

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Winter 2026	Instructor Name:	Carlos Araiza
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Classroom:	3120-3111	Office #:	3122
Class Dates:	05 Jan- 04 Feb 2026	Office Hours:	Monday to Thursday 1.00 PM -2.00 PM
Class Days:	M TWR F	Office Phone #:	Secretary/Division Office 760-355-6361 Secretary/Dean's Office 760-355-6217 Division Coordinator 760-355-6361
Class Times:	08.00 TO 12.40 PM	Emergency Contact:	
Units:	3 units		

Course Description

This course is designed to be a study of Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW). This course is one of the required courses in the Welding Technology Program. The student will develop the theory and knowledge base to be able to safely and properly practice welding techniques in Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (SMAW) on Steel (A-36), Stainless Steel, and Aluminum plate. To support and enhance the understanding and application of GTAW and Welding Technology principles, the student will develop an understanding of Industrial Safety Standards, Technical Drawings, Weld/Welding Symbols, Electrical Fundamentals, Fundamental GTAW Welding Metallurgy, Fundamentals of Quality Assurance, Welding Codes, and Weld Testing/Inspection. The development of welding skills sets and practices for GTAW applications on plate will require the proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and the application of all Safety Rules. (CSU)

Student Learning Outcomes**Required language**

1. **Describe four major hazards related to GTAW on PLATE and potential abatement of these hazards as they pertain to shop safety. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3)**
2. **Explain and safely demonstrate multiple beading and application in GTAW for welding PLATE and tube. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3)**

3. Select the proper welding filler materials for welding on various alloys as specified on the given WPS. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3)
4. Identify, recognize, and safely apply the essential variables associated with PLATE and tube welding using the open root technique per the given WPS. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3)
5. Reference the appropriate Welding Codes (AWS, API, and/or ASME) to determine the acceptance criteria for the welding of 6 inch schedule 80 carbon steel given WPS. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4)

Course Objectives

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

1. Demonstrate and utilize safety protocols through the course.
2. Initiate the set-up of welding equipment while demonstrating safety protocols.
3. Study and comprehend the theory behind Gas Tungsten Arc Welding on pipe.
4. Demonstrate the ability to cut and prepare pipe ends for welding.
5. Demonstrate the ability to weld pipe to x-ray quality.

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Required: Yes

Modern Welding 11th edition, ALTHOUSE, TURQUIST, BOUDICHS

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Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

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.

Methods of Instruction for Learning:

1. Demonstration
2. Discussion
3. Group activity
4. Individual assistance
5. Lab activity
6. Lecture
7. Simulation/case study
8. Audio visual computer assisted instruction

Two hours off independent work done out of class per each hour of lecture or class work, or 3 hours lab, practicum, or the equivalent per unit is expected.

Equipment and Supplies

- Personal protective Equipment (PPE)

1. Welding helmet
2. Welding and cutting face shield
3. Welding Cap
4. Welding Gloves
5. Leather Work Boots
6. Ear plugs/protection
7. Leather jacket or sleeve

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Evaluation:

- Class participation required
- Written and practical test
- Quizzes/exams
- Group and individual projects
- Assignments (written reports, class/lab excises and homework)

1. Attendance: first day of class, regular attendance and withdrawal after exceeding the number of class hours per week.
2. Tardiness: three times equals one absence (I.V.C. Gen. Catalog pg. 24) 09-10
3. Absences: 3 absences= automatic drop (I.V.C. Gen catalog pg.24) 09-10
4. Student Conduct: (I.V.C. Gen. catalog pg. 22) 2009-10
5. Grading System (I.V.C. Gen catalog pg.17)

Grading will be based on the following Methods:

Chapter quizzes (8) = 400 points

Final Exam Written Exam = 300 points

Final Lab Exam = 300 points

Total Points Possible = 1,000 points

A= 90%-100% of points= Excellent

B= 80%-89% of points= Good

C= 70%-79% of points= Satisfactory

D=60% - 69% of points = Not Satisfactory

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. 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. Students that are absent for 3 days can be dropped from the course.
- 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, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children.

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 importance 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.

- **Blackboard Support Site**. The Blackboard Support Site provides a variety of support channels available to students 24 hours per day.
- **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](#).
- **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 therapy are provided to currently enrolled students. Contact the IVC [Mental Health Counseling Services](#) at 760-355-6196 in Room 2109 for more information.

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

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1 Module 2: Safety and Health of Welders	Text: Ch. 1:14, 16-17, 20-21, 25, 27, 30-33 Ch. 5: 147-150 Ch. 6: 160-161, 186, 228-229 Ch. 7: 228 Ch. 8: 249, 252, 264 Ch. 9: 302 Ch. 10: 311-312 Ch. 11: 349-350 Ch. 12: 392 Ch. 14: 419 Ch. 16: 478-479 Ch. 18: 526 Ch. 22: 621	
Demonstrates proper use and inspection of personal protection equipment (PPE).	Ch. 1: 14-15, 18-19, 25-33 Ch. 5: 146 Ch. 10: 311-312 Ch. 12: 392-395 Ch. 14: 410-415, 4298-430 Ch. 16: 478-479 Ch. 22: 621 Ch. 32: 825-826, 829-830	Lessons 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 5B, 6A, 8A, 9A, 11B, 17A, 23A Lessons 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 6A, 8A, 9A, 11B, 17A, 23A
Week 2 Demonstrates proper use and inspection of ventilation equipment	Ch. 1: 19-21, 23-24, 27 Ch. 6: 161, 187 Ch. 7: 226 Ch. 22: 621 Ch. 32: 817	
Demonstrates proper Hot Zone operation	Ch. 1: 24-26 Ch. 5: 229 Ch. 6: 160-161 Ch. 12: 393-395 Ch. 14: 419 Ch. 22: 621	
Demonstrates proper work actions for working in confined spaces.	Ch. 1: 20-21, 24 Ch. 7: 226 Ch. 8: 264 Ch. 14: 430 Ch. 22: 621	Job 6B-1 Lesson 9A Lab Workbook: Lessons 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 6A, 8A, 11B
Demonstrates proper use of	Ch. 1: 27, 31-33 Ch. 5: 131, 134	Lessons 1C, 6A and 7B all welding cutting jobs

precautionary labeling and MSDS information	Ch. 6 159-160 Ch. 8: 236-250 Ch. 9: 274-290 Ch. 10: 310-311 Ch. 12: 364-372 Ch. 23: 624-626	
Week 3 Perform safety inspections of GTAW equipment and accessories. Interpret basic elements of a drawing or sketch.	Ch. 2: 35-43 CH. 3: 55-67 Ch. 7: 192-205 Ch. 8: 236, 238 Ch. 7: 192-206 Ch. 7: 192-194, 196-207 Ch. 8: 236-252 Ch. 8: 245, 252-262 Ch. 8: 254-261 Ch. 8: 254, 256-261 Ch. 8: 236-252 Ch. 20: 568	Lab Workbook: Lesson 2 All jobs in lessons 6C, 6D and 6E Jobs 9D-2 through 9D-7 Lab workbook: Lesson 3B Jobs 6E-1 through 6E-4 All jobs in lesson 8
Week 4 Demonstrates proper use and inspection of ventilation equipment Demonstrates proper Hot Zone operation Demonstrates proper work actions for working in confined spaces. Demonstrates proper use of precautionary labeling and MSDS information Make minor	Ch. 2: 35-43 CH. 3: 55-67 Ch. 7: 192-205 Ch. 8: 236, 238 Ch. 7: 192-206 Ch. 7: 192-194, 196-207 Ch. 8: 236-252 Ch. 8: 245, 252-262 Ch. 8: 254-261 Ch. 8: 254, 256-261 Ch. 8: 236-252 Ch. 20: 568	

<p>external repairs to GTAW equipment and accessories Set up for GTA operations on carbon steel</p>	<p>Ch. 1: 27, 31-33 Ch. 5: 131, 134</p>	
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