

**IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS
SPRING 2014**

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Division:	Industrial Technology Division
Course Title:	Solar Energy Systems PV1
Course Number:	RNEW 150
Class Code:	20790
Class Date & Time	T: 12:55-3:25 PM TH: 12:55-3:25 PM
Location:	1400-1402

Course Description:

This course provides students with instruction in the principles of Photovoltaic Technology. It includes an overview of electric principles, the solar resource, electric load analysis, photovoltaic modules, batteries, inverters and charge controllers.

SLOs – Student Learning Objectives

1. Identify types of solar energy, its effects, and understand electrical generation from solar energy (ILO2, ILO3).
2. Explain the photovoltaic principles of photovoltaic arrays (ILO1, ILO2).
3. Understand photovoltaic system overcurrent protection, disconnects, and grounding utilizing National Electrical Code (ILO2, ILO3).

Course Objective:

- Unit 1. Overview of PV (CH 1, CH 2)
- Unit 2. Electrical Principles and Components (CH3, CH4)
- Unit 3. Modules, Series and Parallel, and Meters (CH5, CH6, CH7)
- Unit 4. Solar Site Analysis and Mounting (CH8, CH9, CH10)

Core Content

- Unit 1 10%
- Unit 2 30%
- Unit 3 40%
- Unit 4 20%

Required Material:

- **SOLAR ELECTRIC HANDBOOK**. Photovoltaic Fundamentals and Applications. Second Edition. Solar Energy International. Renewable Energy Education for a Sustainable Future. ISBN-13: 978-1-256-91816-5
- **Red pen, black pen, and green pen.**

Recommended References:

- **GUIDE TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE 2008**. Thomas L. Harman.
- **Modern Residential Wiring**. 8th Edition. Harvey N. Holzman
- **Workbook**. Modern Residential Wiring. 8th Edition. Harvey N. Holzman, Nancy Henke-Konopasek.

Instructor's Information:

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Attendance Policy:

Class attendance and tardy policy follows the regulations in the IVC catalog. Students whose continuous unexcused absences exceed 8 hours per week may be considered inactive and may be dropped unless a written petition to justify absences is approved. It is your responsibility to drop before any deadline. Three tardies shall constitute one absence. Students who fail to return from breaks shall be marked absent for that session.

Classroom Rules:

- No food is allowed in class, bottled water is ok during lectures, but not during lab.
- Cell phones must be turned off during class, unless there is an emergency.

Exams and Grading Procedures:

1. Homework Assignments	10%
2. Quizzes	10%
3. Attendance and Participation (Lab)	10%
4. Midterm Exam	20%
5. Final Exam	20%
6. Final Group Project	30%

- Homework assignments: To receive possible full credit, homework must be turned in on time at the beginning of class. 5 points will be deducted if turned in late.
- Quizzes might be given at the end of each chapter covered.
- Final exam is not cumulative. Make up exam will be given ONLY with prior approval of the instructor. Exams will include material from the readings and from the lecture.
- Group Project: Solar mounted project.

Grading Scale:

A:	Above 90%
B:	80-89%
C:	70-79%
D:	60-69%
F:	below 60%