Summit CIVL 491: Civil Capstone Design I

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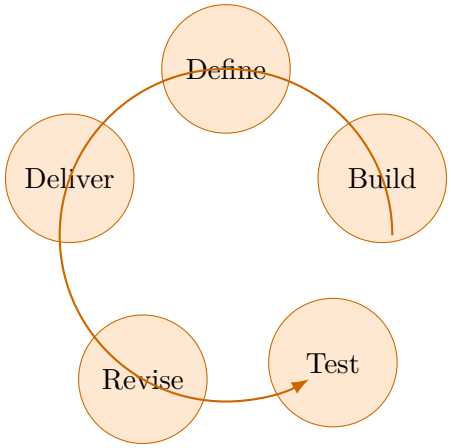

Original Summit-authored instructional text generated from the live course runtime, bibliography layer, and assessment structure.

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Originality note

This textbook is a Summit-authored instructional text. It is informed by the course bibliography in @@TOKEN_0@@ and by open academic references used elsewhere in Summit, but it does not copy or restate any single commercial textbook.

How this textbook was built

This book was generated from the live Summit course runtime for Civil Capstone Design I: the syllabus, lesson sequence, reading chapters, guided practice, homework sets, quizzes, mastery exam, and workload standard. The design goal is to give a student a usable, course-complete book while preserving original Summit wording and sequencing.

A Summit-authored first capstone course on project framing, alternatives, codes, stakeholders, and preliminary integrated design.

Design chapters should be read as iterative decision-making documents. Requirements, assumptions, tradeoffs, and communication are the core substance of the work.

This volume is structured as a teaching book rather than a bare note pack. Every chapter contains explanation, worked examples, guided practice, chapter homework, and a rear answer key so the student can study independently and still get disciplined feedback.

Course use guide

- Read one chapter at a time in sequence; each chapter is aligned to a live lesson block in the course workspace.
- Rebuild the worked examples before attempting the graded homework or quiz material.
- Keep a scratch notebook beside the text and write down assumptions, diagrams, and the points where you usually get stuck.
- Use the course tutor, guided practice, and homework only after you can explain the chapter in your own words.

Contents

Course map

- 4 live lesson chapters
- 4 graded homework checkpoints
- 4 timed quizzes
- 1 cumulative mastery exam
- 5 declared course outcomes

Prerequisite and readiness position

Course prerequisites: geotechnical-engineering, hydraulics-and-hydrology, structural-design-i, transportation-engineering.

This course assumes the student can already use the prerequisite tools without re-learning them during the semester. Summit treats those prior requirements as active working knowledge, not as paperwork only.

Semester workload standard

Summit models this course as @@TOKEN_0@@ across a 14-week term plus final assessment window. The expected distribution is:

- Contact-equivalent instruction: 56 hours
- Reading: 10 hours
- Practice and problem solving: 8 hours
- Homework: 8 hours
- Lab, design, and reporting: 41 hours
- Exam preparation: 12 hours

Expected volume:

- 6-10 scoping studies, concept screens, subsystem calculations, or design-option comparisons.
- 6-8 milestone submissions including charters, requirement sets, review decks, and design memos.
- 41 hours reserved for capstone planning, stakeholder communication, calculation packages, and formal review preparation.

Reference basis

Primary synthesis anchors from the bibliography for this course (50 listed references total):

1. Systems Engineering and Analysis
2. Engineering Design: A Project-Based Introduction
3. The Craft of Research
4. Verification and Validation in Scientific Computing
5. Conceptual Aircraft Design
6. Systems Engineering Principles and Practice
7. Systems Engineering
8. System Engineering Analysis, Design, and Development

Chapter 1

Chapter 1 Project framing and stakeholder definition

Chapter purpose

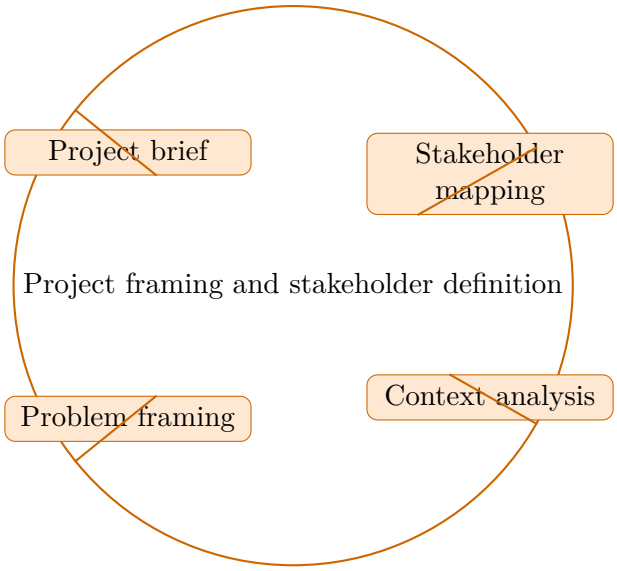
Teams or individual students define project goals, context, users, and public constraints.

This chapter sits at the opening of Civil Capstone Design I. It develops Project brief, Stakeholder mapping, Context analysis, and Problem framing so that the student can move from explanation to execution without losing the thread of the course.

This chapter belongs to a family where the final artifact is rarely one equation or one answer. Instead, the student must combine analysis, judgment, iteration, and communication into a defensible design path. The text therefore treats process discipline as seriously as technical depth.

Core ideas

- Project brief
- Stakeholder mapping
- Context analysis
- Problem framing



How to think through this chapter

A strong method in this family begins with requirements, constraints, and stakeholders, then moves through alternatives, screening criteria, and progressively more detailed justification. Every major decision should be traceable and reviewable by another engineer.

When working this chapter, keep the following question active: @@TOKEN_0@@ A good student answer should connect setup, assumptions, and conclusion instead of only chasing a final number or sentence.

CIVL 491 Civil Capstone Design I. Project framing and stakeholder definition. This chapter explains why the topic matters, how strong students organize the work, and what separates a defensible submission from a shallow one in this unit.

Why Project framing and stakeholder definition is a design decision, not a lookup exercise

Project framing and stakeholder definition is really a decision-making chapter. The mathematics, code checks, and concept comparisons matter because they push the student toward one defensible recommendation and away from weaker ones.

In Civil Capstone Design I, this is where students learn not to confuse a formula with a decision. The formula only matters because it changes how project brief should be judged.

How project brief and stakeholder mapping drive the option screen

A strong student starts by naming the constraints, criteria, and failure points. Only then does project brief become useful, because now it sits inside a real decision frame rather than floating as

isolated content.

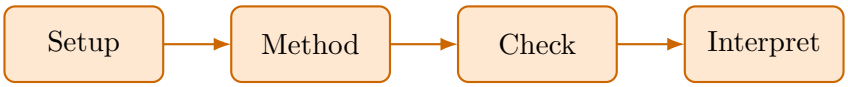
Stakeholder mapping usually supplies the second check that keeps the recommendation honest. Good design work is rarely driven by one number alone.

How review-ready design work differs from draft thinking

Review-ready design work shows the option screen, the governing check, and the reason one direction survives while another does not. Weak work jumps too quickly from calculation to recommendation without showing the selection logic.

The easiest way to improve these chapters is to write the design rationale as if another engineer must sign it tomorrow.

Worked example



@@TOKEN_0@@ Walk through a civil capstone design i design check built around project brief and stakeholder mapping.

1. Define the performance goal, constraints, and the standard the design must satisfy.
2. Compare the relevant options or checks with project brief as the controlling criterion.
3. Record the governing assumptions, demand-capacity logic, or decision screen in a reviewable order.
4. State the selected direction and explain why it is the strongest engineering choice.

Read this example twice: once for the flow of ideas and once for the technical structure of the solution.

Worked-through guided example

@@TOKEN_0@@ Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where project brief changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

1. List the criteria, constraints, and what counts as an acceptable design path.
2. Use project brief to compare the available options or checks in a reviewable order.
3. Close with the option you would defend and the reason it survives review.

A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how project brief drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

Instructor commentary

Students should annotate this chapter for structure, not just facts. Mark where the argument changes direction, where the method requires a hidden assumption, and where the conclusion becomes more general than the worked example. If the chapter feels easy while you are reading it but difficult when you close the page, you have not yet converted recognition into mastery.

The right study pattern is define the problem, build options, evaluate tradeoffs, document the decision, and then revisit the work after critique.

Practice while you read

Practice Set 1: Project framing and stakeholder definition

Teams or individual students define project goals, context, users, and public constraints.

@@TOKEN_0@@ Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where project brief changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Hint: List the constraints and criteria first. Then show how project brief changes the option screen or final recommendation.
- Step 1: List the criteria, constraints, and what counts as an acceptable design path.
- Step 2: Use project brief to compare the available options or checks in a reviewable order.
- Step 3: Close with the option you would defend and the reason it survives review.
- Checkpoint: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how project brief changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation.

@@TOKEN_0@@ Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where stakeholder mapping changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Hint: List the constraints and criteria first. Then show how stakeholder mapping changes the option screen or final recommendation.
- Step 1: List the criteria, constraints, and what counts as an acceptable design path.
- Step 2: Use stakeholder mapping to compare the available options or checks in a reviewable order.
- Step 3: Close with the option you would defend and the reason it survives review.
- Checkpoint: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how stakeholder mapping changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation.

Chapter homework

@@TOKEN_0@@ Teams or individual students define project goals, context, users, and public constraints.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on project brief. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.
2. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on stakeholder mapping. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.
3. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on context analysis. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.
4. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on problem framing. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

Answers for these homework problems appear in the back-of-book answer key.

Chapter summary and study notes

- Define the governing criteria behind project brief before comparing options.
- Show how stakeholder mapping drives the recommendation.
- Document the decision path clearly enough for a review or design defense.

Study tips

- Write the criteria and constraints before comparing any option.
- Keep project brief visible as a decision driver, not just a calculation step.
- Show why the recommended option survives review instead of only naming it.

Common traps

- Treating a design formula like the recommendation itself.
- Skipping the explicit criteria or constraints that govern the decision.
- Presenting the final choice without showing the option screen or review logic.

Family-level errors to watch for

- Jumping to a favored concept before writing requirements and criteria.
- Hiding assumptions or tradeoffs that control the decision.
- Producing calculations without a coherent design narrative or review trail.

Chapter 2

Chapter 2 Alternatives and preliminary technical direction

Chapter purpose

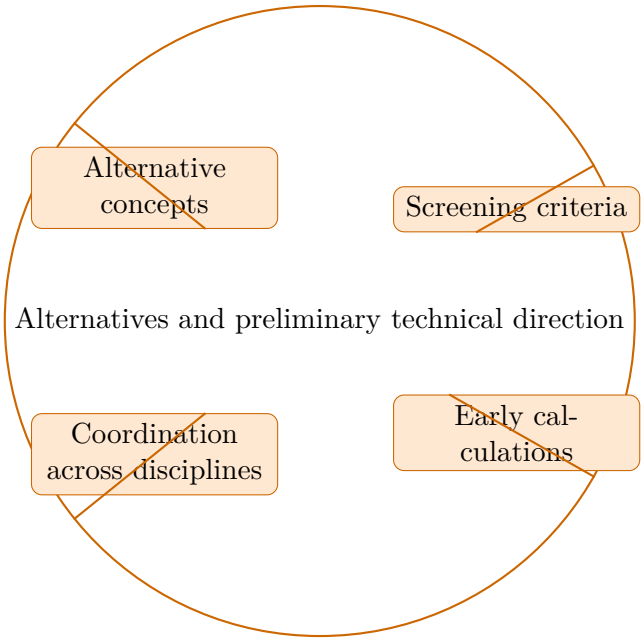
The course moves into alternative generation and preliminary cross-discipline evaluation.

This chapter sits in the middle of Civil Capstone Design I. It develops Alternative concepts, Screening criteria, Early calculations, and Coordination across disciplines so that the student can move from explanation to execution without losing the thread of the course.

This chapter belongs to a family where the final artifact is rarely one equation or one answer. Instead, the student must combine analysis, judgment, iteration, and communication into a defensible design path. The text therefore treats process discipline as seriously as technical depth.

Core ideas

- Alternative concepts
- Screening criteria
- Early calculations
- Coordination across disciplines



How to think through this chapter

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Why Alternatives and preliminary technical direction is a design decision, not a lookup exercise

Alternatives and preliminary technical direction is really a decision-making chapter. The mathematics, code checks, and concept comparisons matter because they push the student toward one defensible recommendation and away from weaker ones.

In Civil Capstone Design I, this is where students learn not to confuse a formula with a decision. The formula only matters because it changes how alternative concepts should be judged.

How alternative concepts and screening criteria drive the option screen

A strong student starts by naming the constraints, criteria, and failure points. Only then does alternative concepts become useful, because now it sits inside a real decision frame rather than floating as isolated content.

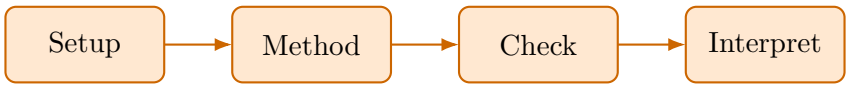
Screening criteria usually supplies the second check that keeps the recommendation honest. Good design work is rarely driven by one number alone.

How review-ready design work differs from draft thinking

Review-ready design work shows the option screen, the governing check, and the reason one direction survives while another does not. Weak work jumps too quickly from calculation to recommendation without showing the selection logic.

The easiest way to improve these chapters is to write the design rationale as if another engineer must sign it tomorrow.

Worked example



@@TOKEN_0@@ Walk through a civil capstone design i design check built around alternative concepts and screening criteria.

1. Define the performance goal, constraints, and the standard the design must satisfy.
2. Compare the relevant options or checks with alternative concepts as the controlling criterion.
3. Record the governing assumptions, demand-capacity logic, or decision screen in a reviewable order.
4. State the selected direction and explain why it is the strongest engineering choice.

Read this example twice: once for the flow of ideas and once for the technical structure of the solution.

Worked-through guided example

@@TOKEN_0@@ Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where alternative concepts changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

1. List the criteria, constraints, and what counts as an acceptable design path.
2. Use alternative concepts to compare the available options or checks in a reviewable order.
3. Close with the option you would defend and the reason it survives review.

A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how alternative concepts drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

Instructor commentary

Students should annotate this chapter for structure, not just facts. Mark where the argument changes direction, where the method requires a hidden assumption, and where the conclusion becomes more general than the worked example. If the chapter feels easy while you are reading it but difficult when you close the page, you have not yet converted recognition into mastery.

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Practice while you read

Practice Set 2: Alternatives and preliminary technical direction

The course moves into alternative generation and preliminary cross-discipline evaluation.

@@TOKEN_0@@ Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where alternative concepts changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Hint: List the constraints and criteria first. Then show how alternative concepts changes the option screen or final recommendation.
- Step 1: List the criteria, constraints, and what counts as an acceptable design path.
- Step 2: Use alternative concepts to compare the available options or checks in a reviewable order.
- Step 3: Close with the option you would defend and the reason it survives review.
- Checkpoint: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how alternative concepts changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation.

@@TOKEN_0@@ Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where screening criteria changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Hint: List the constraints and criteria first. Then show how screening criteria changes the option screen or final recommendation.
- Step 1: List the criteria, constraints, and what counts as an acceptable design path.

- Step 2: Use screening criteria to compare the available options or checks in a reviewable order.
- Step 3: Close with the option you would defend and the reason it survives review.
- Checkpoint: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how screening criteria changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation.

Chapter homework

@@TOKEN_0@@ The course moves into alternative generation and preliminary cross-discipline evaluation.

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3. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on early calculations. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.
4. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on coordination across disciplines. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

Answers for these homework problems appear in the back-of-book answer key.

Chapter summary and study notes

- Define the governing criteria behind alternative concepts before comparing options.
- Show how screening criteria drives the recommendation.
- Document the decision path clearly enough for a review or design defense.

Study tips

- Write the criteria and constraints before comparing any option.
- Keep alternative concepts visible as a decision driver, not just a calculation step.
- Show why the recommended option survives review instead of only naming it.

Common traps

- Treating a design formula like the recommendation itself.

- Skipping the explicit criteria or constraints that govern the decision.
- Presenting the final choice without showing the option screen or review logic.

Family-level errors to watch for

- Jumping to a favored concept before writing requirements and criteria.
- Hiding assumptions or tradeoffs that control the decision.
- Producing calculations without a coherent design narrative or review trail.

Chapter 3

Chapter 3 Codes, standards, and preliminary design package

Chapter purpose

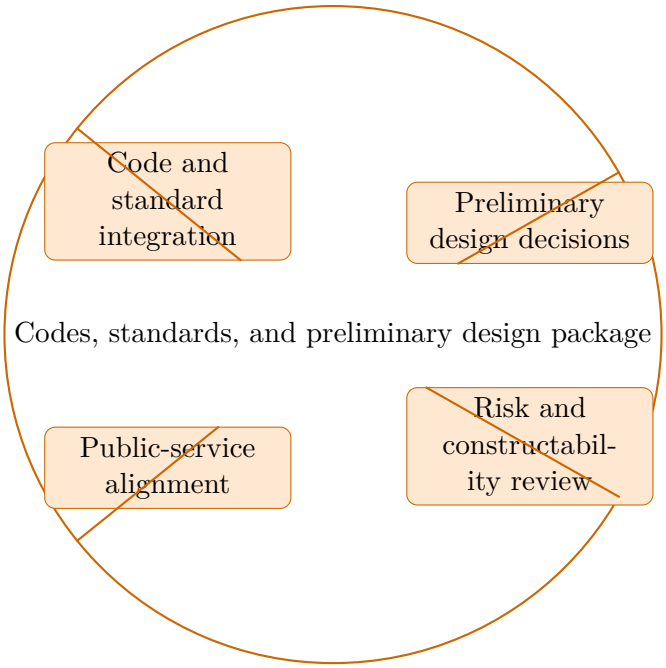
Students develop the first serious technical package while working within realistic constraints.

This chapter sits in the middle of Civil Capstone Design I. It develops Code and standard integration, Preliminary design decisions, Risk and constructability review, and Public-service alignment so that the student can move from explanation to execution without losing the thread of the course.

This chapter belongs to a family where the final artifact is rarely one equation or one answer. Instead, the student must combine analysis, judgment, iteration, and communication into a defensible design path. The text therefore treats process discipline as seriously as technical depth.

Core ideas

- Code and standard integration
- Preliminary design decisions
- Risk and constructability review
- Public-service alignment



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Why Codes, standards, and preliminary design package is a design decision, not a lookup exercise

Codes, standards, and preliminary design package is really a decision-making chapter. The mathematics, code checks, and concept comparisons matter because they push the student toward one defensible recommendation and away from weaker ones.

In Civil Capstone Design I, this is where students learn not to confuse a formula with a decision. The formula only matters because it changes how code and standard integration should be judged.

How code and standard integration and preliminary design decisions drive the option screen

A strong student starts by naming the constraints, criteria, and failure points. Only then does code and standard integration become useful, because now it sits inside a real decision frame rather than floating as isolated content.

Preliminary design decisions usually supplies the second check that keeps the recommendation honest. Good design work is rarely driven by one number alone.

How review-ready design work differs from draft thinking

Review-ready design work shows the option screen, the governing check, and the reason one direction survives while another does not. Weak work jumps too quickly from calculation to recommendation without showing the selection logic.

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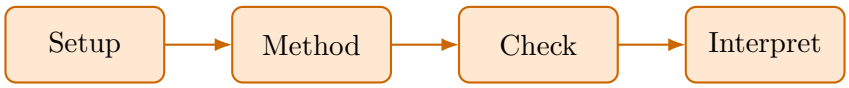

@@TOKEN_0@@ Walk through a civil capstone design i design check built around code and standard integration and preliminary design decisions.

1. Define the performance goal, constraints, and the standard the design must satisfy.
2. Compare the relevant options or checks with code and standard integration as the controlling criterion.
3. Record the governing assumptions, demand-capacity logic, or decision screen in a reviewable order.
4. State the selected direction and explain why it is the strongest engineering choice.

Read this example twice: once for the flow of ideas and once for the technical structure of the solution.

Worked-through guided example

@@TOKEN_0@@ Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where code and standard integration changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

1. List the criteria, constraints, and what counts as an acceptable design path.
2. Use code and standard integration to compare the available options or checks in a reviewable order.
3. Close with the option you would defend and the reason it survives review.

A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how code and standard integration drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

Instructor commentary

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Practice while you read

Practice Set 3: Codes, standards, and preliminary design package

Students develop the first serious technical package while working within realistic constraints.

@@TOKEN_0@@ Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where code and standard integration changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Hint: List the constraints and criteria first. Then show how code and standard integration changes the option screen or final recommendation.
- Step 1: List the criteria, constraints, and what counts as an acceptable design path.
- Step 2: Use code and standard integration to compare the available options or checks in a reviewable order.
- Step 3: Close with the option you would defend and the reason it survives review.
- Checkpoint: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how code and standard integration changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation.

@@TOKEN_0@@ Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where preliminary design decisions changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Hint: List the constraints and criteria first. Then show how preliminary design decisions changes the option screen or final recommendation.

- Step 1: List the criteria, constraints, and what counts as an acceptable design path.
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Chapter homework

@@TOKEN_0@@ Students develop the first serious technical package while working within realistic constraints.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on code and standard integration. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.
2. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on preliminary design decisions. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.
3. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on risk and constructability review. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.
4. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on public-service alignment. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

Answers for these homework problems appear in the back-of-book answer key.

Chapter summary and study notes

- Define the governing criteria behind code and standard integration before comparing options.
- Show how preliminary design decisions drives the recommendation.
- Document the decision path clearly enough for a review or design defense.

Study tips

- Write the criteria and constraints before comparing any option.
- Keep code and standard integration visible as a decision driver, not just a calculation step.
- Show why the recommended option survives review instead of only naming it.

Common traps

- Treating a design formula like the recommendation itself.
- Skipping the explicit criteria or constraints that govern the decision.
- Presenting the final choice without showing the option screen or review logic.

Family-level errors to watch for

- Jumping to a favored concept before writing requirements and criteria.
- Hiding assumptions or tradeoffs that control the decision.
- Producing calculations without a coherent design narrative or review trail.

Chapter 4

Chapter 4 Review, revision, and semester handoff

Chapter purpose

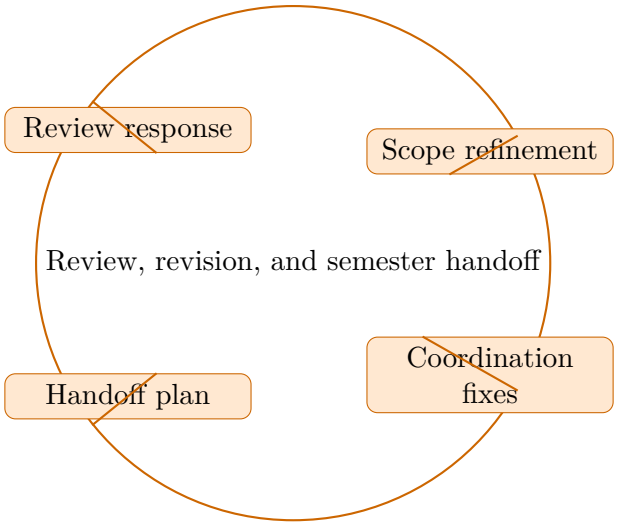
The semester closes with review comments, redesign, and preparation for final capstone execution.

This chapter sits at the end of Civil Capstone Design I. It develops Review response, Scope refinement, Coordination fixes, and Handoff plan so that the student can move from explanation to execution without losing the thread of the course.

This chapter belongs to a family where the final artifact is rarely one equation or one answer. Instead, the student must combine analysis, judgment, iteration, and communication into a defensible design path. The text therefore treats process discipline as seriously as technical depth.

Core ideas

- Review response
- Scope refinement
- Coordination fixes
- Handoff plan



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Why Review, revision, and semester handoff is a design decision, not a lookup exercise

Review, revision, and semester handoff is really a decision-making chapter. The mathematics, code checks, and concept comparisons matter because they push the student toward one defensible recommendation and away from weaker ones.

In Civil Capstone Design I, this is where students learn not to confuse a formula with a decision. The formula only matters because it changes how review response should be judged.

How review response and scope refinement drive the option screen

A strong student starts by naming the constraints, criteria, and failure points. Only then does review response become useful, because now it sits inside a real decision frame rather than floating as isolated content.

Scope refinement usually supplies the second check that keeps the recommendation honest. Good design work is rarely driven by one number alone.

How review-ready design work differs from draft thinking

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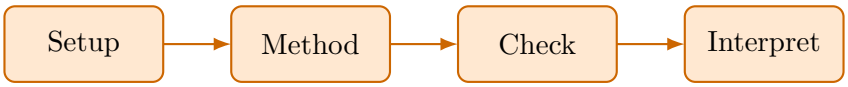
Worked example



@@TOKEN_0@@ Walk through a civil capstone design i design check built around review response and scope refinement.

1. Define the performance goal, constraints, and the standard the design must satisfy.
2. Compare the relevant options or checks with review response as the controlling criterion.
3. Record the governing assumptions, demand-capacity logic, or decision screen in a reviewable order.
4. State the selected direction and explain why it is the strongest engineering choice.

Read this example twice: once for the flow of ideas and once for the technical structure of the solution.

Worked-through guided example

@@TOKEN_0@@ Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where review response changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

1. List the criteria, constraints, and what counts as an acceptable design path.
2. Use review response to compare the available options or checks in a reviewable order.
3. Close with the option you would defend and the reason it survives review.

A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how review response drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

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Practice while you read

Practice Set 4: Review, revision, and semester handoff

The semester closes with review comments, redesign, and preparation for final capstone execution.

@@TOKEN_0@@ Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where review response changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Hint: List the constraints and criteria first. Then show how review response changes the option screen or final recommendation.
- Step 1: List the criteria, constraints, and what counts as an acceptable design path.
- Step 2: Use review response to compare the available options or checks in a reviewable order.
- Step 3: Close with the option you would defend and the reason it survives review.
- Checkpoint: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how review response changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation.

@@TOKEN_0@@ Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where scope refinement changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Hint: List the constraints and criteria first. Then show how scope refinement changes the option screen or final recommendation.
- Step 1: List the criteria, constraints, and what counts as an acceptable design path.
- Step 2: Use scope refinement to compare the available options or checks in a reviewable order.
- Step 3: Close with the option you would defend and the reason it survives review.
- Checkpoint: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how scope refinement changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation.

Chapter homework

@@TOKEN_0@@ The semester closes with review comments, redesign, and preparation for final capstone execution.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on review response. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.
2. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on scope refinement. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.
3. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on coordination fixes. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.
4. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on handoff plan. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

Answers for these homework problems appear in the back-of-book answer key.

Chapter summary and study notes

- Define the governing criteria behind review response before comparing options.
- Show how scope refinement drives the recommendation.
- Document the decision path clearly enough for a review or design defense.

Study tips

- Write the criteria and constraints before comparing any option.
- Keep review response visible as a decision driver, not just a calculation step.
- Show why the recommended option survives review instead of only naming it.

Common traps

- Treating a design formula like the recommendation itself.
- Skipping the explicit criteria or constraints that govern the decision.
- Presenting the final choice without showing the option screen or review logic.

Family-level errors to watch for

- Jumping to a favored concept before writing requirements and criteria.
- Hiding assumptions or tradeoffs that control the decision.
- Producing calculations without a coherent design narrative or review trail.

Chapter 5

Quiz review and official exam preparation

Homework structure

- Homework Set 1: Project framing and stakeholder definition: 4 graded problems attached to chapter 1.
- Homework Set 2: Alternatives and preliminary technical direction: 4 graded problems attached to chapter 2.
- Homework Set 3: Codes, standards, and preliminary design package: 4 graded problems attached to chapter 3.
- Homework Set 4: Review, revision, and semester handoff: 4 graded problems attached to chapter 4.

Quiz structure

- Quiz 1: Project framing and stakeholder definition: 4 questions, timed, and single-attempt in the live course. Quiz 1 should be taken only after you can solve the chapter homework without outside prompts.
- Quiz 2: Alternatives and preliminary technical direction: 4 questions, timed, and single-attempt in the live course. Quiz 2 should be taken only after you can solve the chapter homework without outside prompts.
- Quiz 3: Codes, standards, and preliminary design package: 4 questions, timed, and single-attempt in the live course. Quiz 3 should be taken only after you can solve the chapter homework without outside prompts.
- Quiz 4: Review, revision, and semester handoff: 4 questions, timed, and single-attempt in the live course. Quiz 4 should be taken only after you can solve the chapter homework without outside prompts.

Official mastery exam

- Civil Capstone Design I cumulative mastery exam: 5 major questions, High rigor, first official attempt locks the course grade.

Civil Capstone Design I cumulative mastery exam preparation checklist

- Review every unit in Civil Capstone Design I until you can explain the governing method or decision logic without notes.
- Redo the homework checkpoints and one full practice round before the official attempt.
- Expect Summit to grade setup quality, assumptions, interpretation, and conclusion, not only raw answers.
- Use the AI tutor and guided practice only until you can defend the work independently.

How to use this book before assessment

- Read the relevant chapter and rebuild both worked examples without looking.
- Solve the guided practice in the chapter before attempting the graded homework.
- Check your chapter-homework answers only after you complete a full written attempt.
- Review the quiz answer key after each chapter block and classify your errors by concept, setup, algebra, or interpretation.
- Before the official exam, revisit the chapter purposes, homework corrections, and answer-key notes rather than rereading formulas only.

Chapter 6

Course vocabulary index

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Chapter 7

Back-of-book answers and solution outlines

Guided practice answer key

Chapter 1: Project framing and stakeholder definition

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1. Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where project brief changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Checkpoint answer: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how project brief changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation. - Solution note: A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how project brief drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

1. Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where stakeholder mapping changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Checkpoint answer: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how stakeholder mapping changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation. - Solution note: A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how stakeholder mapping drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

1. Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where context analysis changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Checkpoint answer: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how context analysis changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation. - Solution note: A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how context analysis drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

Chapter 2: Alternatives and preliminary technical direction

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1. Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where alternative concepts changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Checkpoint answer: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how alternative concepts changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation. - Solution note: A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how alternative concepts drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

1. Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where screening criteria changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Checkpoint answer: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how screening criteria changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation. - Solution note: A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how screening criteria drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

1. Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where early calculations changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Checkpoint answer: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how early calculations changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation. - Solution note: A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how early calculations drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

Chapter 3: Codes, standards, and preliminary design package

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1. Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where code and standard integration changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Checkpoint answer: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how code and standard integration changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation. - Solution note: A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how code and standard integration drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

1. Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where preliminary design decisions changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Checkpoint answer: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how preliminary design decisions changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation. - Solution note: A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how preliminary design decisions drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

1. Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where risk and constructability review changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Checkpoint answer: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how risk and constructability review changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation. - Solution note: A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how risk and constructability review drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

Chapter 4: Review, revision, and semester handoff

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1. Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where review response changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Checkpoint answer: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how review response changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation. - Solution note: A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how review response drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

1. Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where scope refinement changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Checkpoint answer: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how scope refinement changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation. - Solution note: A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how scope refinement drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

1. Work a civil capstone design i decision problem where coordination fixes changes the preferred option or the governing design check.

- Checkpoint answer: A strong checkpoint answer shows the governing criteria, explains how coordination fixes changes the option screen, and lands on a defensible recommendation. - Solution note: A complete design response frames the criteria, shows how coordination fixes drives the decision, and documents the recommendation in a review-ready sequence.

Homework answer key

Homework Set 1: Project framing and stakeholder definition

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on project brief. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through project brief, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on stakeholder mapping. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through stakeholder mapping, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on context analysis. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through context analysis, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on problem framing. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through problem framing, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

Homework Set 2: Alternatives and preliminary technical direction

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on alternative concepts. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through alternative concepts, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on screening criteria. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through screening criteria, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on early calculations. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through early calculations, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on coordination across disciplines. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through coordination across disciplines, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

Homework Set 3: Codes, standards, and preliminary design package

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on code and standard integration. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through code and standard integration, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on preliminary design decisions. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through preliminary design decisions, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on risk and constructability review. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through risk and constructability review, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on public-service alignment. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through public-service alignment, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

Homework Set 4: Review, revision, and semester handoff

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on review response. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through review response, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on scope refinement. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through scope refinement, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on coordination fixes. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through coordination fixes, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design check or option screen focused on handoff plan. Show the governing criteria, tradeoffs, and the recommendation you would defend.

- Answer / solution summary: A strong submission frames the criteria, compares the relevant options through handoff plan, documents the governing check, and ends with a review-ready recommendation.

Quiz answer key

Quiz 1: Project framing and stakeholder definition

1. Which topic is explicitly central to Project framing and stakeholder definition?

- Answer key: Project brief. Project brief is one of the direct topics named in Project framing and stakeholder definition.

1. Before working forward in Project framing and stakeholder definition, what should you identify first?

- Answer key: Accepted answer(s): criteria, constraints, tradeoffs, recommendation. High-quality work in Project framing and stakeholder definition starts by identifying criteria, constraints, tradeoffs, recommendation, not by jumping directly into the middle of the method.

1. Which deliverable belongs to Project framing and stakeholder definition?

- Answer key: Project charter. Project charter is a direct deliverable from Project framing and stakeholder definition, so students are expected to complete it before moving on.

1. Name one direct topic from Project framing and stakeholder definition.

- Answer key: Accepted answer(s): Project brief, Stakeholder mapping, Context analysis, Problem framing. Project brief, Stakeholder mapping, Context analysis, Problem framing are direct topics in Project framing and stakeholder definition. A strong student should be able to name them without opening the notes.

Quiz 2: Alternatives and preliminary technical direction

1. Which topic is explicitly central to Alternatives and preliminary technical direction?

- Answer key: Alternative concepts. Alternative concepts is one of the direct topics named in Alternatives and preliminary technical direction.

1. Before working forward in Alternatives and preliminary technical direction, what should you identify first?

- Answer key: Accepted answer(s): criteria, constraints, tradeoffs, recommendation. High-quality work in Alternatives and preliminary technical direction starts by identifying criteria, constraints, tradeoffs, recommendation, not by jumping directly into the middle of the method.

1. Which deliverable belongs to Alternatives and preliminary technical direction?

- Answer key: Alternative memo. Alternative memo is a direct deliverable from Alternatives and preliminary technical direction, so students are expected to complete it before moving on.

1. Name one direct topic from Alternatives and preliminary technical direction.

- Answer key: Accepted answer(s): Alternative concepts, Screening criteria, Early calculations, Coordination across disciplines. Alternative concepts, Screening criteria, Early calculations, Coordination across disciplines are direct topics in Alternatives and preliminary technical direction. A strong student should be able to name them without opening the notes.

Quiz 3: Codes, standards, and preliminary design package

1. Which topic is explicitly central to Codes, standards, and preliminary design package?

- Answer key: Code and standard integration. Code and standard integration is one of the direct topics named in Codes, standards, and preliminary design package.

1. Before working forward in Codes, standards, and preliminary design package, what should you identify first?

- Answer key: Accepted answer(s): criteria, constraints, tradeoffs, recommendation. High-quality work in Codes, standards, and preliminary design package starts by identifying criteria, constraints, tradeoffs, recommendation, not by jumping directly into the middle of the method.

1. Which deliverable belongs to Codes, standards, and preliminary design package?

- Answer key: Preliminary package. Preliminary package is a direct deliverable from Codes, standards, and preliminary design package, so students are expected to complete it before moving on.

1. Name one direct topic from Codes, standards, and preliminary design package.

- Answer key: Accepted answer(s): Code and standard integration, Preliminary design decisions, Risk and constructability review, Public-service alignment. Code and standard integration, Preliminary design decisions, Risk and constructability review, Public-service alignment are direct topics in Codes, standards, and preliminary design package. A strong student should be able to name them without opening the notes.

Quiz 4: Review, revision, and semester handoff

1. Which topic is explicitly central to Review, revision, and semester handoff?

- Answer key: Review response. Review response is one of the direct topics named in Review, revision, and semester handoff.

1. Before working forward in Review, revision, and semester handoff, what should you identify first?

- Answer key: Accepted answer(s): criteria, constraints, tradeoffs, recommendation. High-quality work in Review, revision, and semester handoff starts by identifying criteria, constraints, tradeoffs, recommendation, not by jumping directly into the middle of the method.

1. Which deliverable belongs to Review, revision, and semester handoff?

- Answer key: Capstone I package. Capstone I package is a direct deliverable from Review, revision, and semester handoff, so students are expected to complete it before moving on.

1. Name one direct topic from Review, revision, and semester handoff.

- Answer key: Accepted answer(s): Review response, Scope refinement, Coordination fixes, Handoff plan. Review response, Scope refinement, Coordination fixes, Handoff plan are direct topics in Review, revision, and semester handoff. A strong student should be able to name them without opening the notes.

Mastery exam solution outlines

Civil Capstone Design I cumulative mastery exam

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design response that uses project brief to compare alternatives and defend a recommendation.

- What to show: Criteria and constraints; The governing design check or comparison; A recommendation that could survive review - Solution outline: State the criteria, limits, and design assumptions before comparing any options. Use project brief and stakeholder mapping to show what drives the recommendation. End with the selected direction and a short defense of why it is the strongest option.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design response that uses alternative concepts to compare alternatives and defend a recommendation.

- What to show: Criteria and constraints; The governing design check or comparison; A recommendation that could survive review - Solution outline: State the criteria, limits, and design assumptions before comparing any options. Use alternative concepts and screening criteria to show what drives the recommendation. End with the selected direction and a short defense of why it is the strongest option.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design response that uses code and standard integration to compare alternatives and defend a recommendation.

- What to show: Criteria and constraints; The governing design check or comparison; A recommendation that could survive review - Solution outline: State the criteria, limits, and design assumptions before comparing any options. Use code and standard integration and preliminary design decisions to show what drives the recommendation. End with the selected direction and a short defense of why it is the strongest option.

1. Prepare a civil capstone design i design response that uses review response to compare alternatives and defend a recommendation.

- What to show: Criteria and constraints; The governing design check or comparison; A recommendation that could survive review - Solution outline: State the criteria, limits, and design assumptions before comparing any options. Use review response and scope refinement to show what drives the recommendation. End with the selected direction and a short defense of why it is the strongest option.

1. Write a cumulative civil capstone design i response that explains what high-quality work looks like from setup to final defense in this course.

- What to show: A staged workflow from the opening setup to the final conclusion; The assumptions or judgment points that control course-level work; A clear statement of what mastery looks like in practice - Solution outline: Use the course outcome "Frame a Civil Engineering design project with clear context, constraints, and stakeholders." as the anchor for the response. Show how criteria, constraints, tradeoffs, recommendation appear in a disciplined course-level workflow. End by explaining what would make a submission reviewable, defensible, and ready to earn full credit.

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