HVAC 101 Course Outline as of Summer 2025

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: HVAC 101 Title: INTRO TO HVACR Full Title: Introduction to HVACR Last Reviewed: 11/27/2023

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	2.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	35.00
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	3.00	6	Lab Scheduled	52.50
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	5.00		Contact Total	87.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 70.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category:	AA Degree Applicable
Grading:	Grade or P/NP
Repeatability:	00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP
Also Listed As:	
Formerly:	HVACR 101

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended Preparation:

Limits on Enrollment:

Schedule of Classes Information:

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree: CSU GE:	Area Transfer Area	Effective: Effective:	Inactive: Inactive:
IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU Transfer	: Effective:	Inactive:	
UC Transfer:	Effective:	Inactive:	

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Certificate Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Identify and explain the function of basic residential HVACR systems and components.
- 2. Identify and explain the diagnostic tools used by HVACR technicians.
- 3. Demonstrate an understanding of jobsite safety.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Describe the different types and functions of residential HVACR systems.
- 2. Demonstrate an understanding of career opportunities in the HVACR industry.
- 3. Demonstrate an understanding of safe work practices.
- 4. Describe the tools commonly used by HVACR installers.
- 5. Read and comprehend equipment specifications.
- 6. Describe the purpose and applicability of different code compliance and regulatory agencies.

Topics and Scope:

I. HVACR Industry Introduction

A. HVACR industry overview

B. HVACR career exploration

II. HVACR Basics

A. HVACR system design

B. HVACR system components

- C. HVACR tools
- D. Plans, schematics, and drawings
- E. HVACR math
- F. Energy efficiency

III. Safety and Codes

- A. HVACR safety
- B. Federal, state, and local codes
- C. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's OSHA 10 training

The Topics and Scope above will be covered in an integrated lecture and lab environment.

Assignment:

Lecture-Related Assignments:

- 1. Weekly readings and instructional videos (10-30 pages)
- 2. Problem sets (10-20)
- 3. Quizzes (5-10)
- 4. Midterm
- 5. Final exam

Lab-Related Assignments:

1. Skills demonstrations and assessments (5-10)

2. Lab activities (5-10)

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

None, This is a degree applicable course but assessment tools based on writing are not included because problem solving assessments and skill demonstrations are more appropriate for this course.

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Problem sets

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Skills demonstrations and assessments; lab activities

Writing 0 - 0%	

Problem solving
10 - 40%

Quizzes; midterm; final exam

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Participation; lab activities

Representative Textbooks and Materials: This course will utilize HVACR industry instructional training materials.

Exams 20 - 40%

Other Category 20 - 40%