# **CNST-2210: MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS**

# **Cuyahoga Community College**

# Viewing: CNST-2210 : Mechanical and Electrical Systems

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Subject Code

**CNST - Construction Engineering Tech** 

#### Course Number:

2210

Title:

Mechanical and Electrical Systems

#### **Catalog Description:**

Study of mechanical and electrical systems for building construction, water supply, waste and sanitation. Heat loss, heat gain and hydronic heating systems; forced air and solar heating systems used in buildings; electrical systems of power distribution and lighting for commercial buildings among the topics covered.

#### Credit Hour(s):

3

Lecture Hour(s):

3

# **Requisites**

#### Prerequisite and Corequisite

CNST-2131 Construction Methods and Materials or concurrent enrollment; and eligibility for MATH-0955 Beginning Algebra; or departmental approval.

# Outcomes

#### Course Outcome(s):

Recognize and identify heating and cooling systems in commercial and/or residential buildings in order to determine the method(s) used for heating and cooling in the building.

#### Objective(s):

- 1. Identify the electrical systems that are specified for a building design.
- 2. Explain the principles of electrical service delivery from a transformer substation to an actual building.
- 3. Identify mechanical systems specified for a building design including plumbing, heating, and cooling.

#### Course Outcome(s):

Participate in planning and design of electrical distribution, lighting, and electrical energy management from reading a set of working "as-built" plans.

#### Objective(s):

- 1. Explain the principles of electrical service delivery from a transformer substation to an actual building.
- 2. Analyze and select proper methods applicable for installation of electrical and mechanical systems for buildings.
- 3. Explain current fire protection systems and national codes for buildings.

#### Course Outcome(s):

Participate in the planning, design, and economical selection of mechanical equipment for buildings from reading a set of working "as-built" plans.

#### Objective(s):

- 1. Explain the principles of environmental control required for water treatment and sewer systems.
- 2. Explain the principles of heating and cooling operations required for environmental control in buildings.
- 3. Identify mechanical systems specified for a building design including plumbing, heating, and cooling.
- 4. Analyze and select proper methods applicable for installation of electrical and mechanical systems for buildings.
- 5. Explain current fire protection systems and national codes for buildings.

#### **Methods of Evaluation:**

- a. Quizzes
- b. Written Assignments
- c. Exams
- d. Instructor observation/evaluation of student lab exercise performance
- e. Participation
- f. Projects
- g. Oral presentations

#### **Course Content Outline:**

- a. Water Systems
  - i. Public and private water systems and pumping methods
  - ii. Line types used in structural drawing
  - iii. Water treatment operation
  - iv. System maintenance
    - 1. thermal expansion
    - 2. shock expansion
  - v. Up-feed distribution & pumping and applications
  - vi. Down-feed pumping and applications
  - vii. Hot water supply
    - capacity calculations
    - 2. circulation system
    - 3. storage tank size
  - viii. Water supply
    - 1. water pressure & pipe size
    - 2. water consumption
- b. Sanitary systems
  - i. Principles
  - ii. Governing codes
  - iii. Sanitary drainage
    - 1. building drains
    - 2. soil & waste vent stacks
    - 3. plumbing codes
    - 4. system design
  - iv. Special Equipment
  - 1. sumps and ejectors
    - 2. backflow preventers
    - 3. backwater valves
- c. Plumbing Systems
- i. Pipe & fittings
  - ii. Pipe flow & venting
  - iii. Plumbing fixtures
  - 1. water closets
    - 2. lavatories
    - 3. tubs and showers
  - 4. laundry sinks
- d. Storm Sewer Systems
  - i. Waste problems
  - ii. Water pollution control

- iii. Water retention
- iv. Water drainage and run-off
- e. Sanitary Sewage Disposal Systems
  - i. Municipal sewage treatment
  - ii. Private sewage treatment
  - iii. Sewer piping and materials
    - 1. pipe size
    - 2. manhole location
- f. Fire Protection Systems
  - i. National codes
  - ii. Building materials
  - iii. Building design
  - iv. Signal and alarm planning
  - v. Lighting protection
  - vi. Standpipes
- g. Heating and Cooling Systems
  - i. Heat loss
  - ii. Heat flow and transfer
  - iii. Effects of air motion
  - iv. Heat gain
  - v. Methods of heating
    - 1. boilers, furnace, radiant, electrical
    - 2. system controls
    - 3. geothermal
  - vi. Air Conditioning
    - 1. compression cooling
    - 2. absorption cooling
    - 3. air distribution
    - 4. unit capacity
  - 5. equipment selection
- h. Electricity Principles
  - i. Amps, volts, watts, ohms
  - ii. DC series & parallel circuits
  - iii. AC-DC circuits
  - iv. Electricity generation
- i. Electrical Systems
  - i. Conductors and raceways
  - ii. Equipment ratings
    - 1. voltage, wattage, current
    - 2. ampacity
    - 3. gauge
    - 4. insulation
    - 5. cable
    - 6. busway
    - 7. bus
    - 8. connections
  - iii. Service and utilization
    - 1. underground
    - 2. overhead
    - 3. metering
    - 4. transformers & poles
    - 5. service switch
    - 6. wiring devices
  - iv. Protective devices
    - 1. fuses, circuit breakers
    - 2. lighting protection
  - v. Emergency power generation
- j. Wiring Design

- i. Load estimating
- ii. 2-3-4 wire service
- iii. Single and three-phase service
- iv. Panel design
- v. Circuit design
- vi. Safety switches
- k. Electronic Security
- i. Fire detection systems
  - ii. Security devices
    - 1. smoke
    - 2. fume
    - 3. gas detection
- iii. Control systems & monitors
- I. Energy Management Systems
- i. Timers, photoelectric cells
- ii. Computer control
- m. Lighting Systems
  - i. Luminance
  - ii. Contrast
  - iii. Exposure, glare, diffusion
  - iv. Color
  - v. Sources
    - 1. incandescent lamps
    - 2. fluorescent lamps
    - 3. neon lamps
    - 4. tungsten lamps
    - 5. HID lamps
    - 6. mercury lamps
  - vi. Design
    - 1. General & local lighting
    - 2. Indirect
    - 3. Fixture mounting height

# Resources

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