

AGME 163 Course Outline as of Summer 2025**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: AGME 163 Title: SMALL GASOLINE ENGINES

Full Title: Small Gasoline Engines

Last Reviewed: 11/25/2019

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	2.00	Lecture Scheduled	1.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	17.50
Minimum	2.00	Lab Scheduled	3.00	8	Lab Scheduled	52.50
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	4.00		Contact Total	70.00
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 35.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 105.00

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: AGMEC 163

Catalog Description:

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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:

CSU Transfer: Effective: Inactive:

UC Transfer: Effective: Inactive:

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. Identify the basic parts and operation of a common small gas engine.
2. Demonstrate the proper techniques for the operation and repair of common small gas engines.

Objectives:

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

1. Identify the basic parts of a small gas engine
2. Explain the proper operation of a gas engine
3. Analyze common small gas engine problems
4. Disassemble and reassemble a small gas engine
5. Outline the maintenance practices for one common small gas engine

Topics and Scope:

I. Introduction

- A. Overview of engine types
- B. Engine operation and safety
- C. Operating principles
- D. Definition and importance of maintenance and repairs
- E. Outline routine service and adjustment to engines
- F. Analyze engine problems.

II. Engine Operator Skills

- A. Safety checks
- B. Starting
- C. Basic operating principles

III. Disassemble the Engine

- A. Identify the parts of an engine
- B. Safe use of common tools for engine maintenance to disassemble

- C. Perform proper cleaning and lube procedures
- IV. Reassemble the Engine
 - A. Equipment maintenance procedures
 - B. Safe use of common tools for engine maintenance to reassemble
 - C. Adjust engine settings

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

Assignment:

Lecture-Related Assignments:

1. Reading 5-10 pages/week
2. Quizzes, midterm, final exam

Lab-Related Assignments:

1. Skill and performance exams: Disassemble and reassemble engines
2. Analyze engine problems

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 skill demonstrations are more appropriate for this course.	Writing 0 - 0%
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Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Analyze engine problems	Problem solving 20 - 40%
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Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Skill and performance exams: Disassemble and reassemble engines	Skill Demonstrations 20 - 30%
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Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes, midterm, final exam	Exams 30 - 40%
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Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Reading maintenance manuals. Attendance and participation	Other Category 10 - 20%
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Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Small Engines. 4th ed. Radcliff, R. American Technical Publishers. 2016