

**MIDLAND COLLEGE**  
**SYLLABUS**  
**DEMR 1305**  
**BASIC ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS**  
**2-4**

**Course Description:** An overview of electrical systems including topics in operational theory, testing, diagnosis, and repair of, charging and starting systems, and electrical accessories. Emphasis on electrical principles schematic diagrams, and service manuals.

Students MUST actively participate by completing an academic assignment required by the instructor by the official census date. Students who do not actively participate in an academically-related activity will be reported as never attended and dropped from the course.

**Text, References and Supplies:** Required: **Cengage Unlimited digital e-book--** Modern Diesel Technology: Electricity and Electronics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition; 9781133949800

**End-of-Course Outcomes:** Upon completion of this course students will be able to perform the following tasks:

1. Read, interpret, and diagnose, electrical/electronic circuits using wiring diagrams.
2. Check continuity in electrical/electronic circuits using appropriate test equipment.
3. Check applied voltages, circuit voltages, and voltage drops in electrical/electronic circuits using a digital multimeter (DMM).
4. Check current flow in electrical/electronic circuits and components using a digital multimeter (DMM) or clamp-on ammeter.
5. Check resistance in electrical/electronic circuits and components using a digital multimeter (DMM).
6. Find shorts, grounds, and opens in electrical/electronic circuits.
7. Diagnose parasitic (key-off) battery drain problems.
8. Inspect and test fusible links, circuit breakers, relays, solenoids, and fuses; replace as needed.
9. Inspect and test spike suppression diodes/resistors; replace as needed.

**Students may perform the following tasks in order to maintain safe lab and classroom spaces:**

- Participate in shop and classroom maintenance which may include, but not limited to sweeping, mopping, disposing of trash, cleaning work benches, organize tools and equipment, organize tool room, disinfect classroom tables and chairs.
- Disassemble discontinued lab training vehicles or equipment for salvage.
- Repurpose lab vehicles to be utilized in lab assignments.
- Other course related tasks as assigned by instructor.

**Student Contributions and Class Policies:**

1. Student/ Participant must furnish a set of approved safety eye glasses.
2. Student/Participant must understand class attendance is critical; therefore, three consecutive absences or five total absences may be considered justification for failure or dismissal from class.
3. Punctuality, being prepared for class, being alert, participating pro-actively and exhibiting a respectful and appropriate attitude will be required.

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**Evaluation of Students:**

10% = Attendance/Punctuality  
10% = Professionalism/Participation  
25% = Mid-term & Final exams  
40% = Skills Objectives (Lab Assignments)  
15% = Knowledge Objectives (Classroom Assignments)  
100% Total

90 and above	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
59 and below	F

**Course Schedule:** This class meets for 2 lecture hours and 4 lab hours per week.

**SCANS Information:** SCANS skills are taught and/or reinforced in diesel courses. The student must locate, read, interpret and understand instruction information and direct materials. The participant must communicate thoughts, ideas and information through verbal and written mediums. Practical arithmetic and mathematics will apply continually throughout diesel technology training. Listening, interpreting, and responding to verbal communications and instructions as well as speaking in response to questioning will be a daily involvement. Thinking, reasoning, visualizing and problem solving are required assets to the automotive technician. The student/participant must display responsibility, self-management and honesty.

**Administrative Information:**

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Technology Studies  
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Students should feel free to contact the instructor at any time. Appointments are encouraged for advising and planning the most appropriate or beneficial course work.

\*Syllabus subject to change as deemed necessary by the instructor to ensure learning objectives and course goals are met.

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**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Statement:**

Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. In order to receive accommodations, students must visit [www.midland.edu/accommodation](http://www.midland.edu/accommodation) and complete the Application for Accommodation Services located under the Apply for Accommodations tab. Services or accommodations are not automatic, each student must apply and be approved to receive them. All documentation submitted will be reviewed and a "Notice of Accommodations" letter will be sent to instructors outlining any reasonable accommodations.