

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: DET 185                      Title: HEAVY DUTY CHASSIS  
Full Title: Heavy Duty Chassis and Undercarriage Systems  
Last Reviewed: 1/22/2018

| Units   |      | Course Hours per Week |      | Nbr of Weeks | Course Hours Total |       |
|---------|------|-----------------------|------|--------------|--------------------|-------|
| Maximum | 3.00 | Lecture Scheduled     | 2.25 | 17.5         | Lecture Scheduled  | 39.38 |
| Minimum | 3.00 | Lab Scheduled         | 2.25 | 8            | Lab Scheduled      | 39.38 |
|         |      | Contact DHR           | 0    |              | Contact DHR        | 0     |
|         |      | Contact Total         | 4.50 |              | Contact Total      | 78.75 |
|         |      | Non-contact DHR       | 0    |              | Non-contact DHR    | 0     |

Total Out of Class Hours: 78.75

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

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:                    DET 85

**Catalog Description:**  
The study of heavy-duty chassis and undercarriage systems including steering, braking, and suspension systems utilized on trucks, agricultural equipment and construction equipment.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

**Recommended Preparation:**  
Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100 and Course Completion of DET 80

**Limits on Enrollment:**

**Schedule of Classes Information:**  
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Prerequisites/Corequisites:  
Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100 and Course Completion of DET 80  
Limits on Enrollment:  
Transfer Credit:

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

## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

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|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>AS Degree:</b>    | <b>Area</b>          | <b>Effective:</b> | <b>Inactive:</b> |
| <b>CSU GE:</b>       | <b>Transfer Area</b> | <b>Effective:</b> | <b>Inactive:</b> |
| <b>IGETC:</b>        | <b>Transfer Area</b> | <b>Effective:</b> | <b>Inactive:</b> |
| <b>CSU Transfer:</b> |                      | <b>Effective:</b> | <b>Inactive:</b> |
| <b>UC Transfer:</b>  |                      | <b>Effective:</b> | <b>Inactive:</b> |

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Evaluate and repair steering and suspension systems for heavy duty trucks
2. Measure and adjust wheel alignment angles.
3. Inspect, assess and repair hydraulic brake systems.
4. Inspect, assess and repair air brake systems.

### **Topics and Scope:**

1. Steering systems
  - a. Steering system components
  - b. Steering geometry and function
  - c. Mechanical and hydraulic steering systems
  - d. Testing steering systems
2. Suspension systems
  - a. Vehicle suspension systems
  - b. Machinery suspension systems
  - c. System repair and maintenance
  - d. Component repair and maintenance
3. Wheels, tires, tracks and alignment factors
  - a. Wheel hubs and bearings
  - b. Tire applications and types
  - c. Steel and fiber tracks and components
  - d. Truck and bus alignment basics
  - e. Equipment undercarriage alignment and wear factors
4. Air brake systems
  - a. Air brake system operation dynamics
  - b. Air brake components, repair and maintenance
  - c. Foundation brake components and adjustment
  - d. Anti-lock brake systems

5. Hydraulic brake systems
  - a. Brake system operation
  - b. Brake system components, repair and maintenance
  - c. Foundation brake components, repair and maintenance
  - d. Anti-lock brake systems

### Assignment:

Students will:

1. Complete chapter readings of approximately 25 pages a week
2. Perform alignment checks on vehicles and equipment
3. Perform maintenance and repair procedures on related items
4. Perform brake inspections and adjustments on heavy vehicles
5. 3-5 exams

### 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.

Writing  
0 - 0%

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

Lab reports

Problem solving  
15 - 30%

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

Structured Lab Exercises

Skill Demonstrations  
15 - 25%

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

Multiple choice, Completion, Tests

Exams  
45 - 65%

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

None

Other Category  
0 - 0%

### Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Heavy Duty Truck Systems, Sean Bennett, Ian Andrew Norman, Thomson Delmar Learning, 4th. Ed., 2006

