Basic Electrical Systems (DEMR 1305)

Credit: 3 semester credit hours (3 hours lecture, 0 hours lab)

Prerequisite: None

Course Description
Basic principles of electrical systems of diesel powered equipment with emphasis on starters, alternators, and batteries.

Required Textbook and Materials
1. **Electronics and Electrical Systems** Fundamentals of Service
   Author: Deere and Company

2. **Diesel Technology** Fundamentals, Service, Repair
   Author: Norman, Corinchock, Scharff
   Publisher: Goodheart and Willcox Company, Inc.
   ISBN # 978-161960-832-0 ; 8th edition

3. **Diesel Technology Workbook** Fundamentals, Service, Repair
   Author: Norman, Corinchock, Scharff
   Publisher: Goodheart and Willcox Company, Inc.
   ISBN # 978-161960-835-1 ; 8th edition

4. Notebook and 8.5” x 11” notebook paper
5. Blue and Black ink pens

Course Objectives
Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:
1) Understand electrical safety and precaution when working with electricity. 3
2) Explain basic electrical principles.
3) Take appropriate preventive maintenance measures and solves problems in the use and operation of equipment.
4) Explain basic circuit laws.
5) Describe proper use of electrical test equipment.

Course Outline
A. Electricity and Electrical Safety
   1. Electrical Safety Systems
   2. Shop practice and work habit
   3. Noise protection
B. Electricity – How it works
   1. Electrical and Electron theory
   2. Introduction to current, voltage, and resistance

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C. Measuring the Electron  
   1. Ohm’s law  
   2. Types of circuits

D. Diagrams and schematic symbols  
   1. System wiring schematic  
   2. System wiring diagram

E. Electrical components  
   1. Wiring  
   2. Switches  
   3. Resistors

F. Storage Batteries  
   1. How a battery works  
   2. Types of batteries  
   3. Checking and charging  
   4. Handling of battery

G. Charging circuits  
   1. Operations of system  
   2. Types of systems

H. Connectors  
   1. Introduction  
   2. Common types of connectors

Grade Scale
   90 – 100 = A  
   80 – 89.9 = B  
   70 – 79.9 = C  
   60 – 69.9 = D  
   0 – 59.9 = F

Course Evaluation
Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:
   Daily work, quizzes, and homework assignment. 40%  
   Test over Lecture and Chapters 30%  
   Outside assignment or class presentation. 10%  
   Final Exam 20%

Course Requirements
1. Complete specific reading assignments in a timely manner specified by the instructor.
2. Seek out available material on the subject being taught, utilizing the library, periodicals and / or the Internet.
3. Wear sleeved shirts, full length jeans or work pants and preferably leather shoes to class and on campus. No shorts or tank tops are allowed.
4. Participate in Project Interview when offered.
5. Complete all work book and class assignments.
6. Be present at class sessions and examinations as scheduled.
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Attendance Policy  
1. Missing more than 20% of classes will result in an automatic “F” for the course.  
2. Absences are counted for unexcused, excused and coming to class late.  
3. Missing more than 20% of a class period will count as an absence.  
4. Being tardy 3 times equals 1 absence.  

If you wish to drop, you are responsible for the drop process. I will not initiate the drop, no matter how many absences or zeroes you have; that is, if you stop coming to class and do not drop, you will earn an F in the course. **Students are allowed only 6 drops, from any public Institute of higher education, in their lifetime.**

Course Policies  
1. **No Cell Phone** or **Electronic Devices** allowed in class, except in special circumstances and it is approved by the instructor.  
   *All cell phones must be turned off and put away. Text messaging during class time will not be tolerated. Text messaging during an exam will be considered academic dishonesty. The exam will be considered over and the student will receive a zero for the exam.*  
2. **No smoking** or use of any **tobacco** products allowed  
3. Do not bring any **food** or **drinks** in class  
4. **No visitors** allowed in class, including children.  
5. Do not disturb lecture for any reason. If you must leave class or come in late, do so without disturbing class.  
6. **DRESS CODE:** **Proper work attire only, NO Open shoes, Short pants, low riding, or sleeveless shirts, will be allowed in any program classrooms.**  
7. **No grades** will be **dropped**. No homework or assignments can be made up or accepted after instructor has taken up for grading.  
8. **Homework** must be done **in proper outline form, neat and legible**, prepared on **loose leaf (8.5” X 11”) note book paper**, written only on **one side**.  
9. Assignment must be turn in at the beginning of class  
10. Any student caught cheating will be dropped from class and given an F for the semester grade.  

**NOTE:**  
Students who violate any of these policies will be asked to leave class and given an absent for the class period. Students who are continuing disturbing classes will be suspended from class for the remainder of the semester and given an grade of F.  

Students may vary in their competency levels on these abilities. You can expect to acquire these abilities only if you honor all course policies, attend classes regularly, complete all assigned work in good faith and on time, and meet all other course expectations of you as a student.  

Disabilities Statement  
The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with
Among other things, these statutes require that all students with documented disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodations for their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409) 880-1737 or visit the online resource:  
http://www.lit.edu/depts/stuserv/special/defaults.aspx

**Student Code of Conduct Statement**

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at [www.lit.edu](http://www.lit.edu) or obtained in print upon request at the Student Services Office.

**Starfish**

LIT utilizes an early alert system called Starfish. Throughout the semester, you may receive emails from Starfish regarding your course grades, attendance, or academic performance. Faculty members record student attendance, raise flags and kudos to express concern or give praise, and you can make an appointment with faculty and staff all through the Starfish home page. You can also login to Blackboard or MyLIT and click on the Starfish link to view academic alerts and detailed information. It is the responsibility of the student to pay attention to these emails and information in Starfish and consider taking the recommended actions. Starfish is used to help you be a successful student at LIT.

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