

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Summer 2025	Instructor Name:	Ricardo Pradis
Course Title & #:	Automotive Maintenance & Repair AUT-085	Email:	ricardo.pradis@imperial.edu
CRN #:	30188	Webpage (optional):	
Classroom:	1100 Bldg.	Office #:	1100 Bldg.
Class Dates:	June 16 – July 24	Office Hours:	MTWR 7:30 – 8:00 am
Class Days:	MTWR	Office Phone #:	760-353-6403
Class Times:	8:05 – 9:30 am 9:40 – 11:55 pm	Emergency Contact:	760-353-6403
Units:	3.00	Class Format:	Face to Face

Course Description

This course is designed for students with little or no previous automotive maintenance training. This course consists of automotive safety, demonstrations of emergency situations, such as, changing a flat tire, replacing burned out lamps, and performing general vehicle maintenance and repairs. In addition, the student will learn the correct and safe way to use basic hand tools. (Nontransferable, nondegree applicable)

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

None

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Explain the interaction of automotive systems.
2. Describe the purpose of the fundamental automotive system.
3. Describe the type of skills needed to be an auto technician.

Course Objectives

1. Demonstrate safe job practices.
2. Demonstrate emergency situations and repairs.
3. Demonstrate how to inspect and replace all types of lamps.
4. Demonstrate how to inspect, replace and repair windshield accessories.
5. Demonstrate how to use jumper cables with precaution.
6. Demonstrate how to perform vehicle maintenance and repairs.
7. Demonstrate how to use basic hand tools

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Equipment and Supplies:

1. Textbook: Modern Automotive Technology 10th edition ISBN: 978-1-64564-688-4
2. Personal Protective Equipment:

- Safety glasses
- Work footwear.
- Proper shirt and pants.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

Methods of instructions may include, but are not limited to, the following: lectures, textbook worksheets, hands-on worksheets, internet readings, large and small group discussions, audiovisual aids, and demonstrations.

Out-of-class:

Collect automotive catalogs and create a list of hand tools needed to equip an automotive shop. Provide an estimate of what it will cost to purchase the tools.

Reading and Writing:

Research an automotive career of your choice and prepare a written report covering such topics as duties, working conditions, pay range, and opportunities for advancement.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Grading Criteria:

1. Grading system:

- A=90%-100% of points= Excellent
- B=80%-89% of points= Good
- C*=70%-79% of points= Satisfactory
- D= 60%-69% of points= Pass, less than satisfactory
- F= Less than 60% of points= Failing

2. Very important:

- Mid-Term (60 points) will be given on July 2nd.
- Final-Exam (60 points) will be given on July 24th.
- There are no make-up exams unless you have a very good reason and make arrangements with the instructor before the exam.
- Final grades can be raised or lowered based on your preparation and participation in class. It benefits you to be engage and participative.

Grades:

	Points
Book worksheets, quizzes.	140
Lab activity, hands-on worksheets.	240
Mid-term	60
Final exam	60
Total points	500

Course Grade:

The course grade is based on total points accumulated during the course. There is a total of 500 points available. Grades are determined by dividing the total points you earn by the total points available to get your percentage. (Total points may vary if I change the assignments in a particular week). **Grading of Hands-on Assignments:** The most common problem students experience is not being detailed enough in their answers and not spending the right amount of time in the repair procedures. Always be as specific as you can and use examples from your readings. Make sure to answer all parts of the questions. Points will be deducted for inadequate responses. Feedback will be given after each assignment and, hopefully, you will improve as you proceed with the course. The following grading rubric is used when grading assignments.

	Grading Rubric for Hands-on Assignment	Points
A	Focused and clearly organized. Contains critical thinking and content analysis. Convincing evidence is provided to support conclusions. Ideas are clearly communicated. Clearly meets or exceeds assignments requirements.	18-20
B	Generally focused and contain some development of ideas, may be simplistic or repetitive. Evidence is provided which supports conclusions. Meet assignments requirements.	16-17
C	May be somewhat unfocused, underdeveloped, or rumbling. But does have some coherence. Some evidence is provided which support conclusions. Meets minimum assignment requirements.	14-15
D	Unfocused, underdeveloped. Minimal evidence is used to support conclusion. Does not respond appropriately to the assignment.	12-13
F	Minimal effort by the student. Unfocused, underdeveloped. Evidence is not used to support conclusion. Block overall understanding. Does not meet assignment requirements.	0-11

Academic Honesty (Artificial Intelligence -AI)

IVC values critical thinking and communication skills and considers academic integrity essential to learning. Using AI tools as a replacement for your own thinking, writing, or quantitative reasoning goes against both our mission and academic honesty policy and will be considered academic dishonesty, or plagiarism unless you have been instructed to do so by your instructor. In case of any uncertainty regarding the ethical use of AI tools, students are encouraged to reach out to their instructors for clarification.

Accessibility Statement

Imperial Valley College is committed to providing an accessible learning experience for all students, regardless of course modality. Every effort has been made to ensure that this course complies with all state and federal accessibility regulations, including Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. However, if you encounter any content that is not accessible, please contact your instructor or the area dean for assistance. If you have specific accommodations through **DSPS**, contact them for additional assistance.

We are here to support you and ensure that you have equal access to all course materials.

Course Policies

Automotive Technology Classroom & Shop Policy

- **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, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

Shop/ Lab Area

- Safety test must be passed to work in the shop and complete required lab exercise.
- Safety glasses are required to be worn at all times while in the shop area, safety glasses are the student responsibility (students not wearing safety glasses will be ask to leave the class for that day no exceptions).
- Clean up your area and any other lose debris or trash.
- Wear all required safety protection and comply with posted signs.
- No shorts or open toe footwear, always be prepared to go into the lab area.
- Comply with tool check out policy and return tools clean.
- Do not perform any work on any vehicle outside the assigned task without permission from your instructor.
- Long hair must be kept in a ponytail or tucked away for safety.

Faculty and Staff:

All students are required to take direction from any faculty, any issues with direction should be brought up to your instructor, however all staff has the right to direct any student at any time. Please respect the staff's decisions.

Safety Requirements:

For every task perform in this course the following safety requirements must be strictly enforced: Comply with personal and environmental safety practices associated with clothing; eye protection; hand tools; power equipment; proper ventilation; and the handling, storage, and disposal of chemicals/materials in accordance with local, state, and federal safety and environmental regulations.

Parking:

No student parking by the building, the only exception is lab time if your vehicle is a project (instructor approved). The speed limit must be kept at or under 5MPH.

A parking permit is always required.

Projects:

All projects are to be taken with the students unless otherwise approved by the instructor.

All approved projects must be removed from campus prior to finals.

All projects must have a written work order (R/O).

Shop Maintenance:

All work will cease 20 minutes prior to the end of class.

All work areas must be cleaned.

Tools must be cleaned and returned to the tool room.

Any broken or missing tools must be reported immediately. Tools are the student's responsibility.

Other Course Information

Career possibilities in automotive industry;

Work-based learning (WBL) allows students to apply classroom content in professional settings while gaining real-world experiences. These opportunities will provide you with a deeper, more engaging and relevant learning environment. This semester, you will be working on workplace simulations through the entire course. Some examples of WBL assignments are job shadowing, informational interviews, and guest speakers.

Contact:

Office Phone: (760) 355-5721

Email: careerservicescenter@imperial.edu

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm



Financial Aid

Your Grades Matter! In order to continue to receive financial aid, you must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirement. Making SAP means that you are maintaining a 2.0 GPA, you have successfully completed 67% of your coursework, and you will graduate on time. If you do not maintain SAP, you may lose your financial aid. If you have questions, please contact financial aid at finaid@imperial.edu.

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1	Class Introduction, Class Activities, Safety test, Ford Online Training program.	
	Chapter 1: The Automobile Lab. Activity: Identify and locate the most important parts of a vehicle. Locate and interpret vehicle and major components identification numbers	Page 3-19
	Chapter 2 & 7 Automotive Careers, ASE Certification and Service Information. Lab. Activity: Describe the type of skill needed to be an auto technician, getting a job as an automotive technician, preparing a resume. use pro-on-demand.	Page 20-29
Week 2	Chapters 3 & 4 Basic, power tools and equipment Lab. Activities: Use hand and power tools safely, lifting vehicles, using jacks and jacks stands	Pages 29-54
	Chapter 28-29 Batteries Lab. Activity: Perform common battery test, replace a defective battery, clean battery case and terminals	Page 355-377
Week 3	Chapter 36-37 Lights, Instrumentation, sound systems, and accessories. Lab. Activity: Replace burned out bulbs, wipers, aim headlights, check operation of electrical accessories, using a scan tool MID-TERM	Pages 460-503



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Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 4	Chapter 9-47-49: Cooling and lubrication systems. Lab. Activity: Check the major parts of cooling and lubrication system for proper operation, maintaining or repairing a cooling, lubrication system, check all fluids	Pages 100-116/639-654/678-692
Week 5	Chapter 73-74 Tire and wheel service Lab. Activity: check tires, wheel size, tire inflation, replace flat tires, and emergency situations, air conditioning performance test.	Pages 1103-1138
Week 6	Chapter 81 Brake Systems Lab Activity: inspect, test, and service brake system. Preparation for final exam FINAL-EXAM	Pages 1249-1272

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