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Course Outline for AUTO 60A
AUTO ELECTRICS/ELECTRONICS I
Effective: Fall 2008

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

AUTO 60A — AUTO ELECTRICS/ELECTRONICS I — 4.00 units

Automotive electrical/electronic systems, including electrical circuits, ohms law, battery, starting, charging, ignition, fuel, accessories, and wiring systems. Emphasis on diagnosis of electrical troubles, assembly, and repair of components and diagnostic equipment usage. Students are strongly recommended to enroll in Automotive Lab concurrently. Prerequisite: Automotive Technology 55 (may be taken concurrently). 3 hours lecture, 3 hours laboratory.

3.00 Units Lecture 1.00 Units Lab

Prerequisite

AUTO INTR - Automotive Service and Introduction

Grading Methods:

Letter or P/NP

Discipline:

	MIN
Lecture Hours:	54.00
Lab Hours:	54.00
Total Hours:	108.00

II. NUMBER OF TIMES COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT: 4

III. PREREQUISITE AND/OR ADVISORY SKILLS:

Before entering the course a student should be able to:

A. AUTOINTR

IV. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- A. diagnose and repair basic automotive battery, starting, charging systems;
- B. use electrical test equipment for accurate diagnosis of electrical systems and sub-systems;
- C. use problem-solving skills to categorize systems faults in automotive circuits and make needed repairs;
- D. identify types of ignition systems;
- E. describe and evaluate fuel control circuits for proper operation;
- F. explain the fundamentals of electronic and electrical theories;
- G. conduct circuit and wire repairs;
- H. demonstrate safe and appropriate hazardous material handling;
- I. maintain a clean and professional environment.

V. CONTENT:

- A. Diagnosing and repair:
 - 1. Outline and perform procedures for the testing of batteries, charging systems, starting systems
 - 2. Categorize type of problem, isolate cause and make needed repairs
- B. Electrical test equipment
 - 1. Digital volt meters, for diagnosing electrical and electronic components and systems
 - 2. Volt Amp Tester (VAT), for diagnosing Batteries, Charging systems, starting systems
- C. Problem solving
 - 1. Classify type of electrical faults
 - 2. Evaluate needed diagnostic procedure
 - 3. Research proper diagnostic path as outlined by the manufacture or industry standards and make needed repairs
 - 4. Perform needed test to confirm repairs
- D. Identifying types of Ignition systems
 - 1. Standard, electronic, high energy, distributor, non-distributor
 - 2. Safety precautions while diagnosing
 - 3. Identify circuitry, current theory and concepts
- E. Fuel control: operation and evaluation
 - 1. Identify type of controller

2. Describe trigger mechanism
 3. Categorize type of injectors used
 4. Evaluate proper operation of system
 5. Perform pressure checks
 6. Explain scanner readings, meter readings and scope readings
- F. Fundamentals of electronics and electrical theory
1. Explain Ohms Law
 2. Perform Electrical Conversion factors
 3. Demonstrate a working knowledge of meter usage
 4. Research and list manufactures specifications
 5. Identify proper diagnostic steps for a proper conclusion for repairs needed
- G. Circuit and wire repairs
1. Lay out and perform solder repairs
 2. Lay out and perform splice repairs
 3. Lay out and perform terminal and connector repairs
 4. Produce sound diagnostic approach to identify faults
- H. Hazardous material handling
1. Explain safety precautions concerning battery acid (electrolyte) hazards
 2. List steps to help someone that has been exposed to battery acid (electrolyte)
- I. Professional environment
1. Safety glasses (Clear lens) worn in all Laboratory areas
 2. No loose clothing (Coveralls strongly recommended)
 3. Long Hair secured
 4. No open toe shoes (safety shoes recommended)
 5. Work areas maintained; clean free of debris and spills

VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

- A. **Lecture** -
- B. **Discussion** - Group discussion
- C. **Lab** - Student Hands-on laboratory activities and assignments
- D. **Audio-visual Activity** - PowerPoint presentations, Mockup parts from automobile

VII. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:

VIII. EVALUATION:

- A. **Methods**
- B. **Frequency**

IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:

X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS: