



## Course Syllabus

### **ENER 1350 – Overview of Energy Industry**

**Catalog Description:** Introduction to the major sectors of the energy industry. Includes a comparison of energy industry careers.

**Lecture hours = 2, Lab hours = 3**

**Prerequisites:** none

**Semester Credit Hours:** 3

**Lecture Hours per Week:** 2

**Lab Hours per Week:** 3

**Extended Hours:**

**Contact Hours per Semester:** 80

**State Approval Code:** 15.0503

**Class section meeting time:**

**Instructional Goals and Purposes:** The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the major sectors of the energy industry including fossil fuels and alternative energy systems. An overview of the entire energy industry focusing heavily on petroleum based energy; Purposes and proper procedures in a variety of petroleum technologies; exploration, drilling, production, transportation, marketing, and refining. Exploring various alternative energy systems.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Explain the fundamentals of geology pertaining to oil and gas reservoirs.
2. Discuss the types of exploration techniques.
3. List the principles of leasing land for the right to drill in the area.
4. Explain the fundamentals of drilling an oil or gas well.
5. Identify what has been found, through a series of steps including logging, testing, and completing.
6. Understand the behavior of the hydrocarbon activity in the reservoir.
7. Explain the different methods of production.
8. List the methods of transporting oil or gas products.
9. Discuss the basic procedures for refining, processing and marketing oil and gas.
10. List the environmental and health concerns pertaining to the production and use of oil and gas products.
11. Discuss alternative energy sources including CNG, wind energy and solar energy.
12. Identify the players involved in the production and marketing of the oil and gas products.

### **Specific Course Objectives (includes SCANS):**

After studying all materials and resources presented in the course, the student will be able to:

1. **Explain the fundamentals of geology pertaining to oil and gas reservoirs.** (SCANS 1ci, 1civ, 2ai, 2aiii, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii)
  - a. Determine which geographical features are mostly likely to contain oil and gas.
  - b. Define rock types
  - c. Identify fold types
  - d. Distinguish between porosity and permeability.
  - e. Describe the makeup of hydrocarbons in the reservoir.
2. **Discuss the types of exploration techniques.** (SCANS 1ci, 1civ, 2ai, 2aiii, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii)
  - a. Discuss various techniques and instruments used to help determine the location of oil and gas reservoirs.
3. **List the principles of leasing land for the right to drill in the area.** (SCANS 1ci, 1civ, 2ai, 2aiii, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii)
  - a. Define the difference between the lessee and the lessor.
  - b. Discuss how ownership of the oil, gas and mineral resources are established.
  - c. Determine the three essential provisions of a lease.
  - d. Explain the land and mineral owner's rights of ownership and royalty provisions.
4. **Explain the fundamentals of drilling an oil or gas well.** (SCANS 1ci, 1civ, 2ai, 2aiii, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii)
  - a. Distinguish between the different drilling techniques.
  - b. Determine the three factors that affect the rate of penetration of a bit.
  - c. Discuss the equipment used in the drilling process and the role it plays.
5. **Identify what has been found, through a series of steps including logging, testing, and completing.** (SCANS 1ci, 1civ, 2ai, 2aiii, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii)
  - a. Distinguish between various types of logging.
  - b. Describe the types of testing that are performed.
  - c. Describe the completion process and the equipment involved.
6. **Understand the behavior of the hydrocarbon activity in the reservoir.**
  - a. Discuss the significance of phase diagrams.
  - b. Determine the differences between saturated and unsaturated oil.
7. **Explain the different methods of production.** (SCANS 1ci, 1civ, 2ai, 2aiii, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii)
  - a. Discuss the difference between natural flow wells and artificial lift.
  - b. Define the various methods used to boost production with secondary and tertiary recovery.
8. **List the methods of transporting oil or gas products.** (SCANS 1ci, 1civ, 2ai, 2aiii, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii)
  - a. Define the various methods of transportation.
9. **Discuss the basic procedures for refining, processing and marketing oil and gas.** (SCANS 1ci, 1civ, 2ai, 2aiii, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii)
  - a. Discuss the various types of separators.
  - b. Discuss the process of treating oil and gas.
  - c. Discuss water disposal.
  - d. Define the factors that are used to calculate flow.
  - e. Discuss meter types.
10. **List the environmental and health concerns pertaining to the production and use of oil and gas products.** (SCANS 1ci, 1civ, 2ai, 2aiii, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii)
  - a. Define the environmental acts that affect the oil and gas industry.
  - b. Determine the agencies that play a role in regulating industry standards.
11. **Discuss alternative energy sources including CNG, wind energy and solar energy.** (SCANS 1ci, 1civ, 2ai, 2aiii, 2ci, 2cii, 2ciii)
  - a. Discuss the use of CNG as an alternative energy source.
  - b. Discuss the process of collecting energy from both wind and solar sources.

**12. Identify the players involved in the production and marketing of the oil and gas products.**

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- a. Distinguish between the various career opportunities in the oil and gas industry.

**Course Content:** A general description of lecture/discussion topics included in this course are listed in the Learning Objectives / Specific Course Objectives sections of this syllabus.

Students in all sections of Supervision will be required to do the following:

1. Students will complete quizzes and assignments based on the material provided for the course.
2. Students will complete online objective exams. For the online section Test 2 and the Final Exam will be in the presence of a testing proctor.
3. Students will give presentations and serve as an audience for their peers.

**Methods of Instruction/Course Format/Delivery:** Content for the course will be delivered using lecture, textbook content and online instruction. Students in traditional, hybrid and Internet classes will have access to courses via Canvas. Students in the traditional class will meet regularly for lecture. Students in the Internet class will be required to take quizzes and exams at an approved testing facility or, they may also be administered by the instructor. Students in hybrid classes will have both in class and online assignments. Resources for this course, provided through Canvas, include the following Sections in Canvas....

- Modules: Chapter study materials, self-assessment exercises, quizzes and exams
- Announcements and Recent Activities List: Instructor Announcements
- Inbox: Email (to communicate with instructor and classmates inside Canvas)
- Grades: Student grades
- Other sections, as assigned by the Instructor: Students in both the traditional and Internet classes should use the People feature within Canvas (includes Canvas Email) to communicate with the instructor. Using Canvas Email located in the "In Box" menu, gives the student access to the instructor and other classmates without having to remember or type email addresses; the student just selects a name from the list. The instructor will attempt to respond to all Canvas email within a timely manner. Please always include in the subject line of the Canvas email, the student's name, course number and course section number.

**Assessment:**

The following items will be assigned during the semester and used to calculate the student's final grade:

- **Quizzes and Assignments**
  - o Students will read the required material and complete quizzes and assignments over the content. The ability to makeup late quizzes and assignments will be determined by the instructor for a reduced score.
- **Presentations**
  - o *Students are required to create 2-4 (depending on class size) presentations and present the material to the class. Each presentation will have an assigned topic that must meet the requirements of the the presentation rubric. Students are required to attend all class meetings to serve as an audience for their peers. Points will be deducted from a student's presentation score for an unexcused absence on the day of a presentation.*
- **Tests**

- o There will be three tests. In the online section the second test will be given in the Testing Center locations only. Students are only allowed ONE makeup test per semester due to an excused absence with the approval of the instructor.
- **Final Exam**
  - o The Final Exam will be cumulative. In the online section the Final will be given in the Testing Center locations only.

**Course Grade:**

The grading scale for this course is as follows:

- Quizzes and Assignments – 20%
- Presentations - 20%
- Tests – 40%
- Final Exam – 20%

**Grading Notes:**

**Missed Exams:** Missed exams due to legitimate reasons should be taken prior to the reporting of mid-term or final grades as applicable. It is the responsibility of the student to reschedule the makeup with the instructor. The Instructor reserves the right to change the test format of any makeup. Instructors are not required to makeup work for an unexcused class absence. The Instructor also reserves the right to give full or partial credit for any makeup work that is allowed and that resulted from an unexcused absence.

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**Attendance:** Attendance is based on the student missing no more than 10% out of the semester without a valid excuse. After the 10% the instructor may withdraw the student at their discretion. Any student thirty or more minutes late will be counted absent. Students that leave before class is dismissed will be counted absent. The Instructor reserves the right to dock points for any missed class without a legitimate excuse.

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