



Course Outline

Course Name: Advanced Programmable Logic Controllers (ELEC 253)

Academic Period: 2023 - 2024

Faculty:

Faculty Availability:

Associate Dean:

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Schedule Type Code:



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Faculty or Department	Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology
Course Name:	Advanced Programmable Logic Controllers (ELEC 253)
Pre-Requisites	ELEC 209
Co-Requisites	none
Equates	none
Restrictions	none
Credit Value	3
Total Course Hours	42

Developed By:**Prepared By:****Approved by:**

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Humber Learning Outcomes (HLOs) in this course.

The HLOs are a cross-institutional learning outcomes strategy aimed at equipping Humber graduates with the employability skills, mindsets, and values they need to succeed in the future of work. To explore all the HLOs, please consult the [Humber Learning Outcomes framework](#).



Critical Thinking



Communication



Digital Fluency



Professionalism



Strategic Problem-Solving

Course Description

This course is designed to expand the students' knowledge and use of advanced addressing and features of PLCs referenced to IEC 61131 programming standards. The course will introduce students to the use of multiple user files within the processor memory, data manipulation and analog signals complete with scaling. The students will program, monitor and troubleshoot application programs in the discrete and analog configurations. Computer software will be used throughout the course for configuration, development, editing, documentation and monitoring of the application programs. Programming logic controllers to be studied are Allen-Bradley Compact Logix and SLC series, Omron CJ1M.

Course Rationale

PLC's are designed to operate with digital as well as analog inputs and outputs applied to control industrial processes including sequential relay control, motion control, process control, and distributed control systems. Because of their popularity in industry applications, it becomes increasingly more important to learn skills related to different manufacturers devices.

Course Learning Method(s)

- Lecture

Learning Outcomes

- Analyze all outcomes to the Programming Standard IEC 61131-3 as applied to PLC's.
- Interpret the differences between File (Table) Shifting instructions, FIFO Load and Unload instructions, and Sequencer instructions in simple discrete programs
- Comply the documentation regarding the programming software for communication with PLC's, the common operating modes found in PLC's, and the layout of the processor memory
- Demonstrate the user application program files within the processor memory by designing simple programs using multiple application program files
- Study analog signals when applied to PLC's
- Compare the Input and Output PLC modules available for analog signals, wiring, and power requirements for analog input and output signals
- Evaluate the relationship of the decimal representation to the analog signal in the processor and the memory storage areas for analog input and output signals.
- Calculate scaling as applied to analog input and output signals

- Apply the configuration procedures for an analog signal for different PLC manufacturers
- Compare other PLC programming languages in compliance with IEC 61131-3 such as structured text, sequential chart and function block diagram
- Evaluate the preventative procedures to be undertaken with PLC systems

Assessment Weighting

Assessment	Weight
Final Exam	
Final Exam	35%
In-class Activity	
Lab - In process Evaluation	30%
Midterm Exam	
Mid-term Exam	35%
Total	100%

Modules of Study

Module	Course Learning Outcomes	Resources	Assessments
Review of PLC programming standards, architecture, and configuration. Introduction to the Analog signals processed by PLCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze all outcomes to the Programming Standard IEC 61131-3 as applied to PLC's. • Comply the documentation regarding the programming software for communication with PLC's, the common operating modes found in PLC's, and the layout of the processor memory 	Class notes, lab notes, and Blackboard course notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-term Exam • Lab - In process Evaluation
Sequencers instruction(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpret the differences between File (Table) Shifting instructions, FIFO Load and Unload instructions, and Sequencer instructions in simple discrete programs • Comply the documentation regarding the programming software for communication with PLC's, the common operating modes found in PLC's, and the layout of the processor memory 	Class notes, lab notes, and Blackboard course notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-term Exam • Lab - In process Evaluation

Module	Course Learning Outcomes	Resources	Assessments
File (Table) shifting, FIFO, and LIFO instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpret the differences between File (Table) Shifting instructions, FIFO Load and Unload instructions, and Sequencer instructions in simple discrete programs Comply the documentation regarding the programming software for communication with PLC's, the common operating modes found in PLC's, and the layout of the processor memory 	Class notes, lab notes, and Blackboard course notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-term Exam Lab - In process Evaluation
Multiple program files and configuration of analog signals with PLCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply the documentation regarding the programming software for communication with PLC's, the common operating modes found in PLC's, and the layout of the processor memory Demonstrate the user application program files within the processor memory by designing simple programs using multiple application program files 	Class notes, lab notes, and Blackboard course notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-term Exam Lab - In process Evaluation
Analog signal scaling in engineering unit and wiring diagrams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study analog signals when applied to PLC's Compare the Input and Output PLC modules available for analog signals, wiring, and power requirements for analog input and output signals Evaluate the relationship of the decimal representation to the analog signal in the processor and the memory storage areas for analog input and output signals. 	Class notes, lab notes, and Blackboard course notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-term Exam Lab - In process Evaluation
Introduction to CompactLogix PLCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare the Input and Output PLC modules available for analog signals, wiring, and power requirements for analog input and output signals Evaluate the relationship of the decimal representation to the analog signal in the processor and the memory storage areas for analog input and output signals. Apply the configuration procedures for an analog signal for different PLC manufacturers 	Class notes, lab notes, and Blackboard course notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lab - In process Evaluation Final Exam

Module	Course Learning Outcomes	Resources	Assessments
Analog signal configuration with CompactLogix PLCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare the Input and Output PLC modules available for analog signals, wiring, and power requirements for analog input and output signals Evaluate the relationship of the decimal representation to the analog signal in the processor and the memory storage areas for analog input and output signals. Calculate scaling as applied to analog input and output signals 	Class notes, lab notes, and Blackboard course notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lab - In process Evaluation Final Exam
Introduction to Function Block and Sequential Chart Programming with PLCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply the documentation regarding the programming software for communication with PLC's, the common operating modes found in PLC's, and the layout of the processor memory Compare other PLC programming languages in compliance with IEC 61131-3 such as structured text, sequential chart and function block diagram Evaluate the preventative procedures to be undertaken with PLC systems 	Class notes, lab notes, and Blackboard course notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lab - In process Evaluation Final Exam
Introduction to Structured Text Programming with PLCs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply the documentation regarding the programming software for communication with PLC's, the common operating modes found in PLC's, and the layout of the processor memory Compare other PLC programming languages in compliance with IEC 61131-3 such as structured text, sequential chart and function block diagram Evaluate the preventative procedures to be undertaken with PLC systems 	Class notes, lab notes, and Blackboard course notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lab - In process Evaluation Final Exam

Module	Course Learning Outcomes	Resources	Assessments
Introduction to Omron PLCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare the Input and Output PLC modules available for analog signals, wiring, and power requirements for analog input and output signals Evaluate the relationship of the decimal representation to the analog signal in the processor and the memory storage areas for analog input and output signals. Apply the configuration procedures for an analog signal for different PLC manufacturers 	Class notes, lab notes, and Blackboard course notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lab - In process Evaluation Final Exam

Essential Skills

Section	Skills	Measurement	Details
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading Listening Presenting 	Reinforce and measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond to written, spoken, or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication. Tests, assignments, reports, and presentations.
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding and applying mathematical concepts and reasoning Analyzing and using numerical data 	Teach and measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Execute mathematical operations accurately. Tests, assignments, reports, and presentations.
Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Synthesizing Decision-Making Creative and Innovative Thinking 	Reinforce and measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a variety of thinking skills to anticipate and solve problems. Tests, assignments, reports, and presentations.
Information Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathering and managing information Selecting and using appropriate tools and technology for a task or project 	Reinforce and measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locate, select, organize, and document information using appropriate technology and information systems. Tests, assignments, reports, and presentations.
Interpersonal Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teamwork Conflict resolution Networking 	Reinforce and measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interact with others in groups or teams in ways that contribute to effective working relationships and the achievement of goals. Tests, assignments, reports, and presentations.

Section	Skills	Measurement	Details
Personal Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging in reflective practice Demonstrating personal responsibility 	Reinforce and measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take responsibility for one's own actions, decisions, and consequences. Tests, assignments, reports, presentations.

Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition (PLAR)

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The method(s) that are used to assess prior learning for this course may include:

- Learning Portfolio (results reflected as SAT and not added to student's CGPA)

Please contact the Program Coordinator for more details.

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