Programs Offered
Minor in Underground Construction and Tunneling (18.0 credit hours) and an Area of Special Interest (ASI) (12.0 credit hours).

Program Educational Objectives
Underground Construction and Tunneling is a growing discipline involving knowledge in the disciplines of mining engineering, geological engineering and civil engineering, among others. The Departments of Mining Engineering, Geology & Geological Engineering and Civil and Environmental Engineering offer an interdisciplinary Minor or Area of Special Interest (ASI) course of study that allows students from these departments to take a suite of courses providing them with a basis for work and further study in this field.

The objectives of the minor and ASI are to supplement an engineering background with a formal approach to subsurface engineering that includes site characterization, design and construction of underground infrastructure, including water, storm water, highway or subway tunnels and subsurface facilities.

The Mines guidelines for Minor/ASI can be found in the Undergraduate Information section of the Mines Catalog.

Curriculum
Underground Construction & Tunneling Engineering Minor and ASI
The Underground Construction & Tunneling Engineering minor consists of a minimum of 18 credits of coursework from the list below. An Area of Special Interest (ASI) in Underground Construction & Tunneling requires 12 credits of coursework from the list below. A student’s advisor may authorize a student’s Minor or Area of Special Interest (ASI) application. For questions about the minor and to request consideration of additional courses including independent study, students should meet with a UC&T faculty member. The petition process requires one month to complete. See the following page for CSM’s Minor and ASI requirements.

Program Requirements:

Required Courses (Minor)
- CEEN312 SOIL MECHANICS 3.0
- MNGN321 INTRODUCTION TO ROCK MECHANICS 3.0
- MNGN404 TUNNELING 3.0

Electives (Minor)
- CEEN314 STRUCTURAL THEORY 3.0
- CEEN350 CIVIL AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING MATERIALS 3.0
- CEEN360 INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING 3.0
- CEEN499 INDEPENDENT STUDY 1-6

Program Requirements
Area of Special Interest in Underground Construction and Tunneling:

Required Courses
- CEEN312 SOIL MECHANICS 3.0
- MNGN321 INTRODUCTION TO ROCK MECHANICS 3.0
- MNGN404 TUNNELING 3.0

Electives
Students may choose one course from the required Minor courses or elective courses listed above.

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