

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Electrical Systems is designed to teach and enhance the student(s) theoretical and practical knowledge in automotive electrical and electronic systems and components used on-road truck and trailer, bus, and coach type vehicles. Students will be given an in depth training on electrical circuits of the starting system learning how to follow the manufacturers' service procedure for electrical schematics, disassembly and assembly of the starting motor components and the correct method to properly test the system for starter current draw and volt drops across cables, switches and solenoids. Students will also be taught how to test and repair electronic control devices used for the truck and coach cab and chassis systems. The student(s) will be taught how to use various electrical test equipment applicable for diagnosing electrical and electronic management systems.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. **Define the fundamentals of safe practices when working with electrical and electronic systems.**
2. **Define the differences between light and heavy duty batteries used for truck and coach systems.**
3. **Perform the inspection, testing of batteries with manual and electronic testing equipment according to manufacturers' specifications.**
4. **Define the purpose, construction and operation of both electrical and pneumatic starters used on light, medium, and heavy duty vehicles.**
5. **Disassemble starting motors and test the components for proper operation and faults.**
6. **Assemble the starting motor and perform a proper bench test to ensure proper operation according to the manufacturers specifications.**
7. **Perform an on-vehicle starter draw and volt drop test using the proper test equipment and service manual.**

8. **Interpret and trace electrical schematics for cab and chassis accessory and safety systems.**
- 9 **Perform testing and repairs to the electrical accessories, and auxiliary systems, such as lighting circuits, windshield wiper system and auxiliary cab convenience equipment.**
- 10 **Perform proper testing on electronic control devices used for cab and chassis electrical systems.**

III. TOPICS:

1. **Electrical and Electronic fundamentals**
2. **Heavy Duty Truck & Coach Batteries**
3. **Heavy Duty Truck and Coach Starting Systems**
4. **Truck & Coach Cab and Chassis Electrical Systems**
5. **Electronic Controls and Management Systems**
6. **Proper Testing Procedures**

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

Hand outs provided by instructor as well as text books requested by department as per booklist.

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

Students will be tested on the material covered per apprenticeship curriculum by multiple choice questions, assignments, and practical tests. The weigh factor for each area of testing will be as follows:

Theory Tests	50 %
Practical Tests	30 %
Assignments	20 %

This evaluation can change depending on the emphasis placed on each of the above testing procedures.

The following semester grades will be assigned to students:

Grade	<u>Definition</u>	<i>Grade Point Equivalent</i>
A+	90 – 100%	4.00
A	80 – 89%	3.00
B	70 - 79%	2.00
C	60 - 69%	1.00
D	50 – 59%	0.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
X	A temporary grade limited to situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course.	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.	
W	Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.	

VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

Course Outline Amendments:

The professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

Retention of Course Outlines:

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other postsecondary institutions.

Prior Learning Assessment:

Students who wish to apply for advance credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain an Application for Advance Credit from the program coordinator (or the course coordinator regarding a general education transfer request) or academic assistant. Students will be required to provide an unofficial transcript and course outline related to the course in question. Please refer to the Student Academic Calendar of Events for the deadline date by which application must be made for advance standing.

Credit for prior learning will also be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.

Disability Services:

If you are a student with a disability (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your professor and/or the Disability Services office. Visit Room E1101 or call Extension 2703 so that support services can be arranged for you.

Communication:

The College considers **WebCT/LMS** as the primary channel of communication for each course. Regularly checking this software platform is critical as it will keep you directly connected with faculty and current course information. Success in this course may be directly related to your willingness to take advantage of the **Learning Management System** communication tool.

Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in *Student Code of Conduct*. A professor/instructor may assign a sanction as defined below, or make recommendations to the Academic Chair for disposition of the matter. The professor/instructor may (i) issue a verbal reprimand, (ii) make an assignment of a lower grade with explanation, (iii) require additional academic assignments and issue a lower grade upon completion to the maximum grade “C”, (iv) make an automatic assignment of a failing grade, (v) recommend to the Chair dismissal from the course with the assignment of a failing grade. In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

Student Portal:

The Sault College portal allows you to view all your student information in one place. **mysaultcollege** gives you personalized access to online resources seven days a week from your home or school computer. Single log-in access allows you to see your personal and financial information, timetable, grades, records of achievement, unofficial transcript, and outstanding obligations. Announcements, news, the academic calendar of events, class cancellations, your learning management system (LMS), and much more are also accessible through the student portal. Go to <https://my.saultcollege.ca>.

Electronic Devices in the Classroom:

Students who wish to use electronic devices in the classroom will seek permission of the faculty member before proceeding to record instruction. With the exception of issues related to accommodations of disability, the decision to approve or refuse the request is the responsibility of the faculty member. Recorded classroom instruction will be used only for personal use and will not be used for any other purpose. Recorded classroom instruction will be destroyed at the end of the course. To ensure this, the student is required to return all copies of recorded material to the faculty member by the last day of class in the semester. Where the use of an electronic device has been approved, the student agrees that materials recorded are for his/her use only, are not for distribution, and are the sole property of the College.

Attendance:

Sault College is committed to student success. There is a direct correlation between academic performance and class attendance; therefore, for the benefit of all its constituents, all students are encouraged to attend all of their scheduled learning and evaluation sessions. This implies arriving on time and remaining for the duration of the scheduled session.