

WWTR 124 Course Outline as of Fall 2025**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: WWTR 124 Title: PUMPS AND MOTORS

Full Title: Pumps and Motors

Last Reviewed: 9/23/2024

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	2.75	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	48.13
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0.75	6	Lab Scheduled	13.13
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.50		Contact Total	61.25
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 96.25

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: ENVT 124

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:**Recommended Preparation:****Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit:

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

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

IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
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CSU Transfer:	Effective:	Inactive:
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UC Transfer:	Effective:	Inactive:
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CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Explain water system hydraulics including the types and uses of pumps.
2. Describe the electrical control of pumping systems.
3. Perform basic installation, maintenance, troubleshooting, and repair of pumps.

Objectives:

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

1. List main types, features, and uses of centrifugal and hydraulic pumps.
2. Select, install, and maintain pipe, pipe fittings, and valves in water and wastewater systems.
3. Explain various pump operation theories.
4. Perform hydraulic calculations and measurements.
5. Install and operate centrifugal and hydraulic pumps.
6. Describe pump control using Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA).
7. Maintain, troubleshoot, and repair of centrifugal and hydraulic pumps.
8. Define electrical terms, principles, equations, and safety procedures.
9. Perform electrical calculations and measurements involving power, voltage, amperage, and electrical resistance.
10. Describe the types of motors and starters including uses, and principles of operation.
11. Maintain, troubleshoot, and repair electrical motors and starters.
12. Describe pump station operations, maintenance, and safety procedures.

Topics and Scope:

- I. Introduction to Pumps and Hydraulics
 - A. History
 - B. Vocabulary
 - C. Classification and operational differences

1. Centrifugal (dynamic) pumps
 2. Hydraulic (positive displacement) pumps
- D. Applications water and wastewater systems
- II. Piping and Valves
- A. Suction and discharge piping selection and installation
 - B. Control valves: types, installation, maintenance, and repair
 - C. Sealing and priming of pumping systems
- III. Basic Electronics
- A. Electrical terms, formulas, and circuits
 - B. Determining power, voltage, amperage, and electrical resistance
 - C. Wiring and wiring tools
- IV. Meters and Test Equipment
- A. Metering equipment
 - B. Amp testing
 - C. Megohmmeter testing
 - D. Testing pressure gauges
- V. Motors and Starters
- A. Types and uses
 - B. Principles of operation
 - C. Energy optimization and efficiency
 - D. Maintenance and troubleshooting
 - E. Disassembly and repair
- VI. Hydraulics Computations
- A. Hydraulics theory basics
 - B. Horsepower and efficiency
 - C. Total Dynamic Head (TDH)
 - D. Net Positive Suction Head (NPSH)
 - E. Pump curves
 - F. Affinity laws
 1. Impeller trim and speed change effects
 2. Capacity, head, and horsepower requirements
- VII. Centrifugal and Hydrostatic Pumps
- A. Types and principles of operation
 - B. Installation and operation
 - C. Maintenance and troubleshooting
 - D. Disassembly and repair
- VIII. Pump Station Maintenance and Safety
- A. Preventive and planned maintenance
 - B. Appropriate intervals and triggers
 - C. General safety procedures

All Topics are covered in the lecture and lab portions of the course.

Assignment:

Lecture-related Assignments:

1. Reading assignments (20 pages per week)
2. Problem solving homework assignments (10-15)
3. Quizzes (2-15)
4. Midterm and Final exam
5. Field trip report (3-5 pages)

Lab-related Assignments:

1. Write-ups (10-15)

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.

Field trip report

Writing
5 - 10%

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

Homework problems and lab write-ups

Problem solving
30 - 55%

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

None

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0 - 0%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes, midterm, and final

Exams
30 - 55%

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

Attendance and participation

Other Category
0 - 10%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Pumps and Pumping. 8th ed. Arasmith, Skeet. ACR Publication. 2000. (classic).
Instructor prepared materials