

***ENERGY & CONTROL SYSTEMS***  
***TECH 204***

Technology Education Program  
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Feinstein School of Education and Human Development  
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***Communication Devices:*** Out of courtesy for other students and the instructor, please silence and place out of sight all communication devices (cell phones and pagers, etc.) during class time so that we may learn and work together without distraction.

**I COURSE TITLE:** TECH 204 - 01 *Energy & Control Systems* (3 credits)  
**CLASS HOURS:** Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 - 12:00  
**CLASSROOM LOCATION:** WH 100

**II PREREQUISITES:** None

**III COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Energy sources and common energy processing techniques are introduced. Study includes control devices, energy transmission technology, and operation of energy conservation systems.

*A. Relationship to Feinstein School and Professional Development*

This course is designed to introduce a range of energy processing and energy control techniques. The study of energy processing and control systems will form awareness of the necessary resources and their manipulation to create energy. Historical and contemporary processing methods will be investigated to provide a view of innovation and invention. Issues related to impacts of energy processing and control and their relationships with the individual, society, and the environment will support appropriate problem solving and decision-making opportunities. The directed laboratory experiences emphasize the application of physical laws of science, data acquisition, and data analysis, giving participants appreciation and understanding of the basic mechanisms within energy processing and contemporary control systems.

Students will reflect on, analyze, select, and implement new and contemporary methods, activities, and curricula related to technology education. Students will be introduced to technological principles and cross-curricular opportunities to solve problems related to

energy processing. Students will be prepared to teach energy and control system topics using strategies appropriate for pre-service teachers.

Participants in this course shall benefit from consistent best practice scenarios and the intentional use of models that explore global attitudes and diverse student populations in the technology education classroom. This technology education course is grounded in FSHED's Conceptual Framework and the PAR Model embrace by Rhode Island College.

#### **IV STANDARDS ACHIEVED:**

*Standards for Technological Literacy*

##### **The Nature of Technology**

- 1: Students will develop an understanding of the characteristics and scope of technology
- 2: Students will develop an understanding of the core concepts of technology.
- 3: Students will develop an understanding of the relationships among technologies and the connections between technology and other fields of study.

##### **Technology and Society**

- 5: Students will develop an understanding of the effects of technology on the environment.
- 6: Students will develop an understanding of the role of society in the development and use of technology.
- 7: Students will develop an understanding of the influence of technology on history.

##### **Design**

- 8: Students will develop an understanding of the attributes of design.
- 9: Students will develop an understanding of engineering design.
- 10: Students will develop an understanding of the role of troubleshooting, research and development, invention and innovation, and experimentation in problem solving.

##### **The Designed World**

16. Students will develop an understanding of and be able to select and use energy and power technologies.

*RIBTS*

1.2; 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7; 3.3; 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4

#### **V COURSE GOALS:**

As a result of participating in this course, students will be able to:

1. compare and contrast traditional and alternative sources of energy;
2. describe the ways that energy is transformed from one form to another;
3. explain the systems that are used to control and distribute energy;
4. use terminology and units of measurement related to energy processing and control systems;
5. outline the flow of resources, processes, and applications critical to the operation of energy processing & control systems;
6. describe growth patterns and trends in consumers' use of energy;
7. design, build, and test a variety of energy and control devices.

#### **VI TEXT:**

Litowitz, L. & Brown, R. (2007). *Energy, Power, and Transportation Technology*. ISBN 13: 978-1-59070-221-5

## VII CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Students should attend all class meetings and are responsible for all class work and assignments. At the beginning of each semester, instructors will distribute a syllabus, which may include attendance and/or class participation as a component of the course grade. Students who are absent must take the initiative to determine from the instructor what course work can be made up. Students who are absent on the day of an examination should make every effort to call the instructor (or department office) before the scheduled test.

....All students who incur or anticipate an extended absence (five or more consecutive days or more) should call the Office of Student Life at 456 - 8061, so that notice (not an excuse) may be sent to instructors. (p. 38 RIC Student Handbook)

- The policy of this class is that after the THIRD absence the final grade will be dropped one letter grade.
- Six unexcused absences from this class will result in a final grade of (F).
- Absences are considered excused **only** when official documentation of the nature of the absence is supplied by the student. (i.e. attending physician's notice, court documents, obituaries, field trip memo)
- All exams and quizzes will be taken at the scheduled time. Make-up exams and quizzes may not be provided unless proper documentation is presented.

## VIII COURSE CONTENT

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| <p>I. Introduction<br/>Orientation<br/>A. Power defined<br/>B. Energy processing<br/>C. Historical events<br/>D. Innovators &amp; Inventors</p> <p>II. Energy Resources<br/>A. Types of Energy<br/>1. Chemical<br/>2. Electrical<br/>3. Heat/Thermal<br/>4. Light<br/>5. Mechanical<br/>6. Nuclear</p> <p>B. Traditional Resource Estimates<br/><u>(Hard Path)</u><br/>1. Petroleum<br/>a.Extraction<br/>b.Transportation<br/>c.Preparation</p> | <p>d.Combustion<br/>e.Disposal</p> <p>2. Natural Gas<br/>3. Coal<br/>4. Wood<br/>5. Nuclear<br/>6. Animal<br/>C. Alternative Resource Estimates<br/><u>(Soft Path)</u><br/>1. Solar<br/>2. Wind<br/>3. Hydroelectric<br/>4. Biomass<br/>5. Geothermal</p> <p>III. Thermodynamics<br/>A. Terms and Concepts of the 1st Law<br/>1. System<br/>2. Boundary<br/>3. Surroundings<br/>4. Closed System<br/>5. Open System<br/>6. Isolated System</p> <p>B. 1st Law of Thermodynamics<br/>Energy can neither be created nor destroyed</p> <p>C. Terms and Concepts of the 2nd Law<br/>1. Property<br/>2. State</p> |
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3. Equilibrium
  4. Process
  5. Reversible Process
  6. Irreversible Process
  7. Isothermal Processes
  8. Adiabatic Processes
  9. Internal Energy
- D. 2nd Law of Thermodynamics  
Energy becomes random and loses its ability to work

#### IV. Units of Measure

##### A. Metric System (MKS)

1. Joule
2. Watt
3. Meter
4. Kilogram
5. Seconds
6. Newton
7. Degree Celsius
8. Degree Kelvin
9. Kilocalorie
10. Liter
11. Ampere
12. Volt

##### B. British Units

1. Horsepower
2. Foot
3. Second
4. Degree Fahrenheit ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$ )
5. Degree Rankine ( $^{\circ}\text{R}$ )= $460^{\circ}\text{F}$
6. Btu
7. Gallon

#### V. Conversion

##### A. Converting Systems

1. Resources
2. Systems design
3. Processing methods
4. Legal issues
5. Regulations/Monitoring

##### B. Human power

1. Simple machines
  - a. Lever
  - b. Inclined plane
  - c. Wheel and Axle
  - d. Wedge
  - e. Pulley
  - f. Screw
2. Actual Mechanical Advantage
3. Theoretical Mechanical Advantage
4. Efficiency

##### C. Windmills

1. Wind power
2. Maps
3. Isobars
4. Weather
5. Topography
6. Geography
7. Convection
8. Aerodynamics
9. Rotor requirements
10. Types
  - a. Vertical-vaned windmill
  - b. Post windmill
  - c. Smock windmill
  - d. Multi-vane windmill
11. Power
  - a. Mechanical
  - b. Electrical (D.C./ A.C.)
  - c. Pumping

##### D. Water wheels

1. Water power
  - a. Flow characteristics
  - b. Depth
  - c. Resource availability
  - d. Mechanical power
2. Types
  - a. Undershot
  - b. Overshot
  - c. Horizontal
  - d. Water turbine
3. Power
  - a. Grinding
  - b. Stamping
  - c. Hydroelectric

##### E. Heat Engines

1. External combustion
  - a. Steam Engines
  - b. Steam power
    - i. Heat theory
    - ii. Efficiency
    - iii. Valve/Governor development
    - iv. Rotary motion
2. Types
  - a. Walking beam
  - b. Vertical
  - c. Horizontal
  - d. Oscillating
3. Power
  - a. Prime movement
  - b. Locomotion
  - c. Labor-saving devices
4. Internal combustion

- a. Reciprocating engines
  - b. Fossil fuel~heat energy
  - c. Heat theory
  - d. Gas expansion
  - e. Cylinder development
  - f. Cylinder pressure
5. Types
- a. Two stroke cycle
  - b. Four stroke cycle
    - i. Gasoline
    - ii. Deisel
    - iii. Other
- F. Solar Systems
1. Passive
  2. Active
  3. Photovoltaics
  4. Solar Thermal Electricity
  5. Control & transmission
- G. Fluid Systems
1. Hydraulics
    - a. Liquid
    - b. System requirements
    - c. Theory
    - d. Transmission
  2. Pneumatics
    - a. Liquid
    - b. System requirements
    - c. Theory
    - d. Transmission
- H. Electrical
1. Principles
    - a. Magnetism
    - b. Conventional theory
    - c. Electron theory
    - d. Measurement
      - i. amps
      - ii. Ohms
      - iii. Volts
  2. Control & transmission
  3. Circuit design
  4. Storage systems
  5. AC/DC Generators
- VI. Mechanical transmission
- A. Transmissions
  - B. Belt drives
  - C. Gear systems
  - D. Chain drives
  - E. Clutch systems
  - F. Braking systems
  - G. Cams
  - H. Variable speed drives
- VII. Alternative Process Systems
- A. Hydrogen Systems
  - B. Geothermal
  - C. Battery Storage Systems
  - D. Superconductors
  - E. Fuel Cells
  - F. Heat Storage
- VIII. Conservation and Efficiency
- A. Energy Demand
    1. Residential Sector
    2. Commercial Sector
    3. Transportation Sector
    4. Industrial Sector
  - B. Managing Energy
    1. Smaller Renewable Sources
    2. Supply Side Dominance
    3. Demand Side Dominance
    4. Energy Policy and Practice
    5. Renewable Energy Sources
    6. Increased Systems Efficiency
- IX. Environmental Concerns of Energy Production
- A. Air Pollution
    1. Clean Air Act
    2. Pollution Prevention
    3. Gases and Other Emissions
      - a. Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)
      - b. Metahane
      - c. Carbon Monoxide (CO)
      - d. Hydrocarbons
      - e. Ozone
      - f. Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)
      - g. Chlorofluorocarbons (CFC)
      - h. Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)
  - B. Water Use
    1. State/Fed Regs
  - C. Point and non-point sources
  - D. Site Disruption
  - E. Effects on Health
  - F. Energy Debt
  - G. Waste Stream
  - H. Geopolitics

## IX METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

Instructional strategies will include:

- Lecture
- Multimedia
- Individual reports
- Group interaction
- Electronic media
- Discussion/Question and answer

**X EVALUATION:**

MID-TERM /QUIZES	10%
ENERGY/CONTROL PRESENTATION	10%
FINAL PROJECT/ SIMPLE MACHINES	20%
(2) ENERGY REVIEW PAPERS	10%
PARTICIPATION/PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR	10%
WIND TURBINE	10%
SOLAR ENERGY DEVICE	20%
ROBOT ARM PROGRAM	10%
TOT	100%

Final course grades are assigned on the basis of total points earned from exams, quizzes and projects. All points earned during the semester will be totaled and a percentage will be determined from the points earned. The final grade will be determined from the following percentages.

**Grade Scale:**

A	100% - 96%	C+	79% - 76%
A-	95% - 90%	C	75% - 73%
B +	89% - 86%	C-	72% - 70%
B	85% - 83%	D	69% - 60%
B-	82% - 80%	F	59% or less

**Participation/Professional Courtesy :** It is expected that all members of the class will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Students will respect the ideas and comments of others. Failure to behave in a mature manner and disregard for classroom rules will be dealt with by reducing the grade in the Participation/Professional Behavior Category 10 points for each infraction.

**XI SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHIC MATERIALS**

Flavin, C. & Podesta, J. (2006). American Energy: The renewable Path to Energy Security. Worldwatch Institute and the Center for American Progress. Washington, DC: Worldwatch.

Flavin, C., Mastny, L., and Amanda Chiu. (2008). Low Carbon Energy: A Road Map. Worldwatch Report 178. Washington, DC: Worldwatch Institute. ISBN: 978-1-878071-87-3

Martinot, E., Junfeng, and Mastny, L. (2007). Powering China’s Development: The Role of Renewable Energy. Worldwatch Report 175. Washington, DC: Worldwatch Institute. ISBN: 978-1-878071-83-5

Renner, M., Sweeney, S., and Kubit, J. (2008). Green Jobs: Working for People and the Environment. Worldwatch Report 175. Washington, DC: Worldwatch Institute. ISBN: 978-1-878071-86-6

## XII WEB SITES:

### *Hydro electric:*

Hydro Power: <http://www.hydroquebec.com/en/index.html> (Learning)

Bonneville Dam Area, Oregon: <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/op/b/home.asp>

Bonneville Curriculum guide: <https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/op/b/tpak.asp>

BC Hydro: <http://www.bchydro.com/powersmart/>

Water Power Curriculum: <http://www.fwee.org/TG/nwaterpwr.html>

### *Wind:*

Kid Wind Project: <http://www.kidwind.org/>

Wind Turbines: [http://www1.eere.energy.gov/windandhydro/wind\\_how.html](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/windandhydro/wind_how.html)

Savonius Wind Turbine: <http://www.angelfire.com/ak5/energy21/microsavonius.htm>

Danish Wind Power Association: <http://www.windpower.org/en/core.htm>

Energy for Kids: <http://www.alliantenergykids.com>

### *Solar:*

USA Million Solar Roofs.com: <http://www.millionsolarroofs.com/>

Solar Energy Experiments: [www.need.org/needpdf/ExploringSolarTeacher.pdf](http://www.need.org/needpdf/ExploringSolarTeacher.pdf)

Photovoltaics: <http://www.need.org/needpdf/PhotovoltaicsTeacher.pdf>

Exploring Solar Energy: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/education/lessonplans/plan.cfm/lpid=268>

NASA Solar Energy Guide:

[www.nasa.gov/pdf/163008main\\_SESE\\_TeachersGuide\\_Part\\_dc3.pdf](http://www.nasa.gov/pdf/163008main_SESE_TeachersGuide_Part_dc3.pdf)

### *Nuclear:*

How Nuclear Power Works: <http://www.howstuffworks.com/nuclear-power.htm>

International Atomic Energy Association: <http://www.iaea.org/worldatom/>

### *Water Power:*

Harpers Ferry Photo Archive: <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/waterpwr/wheel.htm>

Sheffield Water Wheels: <http://www.tilthammer.com/water/>

Slater Mill Links: <http://www.woonsocket.org/slaterlinks.html>

Water Wheel Images: <http://images.google.com/images?q=Water+Wheels&hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&sa=N&tab=wi>

Water History: <http://www.waterhistory.org/gallery/waterwheels>

### *Energy:*

Fossil Fuel Energy Guide:

[http://fossil.energy.gov/education/energylessons/Study\\_Guides\\_and\\_Activities.html](http://fossil.energy.gov/education/energylessons/Study_Guides_and_Activities.html)

International Energy Agency: <http://www.iea.org/>

Pipeline (oil) Choke points: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cabs/choke.html>

National Renewable Energy Laboratory: <http://www.nrel.gov/>

Alternate Fuels Data Center: <http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/>

New England Profile: [http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/reps/abstracts/new\\_eng.html](http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/reps/abstracts/new_eng.html)

### *Coal:*

Kentucky Coal Education Association: <http://www.coaleducation.org/>  
Kentucky Coal Facts: [http://www.coaleducation.org/Ky\\_Coal\\_Facts/](http://www.coaleducation.org/Ky_Coal_Facts/)  
Coal Energy for Kids: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/kids/energyfacts/sources/non-renewable/coal.html>

*Transportation:*

USDOT: <http://www.dot.gov/>

Bureau of Transportation Statistics: <http://www.bts.gov/gis/ntatlas/facilities.html>



**Tentative Schedule  
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<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity/Topic</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>January</b>			
1	20 - 22	Introductions/Syllabus/Schedule Energy & Power <i>Review Paper Assignment</i>	pp. 24 - 38 <i>Handout</i>
2	27 -29	Intro to Energy <b>January 27<sup>th</sup> Review Paper 1 Due</b> <i>Energy Presentation Intro</i>	pp. 39 - 53 <i>Handout</i>
<b>February</b>			
3	3 - 5	NON- Renewable Resources Petroleum Resources Petroleum Supplies/Production Natural Gas Resources Supplies & Measurement  Coal Availability Coal/Electricity Coal and the Environment	56 – 73 Handout Powerpoint  Powerpoint Handouts
4	10 - 13	<i>Wind Energy Intro</i> Wind Turbine Wind Power	pp. 111 - 114 Powerpoint
5	17 - 19	OPEN LAB WIND DEVICE CONSTRUCTION <i>Energy presentation progress</i>	
6	24 - 26	<b>ENERGY PRESENTATIONS</b>	
<b>March</b>			
7	3 - 5	Nuclear Energy Reactor Types Impacts of Nuclear Power <b>MID-TERM/March 3</b> <b>TURBINE DUE MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup></b>	pp. 76 - 96
8		<b>SPRING BREAK MARCH 9 – 16TH</b>	
9	17 - 19	Renewable Energy Intro	pp. 98 - 120

**Review paper 2 Due March 12<sup>th</sup>**

<b>10</b>	24 - 26	Solar Energy	pp. 122 - 143
<b>11</b>	31	Active and Passive Systems	Handouts
<b>April</b>	2	Power Systems Simple Machines	pp. 144 – 162 pp. 202 - 219
<b>12</b>	7 - 9	Electrical Conversion & Storage Systems Power Conversion	pp. 163 - 201 pp. 299 - 322
<b>13</b>	14 - 16	Robotic Arm Introduction Fluid Control Systems <b>Solar Device Due April 16<sup>th</sup></b>	QuesTech Handouts pp. 228 - 255
<b>14</b>	21 - 23	Control and Automation Robot Programming <b>Program &amp; Editing Due Simple Machines Lab</b>	pp. 256 - 277
<b>15</b>	28 - 30	FINAL ACTIVITY DUE <b><i>SIMPLE MACHINES</i></b>	