

Course Objectives/Course Outline
Spokane Community College

Course Title: Practical Electricity
Prefix and Course Number: ELMT 131

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, a student should be able to:

Learning/Performance Outcomes:

- design and troubleshoot basic rectifier circuits
- explain the operation of filters and regulators
- troubleshoot basic power supplies
- design and troubleshoot power controller and switches
- effectively utilize diode and transistor data and specification manuals
- utilize simple schematic diagrams

*Two, three, and four credit class content will be determined from input provided by faculty from individual programs which have specific electrical requirements.

Course Outline:

I. Oscilloscope Operation

- A. Setup
- B. Voltage Measurements

C. Frequency Measurements

II. Diodes

- A. P/N Junction Theory
- B. Photocell Operation
- C. Forward and Reverse Biasing Techniques
- D. Uses
 - 1. rectifiers
 - 2. switches
 - 3. limiters
 - 4. regulators

III. Transistors

- A. Bi-polar
- B. Field Effect
- C. Theory and Uses
 - 1. DC biasing
 - 2. switching
 - 3. identification
 - 4. troubleshooting

IV. Thyristors

- A. Diacs
- B. Triacs
- C. SCR's
- D. Theory and Uses
 - 1. controllable rectifiers
 - 2. power controllers
 - 3. sequential switching
 - 4. identification
 - 5. troubleshooting

E. Symbols and Diagrams

V. Lab Experiments

- A. Semiconductor Material Testing
- B. Diode Testing
- C. Current & Voltage Characteristics of a Diode
- D. Zener Diode Testing
- E. Zener Diode Voltage Regulation
- F. Bipolar Transistor Testing
- G. Transistor Operating Regions
- H. FET Testing
- I. FET Characteristics
- J. SCR Testing
- K. SCR Troubleshooting
- L. SCR Applications
- M. Triac Testing
- N. Triac Power Control
- O. UJT Testing
- P. UJT Characteristics
- Q. LED Testing
- R. LED Operation
- S. Photo-diode Operation
- T. Photo-transistor Operation
- U. Halfwave Rectifier Circuit
- V. Fullwave Rectifier Circuit
- W. Fullwave Bridge Circuit
- X. Oscilloscope Operation/Troubleshooting
- Y. Diagram Interpretation