



Radio Frequency (RF) Navigation and Location – AUST 204 Autonomous Systems Technician Program

Course Outline

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2020
OUTLINE EFFECTIVE DATE: September 2020
COURSE OUTLINE REVIEW DATE: March 2025

GENERAL COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course examines the basic land navigation systems in use today. Navigation principles and navigational terms will be covered. Global Positioning System (GPS), GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite Systems) and RTK (Real-time Kinematic Systems) and associated technologies will be studied in-depth. Tracking and location systems such as Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) will be investigated.

Program Information: This course is required for successful completion of the Autonomous Systems Technician Diploma program.

Delivery: This course is delivered face to face.

COTR Credits: 3

Hours for this course: 90 hours

Typical Structure of Instructional Hours:

Instructional Activity	Duration
Lecture Hours	45
Seminars / Tutorials	
Laboratory / Studio Hours	45
Practicum / Field Experience	
Other Contact Hours	
Total	90

Practicum Hours (if applicable):

Type of Practicum	Duration
On-the-Job Experience	
Formal Work Experience	
Other	
Total	N/A

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Valid from: September 2020 – March 2025

Education Council Approval Date

COURSE PREREQUISITES AND TRANSFER CREDIT:

Prerequisites: AUST 203 with a minimum grade of C- (55%) or higher.

Corequisites: N/A

Flexible Assessment (FA):

Credit can be awarded for this course through FA Yes No

Learners may request formal recognition for flexible assessment at the College of the Rockies through one or more of the following processes: External Evaluation, Worksite Assessment, Demonstration, Standardized Test, Self-assessment, Interview, Products/Portfolio, Challenge Exam. Contact an Education Advisor for more information.

Transfer Credit: For transfer information within British Columbia, Alberta and other institutions, please visit <http://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer>.

Student should also contact an academic advisor at the institution where they want transfer credit.

Prior Course Number: N/A

Textbooks and Required Resources:

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date the following textbooks were in use:

Miller, Gary, Beasley, Jeffery and Hymers, Jonathan. *Electronic Communications: A Systems Approach*.

Autonomous Systems Technician Level 2 Lab Manual

Autonomous Systems Technician Level 2 Package

Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator <http://go.cotr.bc.ca/tuition/tCalc.asp> for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to

- define the basic terms used in navigation;
 - discuss the operational principles of land based navigational systems;
 - explain the operations of the satellites, ground stations and subscriber units in the GPS system;
 - use a GPS unit to navigate a course of predetermined waypoints;
 - explain the operational usage of a tracking and location system;
 - explain the Global Navigation Satellite System and how this systems enables users to determine their position; and
 - explain Real-time Kinematic (RTK) positioning as used to enhance the precision of position data derived from satellite-based positioning systems (global navigation satellite systems, GNSS) such as GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, NavIC and BeiDou.
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COURSE TOPICS:

- Global Positioning Systems
- Global Navigation Satellite Systems
- Real-time Kinematic Systems

See instructor's syllabus for the detailed outline of weekly readings, activities and assignments.

EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT (Face-to-Face Delivery):

Assignments	% of Total Grade
Exams X 2	70%
Labs	20%
Assignments	<u>10%</u>
Total	100%

Please see the instructor's syllabus for specific classroom policies related to this course, such as details of evaluation, penalties for late assignments and use of electronic aids.

EXAM POLICY:

Students must attend all required scheduled exams that make up a final grade at the appointed time and place.

Individual instructors may accommodate for illness or personal crisis. Additional accommodation will not be made unless a written request is sent to and approved by the appropriate Department Head prior to the scheduled exam.

Any student who misses a scheduled exam without approval will be given a grade of "0" for the exam.

COURSE GRADE:

Course grades are assigned as follows:

Grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
Mark (Percent)	≥ 90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	< 50

A grade of "D" grants credit but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

ACADEMIC POLICIES:

See www.cotr.bc.ca/policies for general college policies related to course activities, including grade appeals, cheating and plagiarism.

COURSE CHANGES:

Information contained in course outlines is correct at the time of publication. Content of the courses is revised on an ongoing basis to ensure relevance to changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The instructor endeavours to provide notice of changes to students as soon as possible. The instructor reserves the right to add or delete material from courses.