

## TEAU 1400 - Suspension and Steering (4 Credits)

### Course Description

The Suspension and Steering course teaches theory and hands-on instruction on automotive suspension and steering systems while following the program standards set forth by Automotive Service Excellence Education Foundation at the master level.

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### Course Objectives

- Maintain vehicle safety through safe suspension and steering maintenance and repairs.
  - Identify and repair automotive steering and suspension systems.
  - Identify the issues with and perform an automotive wheel alignment.
  - Identify and repair automotive wheels and tires
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### Course Outline

- Suspension and Steering Systems
  - Tires, Wheels, Wheel Bearing, and Shocks/Struts
  - Front and Rear Suspension Systems
  - Steering Columns and Steering Linkages
  - Four Wheel Alignment Primary Angles
  - Four Wheel Alignment Diagnostic Angles
  - Computer Controlled Suspension Systems
  - Power Steering Pumps, Gears, and Components
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### Textbook & Reading Materials

Cengage Unlimited (1 year subscription), Cengage

## Assignments and Assessments

Orientation  
Orientation Acknowledgement  
SWAM 1210 Syllabus  
Remind Txt Group  
Automotive Student OE Instructions  
Right to Know Agreement  
Student Information Sheet  
INTERNET USAGE POLICY  
Cleaning Expectations  
Southwest Technical College Automotive Video Playlist  
Student Tool and Equipment Use Waiver  
Steering & Suspension Lab Check List  
Cell Phone  
Digital Lab Assignment Switch  
Instructions  
Digital Lab Explanation  
Module Breakdown  
Module 1 Labs  
Module 2 Labs  
Module 3 Labs  
Module 4 Labs  
Module 5 Labs  
Module 6 Labs  
Module 7 Labs  
Module 8 Labs  
Cleaning Lab Module  
Cleaning Lab 1  
Cleaning Lab 2  
Cleaning Lab 3  
Cleaning Lab 4  
Cleaning Lab 5  
Chapter 01 Reading: Classroom  
Preparing the HEV for Service  
General Hybrid Electric Vehicle Safety  
Using a Scan Tool  
Chapter 1 Multiple Choice and True-False Quiz  
Chapter 1 Fill in the Blank Questions  
Chapter 01 Reading: Shop  
Photo Sequence 1: Typical Procedure for Removing Air Bag Module  
Chapter 1 Labeling Activity  
Chapter 1 Video Questions  
Chapter 1 ASE-Style Review Questions  
Chapter 02 Reading: Classroom  
Chapter 2-1 Video Questions  
Chapter 2-2 Video Questions  
Chapter 02 Reading: Shop  
Chapter 2 Fill in the Blank Questions  
Chapter 2 Multiple Choice and True-False Quiz  
Chapter 2 ASE-Style Review Questions  
Lab 1 Research Vehicle Service Information  
Lab 2 Identify and Interpret S&S Concerns  
Lab 3 Disable and Enable SRS System  
Lab 4 Determine Proper Power Steering Fluid  
Lab 5 Inspect for Power Steering Leaks  
Lab 6 Wheel Alignment  
Lab 7 Dismount, Inspect, Remount Tire  
Lab 8 Balance Tire and Wheel Assembly  
End Module 1  
Chapter 03 Reading: Classroom  
Diagnose, Replace and Relearn TPMS  
Identifying and Interpreting Tire Sidewall Information  
Wheel and Tire Imbalance  
Chapter 3 Multiple Choice and True-False Quiz  
Chapter 3 Fill in the Blank Questions  
Chapter 3 Labeling Activity  
Chapter 03 Reading: Shop  
Photo Sequence 5: Typical Off-Car Wheel Balancing Procedure  
Chapter 3 Video Questions  
Chapter 3 ASE-Style Review Questions  
Chapter 3 ASE Challenge Questions  
Chapter 04 Reading: Classroom  
Chapter 4 Multiple Choice and True-False Quiz  
Chapter 4 Fill in the Blank Questions  
Chapter 4 Labeling Activity  
Chapter 04 Reading: Shop  
Photo Sequence 7: Typical Procedure for Measuring Front Wheel Hub End play  
Chapter 4 Labeling Activity  
Chapter 4 ASE-Style Review Questions  
Chapter 4 ASE Challenge Questions  
Chapter 05 Reading: Classroom  
Chapter 5 Multiple Choice and True-False Quiz  
Chapter 5 Fill in the Blank Questions  
Chapter 5 Labeling Activity  
Chapter 5-1 Video Questions  
Chapter 5-2 Video Questions  
Chapter 05 Reading: Shop  
Chapter 5 Labeling Activity  
Chapter 5 ASE-Style Review Questions  
Chapter 5 ASE Challenge Questions  
Lab 9 Inspect, Remove, and Install Struts  
Lab 10 Inspect, Remove, and Replace Shock Absorbers  
Lab 11 Remove, Inspect, and Service Wheel Bearings  
Lab 12 Wheel Alignment  
Lab 13 Inspect Tire Condition  
Lab 14 Diagnose Tire & Wheel Vibration  
Lab 15 Rotate Tires  
Lab 16 Measure Wheel, Tire  
Lab 17 Dismount, Inspect, Remount Tire  
Lab 18 Dismount, Inspect, Remount Tire  
Lab 19 Dismount, Inspect, Remount Tire  
Lab 20 Inspect Tire and Wheel for Air Loss  
Lab 21 Repair Tire Using an Internal Patch  
Lab 22 Balance Tire and Wheel Assembly

Lab 23 Balance Tire and Wheel Assembly  
Checkpoint Meeting Module 2  
End Module 2  
Chapter 06 Reading: Classroom  
Chapter 6 Multiple Choice and True-False Quiz  
Chapter 6 Fill in the Blank Questions  
Chapter 6 Labeling Activity  
Chapter 6 Video Questions  
Chapter 6 Labeling Activity  
Chapter 06 Reading: Shop  
Photo Sequence 11: Vertical Ball Joint Measurement  
Chapter 6 ASE-Style Review Questions  
Chapter 6 ASE Challenge Questions  
Chapter 07 Reading: Classroom  
Chapter 7 Multiple Choice and True-False Quiz  
Chapter 7 Fill in the Blank Questions  
Chapter 7 Labeling Activity  
Chapter 07 Reading: Shop  
Photo Sequence 12: Typical Procedure for Measuring Front and Rear Riding Height  
Chapter 7 Labeling Activity  
Chapter 7 ASE-Style Review Questions  
Chapter 7 ASE Challenge Questions  
Lab 23a Diagnose Short/Long Arm System  
Lab 24 Diagnose Strut Suspension System  
Lab 25 Inspect, Remove, and Install Control Arms  
Lab 26 Inspect, Remove and Install Strut Rods  
Lab 27 Inspect, Remove and Install Ball Joints  
Lab 28 Inspect, Remove and Install Steering Knuckle  
Lab 29 Inspect, Remove, and Install SLA Coil Springs  
Lab 30 Inspect, Remove, and Install Torsion Bars  
Lab 31 Inspect, Remove, and Install Stabilizer Bars  
Lab 32 Inspect, Remove and Install Track Bar  
Lab 33 Inspect Rear Suspension System Leaf  
Lab 34 Wheel Alignment  
Lab 35 Balance Tire and Wheel Assembly  
Checkpoint Meeting Module 3  
End Module 3  
Chapter 08 Reading: Classroom  
Chapter 8 Multiple Choice and True-False Quiz  
Chapter 8 Fill in the Blank Questions  
Chapter 8 Labeling Activity  
Chapter 8 Video Questions  
Chapter 08 Reading: Shop  
Photo Sequence 14: Typical Procedure for Removing a Steering Wheel  
Chapter 8 ASE-Style Review Questions  
Chapter 8 ASE Challenge Questions  
Lab 37 Remove and Replace Steering Wheel  
Lab 38 Diagnose Steering Column Problems  
Lab 39 Inspect Steering Shaft  
Lab 40 Inspect and Replace Pitman Arm  
Lab 41 Inspect and Replace Tie-Rod Ends  
Lab 42 Test and Diagnose Electronic Steering Comp

Lab 43 Inspect Electric Power-assisted Steering  
Lab 45 Diagnose Vehicle Wander  
Lab 46 Wheel Alignment  
Lab 47 Reset Steering Angle Sensor  
Checkpoint Meeting Module 4  
End Module 4  
Chapter 09 Reading: Classroom  
Chapter 9 Multiple Choice and True-False Quiz  
Chapter 9 Fill in the Blank Questions  
Chapter 9-2 Video Questions  
Chapter 09 Reading: Shop  
Performing a Prealignment Inspection  
Understanding Alignment Angles  
Chapter 9 ASE-Style Review Questions  
Chapter 9 ASE Challenge Questions  
Lab 48 Wheel Alignment  
Lab 49 Wheel Alignment  
Lab 50 Diagnose Tire Pull Problems  
Lab 51 Dismount, Inspect, Remount Tire  
Lab 52 Dismount, Inspect, Remount Tire  
Lab 53 Balance Tire and Wheel Assembly  
Checkpoint Meeting Module 5  
End Module 5  
Chapter 10 Reading: Classroom  
Chapter 10 Multiple Choice and True-False Quiz  
Chapter 10 Fill in the Blank Questions  
Chapter 10 Labeling Activity  
Chapter 10 Reading: Shop  
Photo Sequence 20: Typical Procedure for Performing Frame Measurement, Plumb Bob Method  
Chapter 10 ASE-Style Review Questions  
Chapter 10 ASE Challenge Questions  
Lab 55 Wheel Alignment  
Lab 56 Wheel Alignment  
Lab 57 Wheel Alignment  
Lab 58 Dismount , Inspect, Remount Tire  
Lab 59 Dismount , Inspect, Remount Tire  
Lab 60 Balance Tire and Wheel Assembly  
Checkpoint Meeting Module 6  
End Module 6  
Chapter 11 Reading: Classroom  
Chapter 11 Multiple Choice and True-False Quiz  
Chapter 11 Fill in the Blank Questions  
Chapter 11 Video Questions  
Chapter 11 Labeling Activity  
Chapter 11 Reading: Shop  
Photo Sequence 23: Reading Scan Tool Data on an Electronic Suspension Control System  
Chapter 11 ASE-Style Review Questions  
Chapter 11 ASE Challenge Questions  
Lab 61 Identify Hybrid Power Steering Components  
Lab 62 Inspect , Remove, and Replace Shock Absorbers  
Lab 63 Wheel Alignment  
Lab 64 Dismount , Inspect, Remount Tire

Lab 65 Dismount , Inspect, Remount Tire  
Lab 66 Balance Tire and Wheel Assembly  
Lab 67 Identify, Test and calibrate a TPMS  
Lab 68 Demonstrate Knowledge TPMS Diagnosis  
Checkpoint Meeting Module 7  
End Module 7  
Chapter 12 Reading: Classroom  
Hydraulic Power Steering Theory and Testing  
How E PS Works  
Chapter 12 Video Questions  
Chapter 12 Multiple Choice and True-False Quiz  
Chapter 12 Fill in the Blank Questions  
Chapter 12 Reading: Shop  
Chapter 12 Labeling Activity P/S Fluid Supply  
Chapter 12 Labeling Activity Pulleys and Idlers  
Chapter 12 ASE-Style Review Questions  
Chapter 12 ASE Challenge Questions  
Chapter 13 Reading: Classroom  
Chapter 13 Multiple Choice and True-False Quiz  
Chapter 13 Fill in the Blank Questions  
Chapter 13 Labeling Activity  
Chapter 13 Reading: Shop  
Chapter 13 ASE-Style Review Questions  
Chapter 13 ASE Challenge Questions  
Chapter 14 Reading: Classroom  
Chapter 14 Multiple Choice and True-False Quiz  
Chapter 14 Fill in the Blank Questions  
Chapter 14 Labeling Activity Steering Gear  
Chapter 14 Labeling Activity Steering gear seals  
Chapter 14 Reading: Shop  
Photo Sequence 30: Pitman Sector Shaft Lash Adjustment  
Chapter 14 ASE-Style Review Questions  
Chapter 14 ASE Challenge Questions  
Lab 69 Diagnose Power Steering Gear (Rec. Ball Gear)  
Lab 70 Diagnose Power Steering Gear (Rack & Pinion)  
Lab 71 Remove and Replace Rack & Pinion Gear  
Lab 72 Inspect Rack & Pinion Innerirrie-Rods  
Lab 73 Flush, Fill, and Bleed Power Steering System  
Lab 74 Remove, Inspect , and Replace Drive Belt  
Lab 75 Remove and Reinstall Power Steering Pump  
Lab 76 Remove and Reinstall Press-Fit Pulleys  
Lab 77 Inspect and Replace Power Steering Hoses  
Lab 78 Test power steering system pressure  
Lab 79 Balance Tire and Wheel Assembly  
Checkpoint Meeting Module 8  
End Module 8  
End of Course Survey  
Suspension and Steering Competency Profile 2020  
S&S Final Review  
S&S Final Test

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*Subject to change. Please consult your Canvas course for the most current instructions and updates.*

## Classroom Hours

Mo, Tu, W, Th  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Friday  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

For a full list of course hours visit: [Course Schedule](#)

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Office Hours: By appointment

Email is the preferred method of communication; you will receive a response within 24 hours during regular business hours.

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## Canvas Information

Canvas is the where course content, grades, and communication will reside for this course.

- [stech.instructure.com](https://stech.instructure.com)
- For Canvas passwords or any other computer-related technical support contact Student Services.
- For regular Hours and Weekdays call (435) 586 - 2899.
- For after Hours & Weekends call (435) 865 - 3929 (Leave a message if no response).

# Course Policies

Class attendance is required, this is not an online course. Attendance is required during your scheduled time.

Grade Scale — A: 100 - 90%, B: 89 - 80%, F: 79% or lower.

Cell phones for many have become a distraction. When you are in class or lab we encourage you to keep your cell phones put away in a secure location. If you use ear buds we ask that you only use one so you can still hear the things going on around you. If you are using your phone for things other than school related items, instructors will ask you to put them away. Please follow the direction of your instructors. Those who have been asked to refrain from using your cell phone and fail to do so will be asked to meet with the Director of Transportation and student services will be notified.

The program is designed to provide the student with as much hands-on work as possible. In the automotive industry you may be required to lift heavy objects and stand for hours at a time to complete work required. Technicians deal with chemicals and materials which require caution, these will be identified in the Right to Know Agreement provided to you. You will also be required to use computers to track and complete work.

High School Power School Grades: Quarter student grades will be determined by student progress percentage. Faculty will use the higher percentage of either 1) quarter progress, or 2) cumulative progress for the current training plan year. The progress percentage will be used with the grading scale to determine the minimum grade. High School Grade Scale: The following grading scale will be used to determine a letter grade from the progress percentage:

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| • A : 94 - 100% | • B : 83 - 86%  | • C : 73 - 76%  | • D : 63 - 66%  |
| • A- : 90 - 93% | • B- : 80 - 82% | • C- : 70 - 72% | • D- : 60 - 62% |
| • B+ : 87 - 89% | • C+ : 77 - 79% | • D+ : 67 - 69% | • F : 0 - 59%   |

## Additional Information

InformaCast Statement: Southwest Tech uses InformaCast to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. In times of emergency, such as weather closures and delays, this app allows us to promptly deliver notifications directly to your mobile devices. To stay informed and receive real-time updates, we encourage all students to sign up for notifications. Your safety is our priority, and staying connected ensures a swift response to any unforeseen circumstances. More information and directions for signing up are available at: <https://stech.edu/emergency-notifications/>

Internet Acceptable Use Policy: The student is expected to review and follow the Southwest Technical College Internet Safety Policy at: <https://stech.edu/students/policies/>

Student Code of Conduct Policy: The student is expected to review and follow the Southwest Technical College Student Code of Conduct Policy at: <https://stech.edu/students/policies/>

Accommodations: Students with medical, psychological, learning, or other disabilities desiring accommodations or services under ADA, must contact the Student Services Office. Student Services determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of these accommodations and services. Students must voluntarily disclose that they have a disability, request an accommodation, and provide documentation of their disability. Students with disabilities may apply for accommodations, based on an eligible disability, through the Student Services office located at 757 W. 800 S., Cedar City, UT 84720, and by phone at (435) 586-2899. No diagnostic services are currently available through Southwest Technical College.

Safety and Building Maintenance: The College has developed and follows a variety of plans to ensure the safe and effective operation of its facilities and programs. The following plans are available online:

1) Facilities Operations and Maintenance Plan; 2) Technical Infrastructure Plan; and 3) Health and Safety Plan.

Withdrawals and Refunds: Please refer to the Southwest Technical College Refund Policy at: <https://stech.edu/students/policies/>

Any high school or adult student, who declares a technical training objective is eligible for admission at Southwest Technical College (Southwest Tech). Program-specific admissions requirements may exist and will be listed on the Southwest Tech website. A high school diploma or equivalent is not required for admission but is mandatory for students seeking Title IV Federal Financial Aid.

Non-Discriminatory Policy: Southwest Technical College affirms its commitment to promote the goals of fairness and equity in all aspects of the educational enterprise, and bases its policies on the idea of global human dignity.

Southwest Tech is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination. No otherwise qualified person may be excluded from participation in or be subjected to discrimination in any course, program or activity because of race, age, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin or disability. Southwest Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education programs or activities that it operates, as required by Title IX and 34 CFR part 106. The requirement not to discriminate in education programs or activities extends to admission and employment. Inquiries about Title IX and its regulations to STECH may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator, to the Department of Education, and/or to the Office for Civil rights.

If you believe you have experienced discrimination or harassment on our campus, please contact the Title IX Coordinator, Cory Estes: [cestes@stech.edu](mailto:cestes@stech.edu), (435) 865-3938.

For special accommodations, please contact the ADA Coordinator, Cyndie Tracy: [ctracy@stech.edu](mailto:ctracy@stech.edu), (435) 865-3944.

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