

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: ECET 120 Renewable Energy Systems

CLASS SECTION: X01A, X01B, X02

TERM: 2022W

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S):

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.

Learn more about Camosun's [Territorial Acknowledgement](#).

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges, and Camosun College is committed to helping you safely complete your education. Following guidelines from the Provincial Health Officer, WorkSafe BC, and the B.C. Government to ensure the health and wellbeing of students and employees, Camosun College is providing you with every possible protection to keep you safe. Our measures include COVID Training for students and employees, health checks, infection control protocols including sanitization of spaces, PPE and ensuring physical distancing. For details on these precautions please follow this link: <http://camosun.ca/covid19/faq/covid-fags-students.html>. However, if you're at all uncomfortable being on campus, please share your concerns with your Instructor. If needed, alternatives will be discussed.

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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OFFICE: TEC 208

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Students will gain the foundational knowledge necessary for the analysis and design of renewable energy (RE) systems including: solar photovoltaic (PV), wind, solar thermal, hydroelectric, tidal, wave, geothermal, bioenergy and fuel cell technologies. Students will examine energy generation from renewable sources as well as energy storage systems.

PREREQUISITE(S): C in ECET 140

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course a student will be able to:

- describe characteristics of renewable energy (RE) resources;
- explain the principles of operation of RE systems, including solar photovoltaic (PV), hydrogen fuel cells, wind, solar thermal, hydroelectric, tidal, wave, geothermal and bioenergy;
- explain the benefits and limitations of RE systems vs conventional power generation;
- analyze the operation and efficiency of RE systems;
- calculate the energy inputs, outputs and efficiency of RE systems;
- explain differences between AC and DC power generation/distribution systems;
- propose a RE system based on stated energy supply requirements;
- describe characteristics of energy storage systems;
- analyze and give examples of RE case studies;
- assess challenges of RE integration;
- design, construct and operate an RE system in the laboratory.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

Website: D2L website for ECET 120

Optional Text: Renewable Energy Systems, Buchla, Kissell & Floyd
(references from this text are provided in the table below)

Optional Text: Renewable Energy: Power for a sustainable future, ed. Boyle
(references from this text are provided in [] in the table below)

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

HOURS	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
3	Introduction	Section 1.1 Sections 6.5-6.7 Sections 13.1-13.2 [Chapter 1]
7	Solar Photovoltaic	Section 1.3 Chapter 3 Sections 4.1-4.3 Chapter 5 Section 6.3 [Chapter 3]
6	Hydrogen Fuel Cells	Chapter 12 [Section 10.6]
7	Wind	Section 1.4 Chapter 7 Chapter 8 Sections 13.3-13.4 [Chapter 7]

HOURS	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
4	Solar Thermal	Sections 4.4-4.5 Chapter 5 Section 10.4 [Chapter 2]
5	Energy Storage	Sections 6.1-6.2 [Chapter 10]
1*	Hydroelectricity	Section 1.6 Sections 11.1-11.3 [Chapter 5]
1*	Tidal	Section 11.4 [Chapter 6]
1*	Wave	Section 11.5 [Chapter 8]
1*	Geothermal	Section 1.5 Sections 10.1-10.3 Section 10.5 [Chapter 9]
1*	Bioenergy	Section 1.7 Chapter 9 [Chapter 4]
0.5	Nuclear	Section 1.2 [Section 1.1]
0.5	Integration and the Grid	Chapter 14 [Chapter 10]
0.5	Conservation	[Section 10.7]
9	Review, tests, and holidays	* These topics will be covered by class presentations, during lab time.

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

Lab posting and due dates are available on D2L.

LAB WEEK	LAB ACTIVITY
1	Generation of DC and AC Voltage and Inverters
2	Photovoltaic Solar Energy: IV Characteristic and Dynamic Resistance
3	Photovoltaic Solar Energy: Panel Efficiency
4	Photovoltaic Solar Energy: Camosun College Solar Panels

LAB WEEK	LAB ACTIVITY
5	Hydrogen Fuel Cell: Electrolysis of Water
6	Hydrogen Fuel Cell: Performance
7	Wind Energy: Generated Voltage and Power
8	Wind Energy: Tip Speed Ratio, Blade Pitch and Gearing
9	Solar Thermal Water Heating
10	Battery Charging and Discharging
11	Class Presentations (hydro, tidal, wave)
12	Class Presentations (geothermal, bioenergy)
13	Available for exam review

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Class presentation	10%
Tests (2) Test 1 (week 6): Monday 14 February Test 2 (week 10): Monday 14 March	30%
Labs	20%
Final exam: week of 19 – 27 April 2022 To pass the course, students must obtain a minimum of 50% on the final exam.	40%
TOTAL	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information.
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COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

You are encouraged to work on posted problem sets. These will not be graded. Solutions will be posted.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Electronics & Computer Engineering Technology
 Chair: Alan Duncan

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

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(<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html>) and the Grading Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf>.

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this Syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.