

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces the basic principles of fluid mechanics and the application of these principles to practical and applied problems. After completing this course the student should have a firm foundation in the field to continue learning. This course will provide the understanding of basic concepts of fluid mechanics and application of these concepts to solve real world problems in the area of Instrumentation and Process Control.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

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

1. *Perform unit conversions using the procedure of unit cancellation.*

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Define the terms fluids and fluid mechanics
- Derive units of force, energy and pressure in SI and English systems of units
- Perform unit conversions and cancellations
- Select the appropriate significant figures

2. *Define, express and relate the properties of fluids*

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Define the terms density, weight density and specific gravity
- Derive the relationship between mass density and weight density
- Express pressure as equivalent liquid column
- Differentiate between gauge pressure and absolute pressure
- Explain the role of viscosity in fluid flow

3. *Describe the behavior of fluids at rest*

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Discuss the three forms of fluid energy
- Express the fluid energy as head
- Derive the relationships between pressure and elevation
- Measure fluid pressure using manometers and gauges
- Calculate the forces acting on retaining walls and buoyant forces on bodies immersed in fluids

4. Apply the principles of mass conservation and energy conservation to fluids in motion.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Derive and apply continuity equation to size the pipes
- Apply the concept of energy conservation to write Bernoulli's equation
- Recognize the limitations of Bernoulli's equation
- Define Toricelli's theorem
- Describe the working principles of variable head meters

5. Modify Bernoulli's equation to general energy equation.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Identify hydraulic mechanics like pumps and turbines
- Expand Bernoulli's equation to include the terms head added and head lost apply energy equation to solve practical problems
- Calculate the power required to drive pumps
- Draw hydraulic and energy grade line for a fluid system

6. Apply the principles of fluid mechanics to flow measurement.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Derive general flow equation for variable head meter
- Study a venturi meter in the laboratory
- Derive the equation relating coefficients of discharge, velocity and contraction
- Calculate the velocity of flow using Pitot-static tube
- Apply weirs formula to estimate flow in open channel

7. Identify factors affecting fluid flow and compute the head loss in a fluid flow system.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Characterize laminar flow and turbulent flow
- Use Moody's chart to determine friction factor
- Compute frictional head loss by applying Darcy Weisbach flow equation
- Calculate minor losses due to expansion, contraction and fittings
- Calculate total losses and use this in the general energy equation

8. Perform related lab activities

III. TOPICS:

1. Systems of Units
2. Fluid Properties

3. Fluid Statics
4. Fluid Kinematics
5. General Energy Equation
6. Flow Measurement
7. Energy Losses
8. Application of Bernoulli

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

Handouts will be provided by the instructor.

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

Two Tests	-	60%
Lab Work & Assignments	-	30%
Attendance & Attitude	-	10%

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%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
D	50 – 59%	1.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	0.00
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.	

UPGRADING OF INCOMPLETES

When a student's course work is incomplete or final grade is below 60%, there is the possibility of upgrading to a pass when a student meets all of the following criteria:

1. The student's attendance has been satisfactory.
2. An overall average of at least 50% has been achieved.
3. The student has not had a failing grade in all of the theory tests taken.
4. The student has made reasonable efforts to participate in class and complete assignments.

The nature of the upgrading requirements will be determined by the instructor and may involve one or more of the following: completion of existing labs and assignments, completion of additional assignments, re-testing on individual parts of the course or a comprehensive test on the entire course.

LABS:

Lab activities represent a very important component of this course. Because of this, **attendance is mandatory** and the evaluation of all lab work will be done in class. *It is the student's responsibility to discuss absences from regularly scheduled labs with the instructor so that alternate arrangements (where possible) can be made to complete the lab requirements.*

VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

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.

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.

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*. Students who engage in academic dishonesty will receive an automatic failure for that submission and/or such other penalty, up to and including expulsion from the course/program, as may be decided by the professor/dean. 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.

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.

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

VII. 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.

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