# ELC-112 DC/AC Electricity

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Prerequisites: None Corequisites: None

This course introduces the fundamental concepts of and computations related to DC/AC electricity. Emphasis is placed on DC/AC circuits, components, operation of test equipment; and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to construct, verify, troubleshoot, and repair DC/AC circuits. Course Hours Per Week: Class, 3. Lab, 6. Semester Hours Credit, 5.

#### LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completing requirements for this course, the student will be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate safe practices and procedures with tools, materials, and industry accepted test equipment covered in the course.
- 2. Demonstrate appropriate use of test equipment, evaluate circuit performance and apply appropriate troubleshooting techniques to electrical circuits.
- 3. Construct and analyze series, parallel and combinations circuits using appropriate components.
- 4. Use appropriate laws and formulas to perform circuit calculations.
- 5. Interpret electrical schematics.
- 6. Describe the characteristics of various power sources.
- 7. Understand how to use multimeters to make measurements.

#### **OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:**

- I. Introduction to electricity
  - A. Scientific notation
  - B. Engineering (metric) notation
- II. Voltage, current, and power
  - A. Atomic theory
  - B. Electric charge
  - C. Electron theory
  - D. Voltage and current
  - E. Ohm's law
  - F. Power
  - G. Voltage and current measurements
- III. Voltage sources
  - A. Cells
  - B. Batteries
    - 1. Primary
    - 2. Secondary
    - 3. Wet
    - 4. Dry
  - C. Other sources of voltage
- IV. Resistance

- A. Resistivity of materials
- B. Temperature relation
- C. Types
- D. Color code
- V. Series circuits
  - A. Voltage drops
  - B. Circuit current
  - C. Circuit power
  - D. Voltage divider
  - E. Ground reference
- VI. Parallel and series-parallel circuits
  - A. Voltage drops
  - B. Circuit current
  - C. Circuit power
  - D. Current divider
- VII. Capacitance
  - A. Properties of capacitors
  - B. Types
  - C. Time constants
  - D. Capacitors in series
  - E. Capacitors in parallel

### VIII. Magnetism

- A. Magnetic field
- B. Types of magnetic sources
- C. Electromagnetism
- IX. Inductance
  - A. Properties of inductors
  - B. Types
  - C. Time constants
  - D. Inductors in series
  - E. Inductors in parallel
- X. Alternating current and voltage
  - A. Electromagnetic induction
  - B. The sine wave
  - C. Frequency
  - D. Amplitude
  - E. Transformers
- XI. Alternating current circuits
  - A. Reactive components
    - 1. Inductive reactance
    - 2. Capacitive reactance
  - B. Impedance
  - C. Resonance
  - D. Power
    - 1. Apparent

- 2. Real
- 3. Reactive

## **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:**

The textbook and other instructional material will be determined by the instructor.