# Unit 07: Footing and Basement Construction

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Course(s): **Architecture**
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## Enduring Understandings

1. The foundation of a house provides a firm platform to build the house on.

2. The selection of a foundation system is determined by factors such as cost, location, soil conditions, building type, and availability of required materials.

3. Footings support the load of the foundation.

4. Footings are placed below the frost line to avoid movement caused by the freeze and thaw of the soil.

## Essential Questions

1. Why is it important to have to a solid foundation in place before beginning to construct the house?

2. What factors influence the selection of different foundation systems?

3. How do you determine which foundation system is best for the design of the house and the geographic location?

4. What does the frost line have to do with footings?

## Content

Vocabulary:

concrete masonry unit (CMU), pier, floating slab, slab, crawl space, footing, foundation, frost line, soil examination, basement, footer, continuous pour, I-beam, manufactured beam

## Skills

1. Analyze a house floor plan to determine an appropriate foundation.

2. Create a cross-section drawing of a foundation footer.

3. Create a foundation plan drawing for a house given its floor plan.

4. Create a foundation plan drawing for a custom designed house.

5. Construct a scale model foundation for a custom house.

## Resources

11x17 Paper / Drawing Boards / T Square / Pencil / Erasers / Rendering Markers

## Standards

**NJ: Grade 9 - 12**

**9.3 CTE: B. Architecture & Construction Career Cluster**

**Academic Foundations:**

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**Communication Skills:**

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**Problem-Solving and Critical Thinking:**

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