

**MIDLAND COLLEGE  
SYLLABUS  
DEMR 1317  
DIESEL BRAKE SYSTEMS  
2-4**

**Course Description:** Operation and repair of drum/disc type brake systems. Emphasis on safe use of modern equipment. Topics include brake theory, diagnosis and repair of power, manual, anti-lock brake systems, and parking brakes. May be taught manufacturer specific.

Students MUST actively participate by completing an academic assignment required by the instructor by the official census date. Students who do not actively participate in an academically-related activity will be reported as never attended and dropped from the course.

**Text, References and Supplies:** Required: **Cengage Unlimited digital e-book—** Modern Diesel Technology: Brakes, Suspension & Steering, 1st Edition- 9781418013721

**Course Goals/Objectives:** Utilizing appropriate safety procedures, the student will diagnose and repair air brake, hydraulic, air over hydraulic systems; diagnose and repair drum/disc brake systems; diagnose and repair parking brakes; and diagnose and repair anti-lock brake systems.

**A. AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS**

**B. HYDRAULIC SYSTEM DIAGNOSIS AND REPAIR**

**C. DRUM BRAKE DIAGNOSIS AND REPAIR**

**D. DISC BRAKE DIAGNOSIS AND REPAIR**

**E. POWER ASSIST UNITS DIAGNOSIS AND REPAIR**

**F. MISCELLANEOUS (WHEEL BEARINGS, PARKING BRAKES, ELECTRICAL, ETC.) DIAGNOSIS AND REPAIR**

**G. ANTI-LOCK BRAKE SYSTEM**

**Students may perform the following tasks in order to maintain safe lab and classroom spaces:**

- Participate in shop and classroom maintenance which may include, but not limited to sweeping, mopping, disposing of trash, cleaning work benches, organize tools and equipment, organize tool room, disinfect classroom tables and chairs.
- Disassemble discontinued lab training vehicles or equipment for salvage.
- Repurpose lab vehicles to be utilized in lab assignments.
- Other course related tasks as assigned by instructor.

**Student Contributions and Class Policies:**

1. Student/Participant must furnish a set of approved safety eye glasses.
2. Student/Participant must understand class attendance is critical therefore three consecutive absences or five total absences may be considered justification for failure or dismissal from class.
3. Punctuality, being prepared for class, being alert, participating pro-actively and exhibiting a respectful and appropriate attitude will be required.

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**Evaluation of Students:**

10% = Attendance/Punctuality	
10% = Professionalism/Participation	
25% = Mid-term & Final exams	
40% = Skills Objectives (Lab Assignments)	
<u>15% = Knowledge Objectives (Classroom Assignments)</u>	
100% Total	
90 and above	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
59 and below	F

**Course Schedule:** This class meets for 2 lecture hours and 4 lab hours per week.

**SCANS Information:** SCANS skills are taught and/or reinforced in diesel courses. The student must locate, read, interpret and understand instruction information and direction materials. The participant must communicate thoughts, ideas and information through verbal and written mediums. Practical arithmetic and mathematics will apply continually throughout diesel technology training. Listening, interpreting, and responding to verbal communications and instructions as well as speaking in response to questioning will be a daily involvement. Thinking, reasoning, visualizing and problem solving are required assets to the automotive technician. The student/participant must display responsibility, self-management and honesty.

**Administrative Information:**

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Students should feel free to contact the instructor at any time. Appointments are encouraged for advising and planning the most appropriate or beneficial course work.

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**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

Any student who, because of a disabling condition, may require some special arrangements to meet course requirements should contact disabilities support services as soon as possible at: [Accommodation Services](#). Conditions may include documented physical or educational disabilities. Please be aware that services or accommodations are not automatic. Each student must request them and secure the proper authorizations/documentation. Accessibility Links can be found on the Pages tab in Canvas.

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