

Imperial Valley College Course Syllabus – Wastewater Treatment Op I

WT 130 / Wastewater Treatment Operators I

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Class Times:	6:00 ~ 10:15 PM	Emergency Contact:	(760) 791-9532 Cell.
Units:	4.0		

Course Description

This course is designed to train operators in the practical aspects of operating and maintaining wastewater treatment plants, emphasizing the use of safe practices and procedures. Information presented includes the role and responsibilities of a treatment plant operator, an explanation of why wastes must be treated, and detailed descriptions of the equipment and processes used in a wastewater treatment plant.

Student Learning Outcomes

Operators learn to operate and maintain racks, screens, comminutors, sedimentation tanks, trickling filters, rotating biological contactors, package activated sludge plants, oxidation ditches, ponds, and chlorination facilities. Operators also learn to analyze and solve operational problems and to perform mathematical calculations relating to wastewater treatment process control.

Course Objectives

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of treatment plant operators.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of reason for treating waste.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of wastewater treatment facilities.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of racks, screens comminutors and grit removal.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of trickling filters.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of rotating biological contactors.
7. Demonstrate knowledge of sedimentation and flotation.
8. Demonstrate knowledge of activated sludge (package plants and oxidation ditches)
9. Demonstrate knowledge of waste treatment ponds.
10. Demonstrate knowledge of water disinfection.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Recommended:

“Basic Concepts for Water & Wastewater Operators”

By: Joanne Kirkpatrick Price

ISBN: 978-087762-808-8

Another recommended textbook(s):

Operator Certification Study Guide (AWWA)

ISBN: 158321-287-6

Web site(s) recommended:

Wastewater: http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/operator_certification/docs/exam_info.pdf

Water and Distribution: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/occupations/DWopcert.shtml

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Required materials: Notebook, pen and pencil with eraser, calculator with at least 9 digits capability (not programmable), solar power recommended. **Cell phones will not be allowed as calculator. No red pens or pencils.**

Assignments: Will be made in class/homework, and will not be accepted late. Assignments will be both individual and group work, and will include presentations.

Prerequisite: None.

Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Exam grade scale is strictly base on score percentage. No partial credit will be given for math. All work must be shown for credit. You are strongly advised to be present for all exams. Make up test, unless due to special circumstances, will not be granted. Grade scale is as follows:

100 - 90%	~	A
89 - 80 %	~	B
79 - 70 %	~	C
69 - 60 %	~	D
59 % or less	~	F

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Final grade shall consist of:

Items to verify:	
Attendance	25%
Class Participation	25%
Chapter Exams	25%
Final Exam	25%
Final Grade	100%

Note: Grading criteria are guides only. Instructor retains the right to modify these criteria.

Attendance

- A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. **It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. Failure to drop the class will result in an "F" for the semester.** See [General Catalog](#) for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

Classroom Etiquette

- Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class, unless otherwise directed by the instructor.
- Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed by the instructor.
- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the [General Catalog](#).
- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, only students enrolled in the class may attend; children are not allowed.

Online Netiquette

- What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.
- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette: (1) identify yourself, (2) include a subject line, (3) avoid sarcasm, (4) respect others' opinions and privacy, (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly, (6) copy with caution, (7) do not spam or junk mail, (8) be concise, (9) use appropriate language, (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and (11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the [General Catalog](#) for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- **CANVAS LMS.** Canvas is Imperial Valley College's main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.
- [Learning Services](#). There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).

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- [Library Services](#). There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills Center](#), study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the [Disabled Student Programs and Services](#) (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- [Student Health Center](#). A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.
- [Mental Health Counseling Services](#). Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information..

Veteran's Center

The mission of the [IVC Military and Veteran Success Center](#) is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Student Equity Program

- The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College's success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students' access to education,

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degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.

- The Student Equity Program also houses IVC's Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney- Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous Information Literacy Tutorials to assist students in this endeavor.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

This schedule may be modified at the instructor's discretion without prior notice to meet the needs of the course.

WT 130 – Wastewater Treatment Operator 1 Course Outline			
DATE	CHAPTER(S)	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT
February 24, 2020		Introduction & Course overview	
March 2, 2020	1	Intro to Wastewater Treatment	Class Practice
March 9, 2020	2	Safety	Class Practice
March 16, 2020	1 - 2	Review Chps 1 - 2	Exam Chps 1 - 2
March 23, 2020	3	Preliminary Treatment	Class Practice
March 30, 2020	4	Primary Treatment	Class Practice
April 6, 2020	5	Activated Sludge System	Class Practice
April 13, 2020		Spring Break	
April 20, 2020	5	Activated Sludge/Review Chp 3-5	Class Practice
April 27, 2020	6	Fixed Filed Process	Class Practice
May 4, 2020	7	Disinfection	Class Practice
May 11, 2020	8	Lagoon Systems	Class Practice
May 18, 2020	9	Laboratory Procedures	Class Practice
Mat 25, 2020		Holiday	
June 1, 2020		Review	Class Practice
June 8, 2020	All	Final	Final