



DC Fundamentals – WIST102 Wireless Systems Technician Program

Course Outline

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2020
OUTLINE EFFECTIVE DATE: September 2021
COURSE OUTLINE REVIEW DATE: March 2026

GENERAL COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides the foundation required for the understanding of all electronic circuits, including basic electrical principles and components. The concepts of the basic quantities of charge, voltage, current, resistance, energy and power are developed. The student will use Ohm's law, Kirchhoff's Voltage law and Kirchhoff's Current law to analyze series, parallel and series-parallel Direct Current (DC) circuits. Additional analysis tools such as Thevenin's theorem and maximum power transfer are also covered. DC test equipment will be used for measurements. General troubleshooting strategies and techniques are introduced, with emphasis on methods used to isolate faults in an efficient and logical manner. Students will apply these principles to troubleshoot problems in series, parallel and series-parallel DC circuits. Electromagnetism is also introduced. Theory is reinforced with hands-on practice.

Program Information: This course is required for the first year of the Wireless Systems Technician program.

Delivery: This program is delivered hybrid (includes both face-to-face and online components).

COTR Credits: 4

Hours for this course: 180 hours

Typical Structure of Instructional Hours:

Instructional Activity	Duration
Lecture Hours	90
Seminars / Tutorials	
Laboratory / Studio Hours	90
Practicum / Field Experience	
Other Contact Hours	
Total	180

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 2021 – March 2026

Education Council Approval Date

COURSE PREREQUISITES AND TRANSFER CREDIT:

Prerequisites: WIST 101 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: AUST 102

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:

Floyd, Thomas and Buchla, David. *Electronic Fundamentals: A System Approach*.

Buchlaj, David, *Experiments in DC/AC Fundamentals*.

Wireless Systems Technician program Level 1 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 charge, voltage, current, resistance, energy and power;
 - interpret component labelling;
 - recognize schematic symbols in a DC circuit;
 - measure voltage, current and resistance using DC test equipment;
 - use metric prefixes to express electronic values;
 - analyze series, parallel and series-parallel DC circuits using Ohm's law, Kirchoff's Voltage law and Kirchoff's Current law;
 - apply Thevenin's theorem, superposition, maximum power transfer theorem and several other theorems to DC circuits;
 - analyze resistor-capacitor (RC) and resistor-inductor (RL) DC circuits;
 - troubleshoot and isolate faults within basic electrical circuits; and
 - explain the basic principles of magnetic fields, electromagnetism and electromagnetic induction.
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COURSE TOPICS:

- Voltage, Current, Resistance, Energy, Power
- DC Circuits
- Ohm's Law, Kirchoff's Voltage Law, Kirchoff's Current Law
- Thevenin's Theorem
- Basic Electrical Circuits
- Magnetic Fields, Electromagnetism

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
Lab Test 1	5%
Lab Test 2	10%
Lab Test 3	10%
Lab Test 4	10%
Lab Test 5	5%
Theory Test (x4 @ 10% each)	40%
Final Exam	<u>20%</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.