El Paso Community College Syllabus Part II

Official Course Description

SUBJECT AREA	Automotive Technology
SUBJECT RUBRIC AND NUMBER	<u>AUMT 1445</u>
COURSE TITLE	Automotive Climate Control Systems
COURSE CREDIT HOURS	4 3 : 4 Credits Lec Lab

I. Catalog Description

Studies diagnosis and repair of manual/electronic climate control systems; includes the refrigeration cycle and EPA guidelines for refrigerant handling. May be taught manufacturer specific.

Prerequisite: AUMT 1407. (3:4). Lab fee.

II. Course Objectives

- A. Unit I. Shop Safety
 - 1. Work safely in an Automotive Shop.
 - 2. Explain laws regarding hazardous materials in the shop.
- B. Unit II. Air Conditioning Service
 - 1. Define sensible heat, evaporation fusion, radiation, and conduction.
 - 2. Identify the cooling system and air conditioning system components.
 - 3. Perform a pressure test on the cooling system and air conditioning system.
 - 4. Obtain repair information and specifications from manuals and computers.
 - 5. Use wiring diagrams while diagnosing electrical problems.
 - 6. Use a strategy-based diagnostic procedure while solving customer concerns.
 - 7. Document service or repair procedure on the Work Order or Lab Report.
 - 8. Compare actual time spent on a repair to flat rate time.
 - 9. Demonstrate efficiency from start to finish of the job.
 - 10. Obtain Air Conditioning Service Certification.
 - 11. Identify proper tools and equipment for the job.

C. Unit III. The Refrigeration System

- 1. Explain the basic theory of refrigeration cycle operation
- 2. Perform a leak test using the electronic leak detector unit
- 3. Compare temperature and pressure relationships to manufacturer's specification charts.
- 4. Test compressor cycle time compared to manufacturer's specification.
- 5. Partially charge system to test for oil leaks.
- 6. Test and inspect air delivery and distribution section.
- 7. Remove and replace air conditioning system components.

D. Unit IV. Retrofit A/C Systems

- 1. Explain the use of the refrigerant recovery machine.
- 2. Use the refrigerant recovery machine.
- 3. Install retrofit system components.
- 4. Charge air conditioning system with R-134A.
- 5. Test air conditioning system for proper operation to manufacturer's specifications.

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- E. Unit V. A/C System Controls
 - 1. Explain the operating principles of basic A/C control switches.
 - 2. Perform A/C system electrical diagnostic tests.
 - 3. Remove and/or replace defective switches, relays, circuit-breakers, and fuses.
 - 4. Perform bench testing procedures on blower motors.
 - 5. Perform vacuum system tests on duct systems.
- F. Unit VI. Engine Cooling and Comfort Heating Systems
 - 1. Explain the operation principles of a cooling system.
 - 2. Perform pressure test on radiator and cap.
 - 3. Inspect operation of pulleys, belts, flex fan, and electric fan.
 - 4. Inspect coolant recovery system.
 - 5. Test heater for proper operating temperature.

III. THECB Learning Outcomes (WECM)

- 1. Use safety procedures including proper refrigerant handling.
- 2. Explain the refrigeration cycle.
- 3. Diagnose and repair systems.

IV. Evaluation

- A. Unit Exams will count 30% toward final grade.
- B. Lab Exams will count 60% toward final grade.
- C. Final Exam will count 10% toward final grade.
- D. Grading Scale

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A = 90 - 100
B = 80 - 89
C = 70 - 79
D = 60 - 69
F = Below 60
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E. Cheating will not be permitted. Any person caught cheating will receive a grade of zero for that exam.

V. Disability Statement (Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA])

EPCC offers a variety of services to persons with documented sensory, mental, physical, or temporary disabling conditions to promote success in classes. If you have a disability and believe you may need services, you are encouraged to contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to discuss your needs with a counselor. All discussions and documentation are kept confidential. Offices located: VV Rm C-112 (831-2426); TM Rm 1400 (831-5808); RG Rm B-201 (831-4198); NWC Rm M-54 (831-8815); and MDP Rm A-125 (831-7024).

VI. 6 Drop Rule

Students who began attending Texas public institutions of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or later are subject to a 6-Drop limit for all undergraduate classes. Developmental, ESL, Dual Credit and Early College High School classes are exempt from this rule. All students should consult with their instructor before dropping a class. Academic assistance is available. Students are encouraged to see Counseling Services if dropping because exemptions may apply. Refer to the EPCC catalog and website for additional information.