METHODS	Oral exam, presentation of the documents of the geometric road design developed during the teaching activities. Evaluation criteria: The student must answer at least four oral questions on all topics of the program, with reference to the recommended texts (see below). The final evaluation for each student (each questioned) aims at appraising whether he/she possesses a good knowledge and understanding of the topics and whether he/she has acquired interpretative expertise and autonomous assessments with reference to the concrete case of road design (see "Teaching methods"), assigned during the course and also developed in group (a maximum 5 students by group). The pass mark will be reached if the student will demonstrate knowledge and understanding (at least in general terms) of the topics specified in the program (and explained during the teaching activities) and the student will have minimal application skills in order to solve the case study assigned during the course and discussed during the exam. The student must be able to present to the examiner and to discuss with competence the topics related to the geometric design of roads and highways, design and calculation of the horizontal and vertical alignment of a roadway centreline, coordination of the horizontal alignment and the vertical alignment of a roadway centreline, speed diagram, geometric cross sections, road traffic and design of geometric cross sections. Below this threshold, the student will not be able to pass the examination. On the contrary, the more the student will be able to interact with the examiner and discuss the topics, and the more he/she will prove to have acquired in-depth knowledge and practical skills on the topics of the course, the higher the evaluation grade will rise towards the top marks. The range of evaluation grade is between 18 and 30 cum laude.
LEARNING OUTCOMES	Knowledge and Comprehension Abilities: The student at the end of the Course will have knowledge of the problems relating to the geometric choices of the horizontal alignment and the vertical alignment, as well as the cross section; he/she will be able to understand the issues, also of environmental and technical nature, related to the choice of different route alternatives and the location of at-grade intersections, the design and the calculation of the horizontal and vertical alignment of a roadway centreline and the design of intersections, the design of the cross section based on traffic demand and a predetermined level-of-service. Ability to Apply Knowledge and Comprehension: The student will be able to use educational tools which can include worksheets and computer-aided design software; these tools are useful for drawing up some documents of the geometric road design at an executive phase. The student will be also able to frame problems of geometric design both for the horizontal alignment and vertical alignment and for the cross section and will be able to face issues pertinent to environmental effects of design choices. Judgement Autonomy: The student will be able to collect and analyze data relating to the geometric design of the (horizontal and vertical) alignment and the cross section; he/she will be able to acquire the necessary information for the preparation of the road project and set the implementation-related problems of different solutions. Communication Abilities: The student will have the ability to communicate and express the issues concerning the object of the course, in particular those relating to the geometric design of roads and highways, as well as to highlight the basic problems relating to the technical and environmental implications of design choices and propose solutions. Learning Abilities: The student will have knowledge related to the road geometry, road traffic and the design of the cross section, the preparation of the documents of the project at different stages of the design study; based on the above, he/she will be able to continue their engineering studies in order to study in depth the issues related to the road operations and road construction.
EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES	The Course provides the elements that form the basis of the road design (standards, technical and behavioral aspects) and the knowledge needed to address concretely the design issues of the road infrastructure. Along with lectures, for a better understanding of the topics, the course includes some excercises dedicated to the most frequent practical and project

	applications in the professional field in which the student will be able to operate. After completing the course, the student, in addition to knowing how to properly frame the issue of the road geometric design, must be able to deal with real cases based on current standards and guidelines, both for roads and highways, and intersections. Based on outlined above, the student will be able to recognize, analyze and solve problems of road engineering; as a result of other curricular subjects, he/she will have also acquired the skills necessary for a self-improvement and updating of knowledge through the personal study, or through activities of post-graduate training.
PREREQUISITES	Students must pass the exams of Design and Topography; it is appropriate that students have already acquired basic knowledge of mathematics and physics.
SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY	- Appunti alle lezioni - Esposito T, Mauro R., Fondamenti di Infrastrutture Viarie 1 - La geometria stradale. Hevelius Edizioni, 2001. - Tesoriere G. Strade Ferrovie ed Aeroporti. Volume 1°, UTET Torino. - Esposito T, Mauro R., Fondamenti di Infrastrutture Viarie 2 - La progettazione funzionale delle strade. Hevelius Edizioni, 2001. - Mannering F.L., Washburn S.S. Principles of Highway Engineering and Traffic Analysis, 5th ed. John Wiley & Sons, 2013. USA. - Santagata F.A. (a cura di), AAVV. Strade. Pearson, 2016. - Benedetto A.. Strade, ferrovie Aeroporti. UTET, 2015.

SYLLABUS

Hrs	Frontal teaching
4	Introduction to the Course contents. General information on the components of the road system: driver, vehicle, road, environment. Locomotion mechanics of road vehicles. Resistance to motion. Friction. Braking distance. Performance of road vehicles
4	The preparation of a road project: Basic stages of the road design development process (purposes and phases of the conceptual development of the preliminary design, the definitive design and the executive design). Collection of basic data (topography, local emergencies). Selection and evaluation criteria of the horizontal and vertical alignment and the location of the intersections. Focus on the territorial and environmental issues. Technical constraints.
2	Road users: passenger, pedestrian, driver. Perception of road space during the conditions of motion.
6	Sight distances used in road design. Road classification. Design speed
4	Composition and organization of the roadway: basic dimensions of the elements of the traveled way, number of lanes, margins. Cross section in bridges. Accommodation of stopped vehicles. Auxiliary lanes for trucks. The geometric design of the horizontal and the vertical alignments of a road centerline and the road cross section.
14	Horizontal and vertical alignments. Cross section in road curves. Road and lane width. Enlargement in curves. Profile of the roadway edges.
6	Design Controls and Criteria: criteria for coordination of the horizontal and the vertical alignmets; the Design Speed Diagram and the Sight Distance Diagram.
6	Urban roads and streets: vehicle classes, road geometric characteristics and functions, parking area. Road intersections: general information, choice criteria, manoeuvers and conflict points, geometric and safety countermeasures, traffic channels, sight distances and margins.
8	Road traffic and cross section design: the traffic variables. Traffic volume and flow rate. Temporal variations in flow rate and frequency curves. The 30th highest hourly traffic volume. Time mean speed and Space mean speed. Density. Fundamental relations of traffic flow. Capacity and level-of-service. Level-of-service calculations for uninterrupted traffic flow conditions (Freeway, Two-lane highways and Multilane highways). The HCM approach.

Hrs	Practice
9	Choice and definition of the horizontal and vertical alignments of the road: some engineering drawings used for the road projects (plan of the the horizontal centerline of the roadway; horizontal general plan and vertical profile).
3	The Design Speed Diagram and the Sight Distance Diagram.
3	Typical cross sections and constructive details of the roadbed and the traveled way.
3	Computation of excavation and embankment through the cross sections using the average and area method.
3	Earthwork volumes and mass diagrams: road embankment and excavation.
3	The design of the horizontal layout and the vertical profile. Metric computation. General considerations on drainage design: ditches, berms, culverts.

Hrs	Workshops
12	Laboratory activities dedicated to the road project.