

# Brazosport College

## Syllabus for INTC 2359 – Distributed Control Systems

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### I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

#### **INTC 2359 – Distributed Control Systems CIP 1504040011**

Philosophy and application of distributed control systems. Includes hardware, firmware, software, configuration, communications, and networking systems required to implement a distributed control strategy. End of course outcomes: Demonstrate measurement, control, data acquisition, and data analysis; and outline enterprise resource planning and management.

**Credit Hours:** 3 (2 lecture, 2 lab)

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- A. Prerequisite:** Grade of “C” or better in INTC 1343.  
**Required skill level:** College level reading and writing.

## II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

### A. Terminology:

Course Objective 1: Demonstrate an understanding of terminology related to Distributive Control Systems.

- Enabling Objective 1.1: Complete exercises to demonstrate proficiency with DCS Terminology.
- Enabling Objective 1.2: Complete Drawings/Labeling of major and minor DCS components.

### B. Distributive Control System Hardware:

Course Objective 2: Determine proper Hardware Configuration.

- Enabling Objective 2.1: Utilize Manufacturer specifications to determine Hardware requirements.
- Enabling Objective 2.3: Calculate power consumption and determine requirements for DCS Input/Output (I/O) cabinet power supply.
- Enabling Objective 2.4: Evaluate the purpose of various I/O cards and their functionality as they relate to instrumentation loops while performing instrument loop verifications.

### C. Distributive Control System Software and communication:

Course Objective 3: Provided Instrument Loop requirements, Utilize DCS software to analyze, tune, and record data pertaining to instrument loops.

- Enabling Objective 3.1: Utilizing DCS software, create a time lapsed recording of Instrument inputs and outputs.
- Enabling Objective 3.2: Perform calibrations to instrument loop tuning settings for efficient and manageable instrument loop control.
- Enabling Objective 3.3: Utilizing DeltaV AMS Device Manager, connect to a field device to perform basic communication and configuration.

## III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

OUTCOMES	METHOD OF ASSESSMENT
Student will learn basic terminology that relates to DCS systems.	Test
Student learns about how A DCS interfaces with enterprise resource planning and management.	Test
Student will learn basic DCS Hardware and configuration within an Input/Output cabinet.	Test, Lab

OUTCOMES	METHOD OF ASSESSMENT
Student will learn the functionality of DCS communication with instrumentation, including some software capabilities.	Test, Lab
Student will perform measurement, control/tuning, data acquisition, and data analysis of A DCS system.	Test, Lab

#### IV. TEXTBOOK OR COURSE MATERIAL INFORMATION

##### A. Textbook

1. No textbook, materials provided by instructor
2. Calculator TI-30XIIS (required)
3. Visorgogs Safety Glasses (required)
4. Hard Hat (required)

Required course materials are available at the Brazosport College bookstore, on campus or online at <http://brazosport.edu/bookstore/home.html>. A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college bookstore. The same textbook is/may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

**For Distance Education Courses include the following:** Contact the Brazosport College Bookstore with a credit card for course materials. Phone: 979-230-3651. Fax: 979-230-3653. Email: [bookstore@brazosport.edu](mailto:bookstore@brazosport.edu). Website: <http://brazosport.edu/bookstore/home.html>.

##### Office Hours:

For fulltime faculty, office hours may change from semester to semester. Current faculty office hours are included on the syllabus, see link: <https://brazosport.edu/faculty-and-staff/resources/course-syllabi-instructor-information/>

For an adjunct faculty, no office hours are required, and they are not assigned an office. To set up an appointment with an adjunct, contact the instructor as per the email address on the syllabus, see link: <https://brazosport.edu/faculty-and-staff/resources/course-syllabi-instructor-information/>

#### V. STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Brazosport College is committed to providing equal education opportunities to every student. BC offers services for individuals with special needs and capabilities including counseling, tutoring, equipment, and software to assist students with special needs. For student to receive any accommodation, documentation must be completed in the Office of Disability Services. Please contact Phil Robertson, Special Populations Counselor at 979-230-3236 for further information.

## **VI. TITLE IX STATEMENT**

Brazosport College faculty and staff are committed to supporting students and upholding the College District's non-discrimination policy. Under Title IX and Brazosport College's policy FFDA (Local), discrimination based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression is prohibited. If you experience an incident of discrimination, we encourage you to report it. While you may talk to a faculty or staff member at BC, please understand that they are "Responsible Employees" and must report what you tell them to college officials. You can also contact the Title IX Coordinators directly by using the contact information below. Additional information is found on the Sexual Misconduct webpage at [www.brazosport.edu/sexualmisconduct](http://www.brazosport.edu/sexualmisconduct)

## **VII. ACADEMIC HONESTY**

Brazosport College assumes that students eligible to perform on the college level are familiar with the ordinary rules governing proper conduct including academic honesty. The principle of academic honesty is that all work presented by you is yours alone. Academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion shall be treated appropriately.

Academic dishonesty violates both the policies of this course and the Student Code of Conduct. In this class, any occurrence of academic dishonesty will be referred to the Dean of Student Services for prompt adjudication, and may, at a minimum, result in F, in this course. Sanctions may be imposed beyond your grade in this course by the Dean of Student Services. Please refer to the Brazosport College Student Guide for more information. This is available online at <http://brazosport.edu/students/for-students/student-services/>.

## **VIII. ATTENDANCE AND WITHDRAWAL POLICIES**

Class attendance contributes to your final grade, but you must attend class to successfully complete the course. If you are unable to complete this course, you must complete and submit a withdrawal form with the registrar's office. If the student decides to drop out of the class, it is the responsibility of the student to initiate a withdrawal before the withdrawal deadline in order to get a "W" on their transcript. If this is not done the student will receive a grade based on test grades and class grades earned during their attendance and absence (i.e., zeros on all missed materials, exams, skills tests, and final exam).

## **IX. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING POLICY TESTING MAKE-UP POLICY**

### **A. Grading**

Attendance, lecture, and lab participation	20%
Quizzes/tests	30%
Lab	20%
Final	30%

Grades are assigned as follows:

Grade	Final Average
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	Below 60

## **X. STUDENT CONDUCT STATEMENT**

Students are expected to be aware of and follow the Brazosport College Student Code of Conduct. Students have violated the Code if they “fail to comply with any lawful directions, verbal or written, of any official at BC.” Lawful directions include precautions and requirements taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at Brazosport College. Students who do not follow safety requirements, including the wearing of a mask, may be removed from class by their instructor and referred to the Dean of Student Services.

## **XI. COVID-19 STATEMENT**

At Brazosport College, all of us, including faculty, staff and students, share a common goal this spring semester, to keep our classes running in the safest manner possible and avoid any disruption to your progress in achieving your educational and career goals. To that end, we ask and encourage you to conduct yourself in the following manner while on campus this semester:

- Every day, perform a self-health check prior to coming to campus and stay home if sick.
- To the greatest extent possible, maintain your distance between you and other students, faculty, and staff while on campus.
- Wear a properly fitted face covering over your mouth and nose while indoors on campus. If you do not have a mask, they will be available to you in all classrooms this spring.
- Practice good hygiene, washing your hands regularly and/or using hand sanitizer.
- The most effective way to protect yourself from Covid-19 is through vaccination. The vaccine is readily available and at no cost to you. Vaccine information and availability can be found at <https://brazosport.edu/coronavirus/vaccine/>.

If at any time this semester you begin to experience Covid symptoms, or if you are exposed to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, please take the following steps:

- Stay home if you're feeling sick and minimize your contact with others.
- Alert the College by completing the Covid-19 Exposure Report Form online at <https://brazosport.edu/coronavirus/report/>. Be sure to provide accurate contact information, including a working phone number that you will answer.
- After submitting the report, you will be promptly contacted by a member of our Rapid Response Team, who will ask you some specific questions about your situation and provide you with guidance moving forward.
- If it is determined that you should not come to class, your instructor will be notified.

**Please know that your instructor will consider course adjustments and potential make-up work only if your case has been reported to Brazosport College, and they've been notified by our response team.** Your instructor will work with you to determine how to manage any make-up work.

The Community Health Network (CHN) Clinic at Brazosport College is located in BC Central B-Wing. While walk-ins are available, your visit will be easier if you pre-register by creating an account at [www.mychn.org](http://www.mychn.org). In addition to providing health and behavioral services, CHN also provides COVID vaccinations and testing. All insurance is accepted, and healthcare is provided on a sliding scale including no cost for those who need it.

Throughout the semester, please regularly check the College's Covid-19 information page at <https://brazosport.edu/coronavirus/>, where the latest updates and guidelines will be posted. As members of the BC community, all of us share a responsibility to each other to be as safe as possible.

## **XII. CAMPUS CLOSURE STATEMENT**

Brazosport College is committed to the health and safety of all students, staff, and faculty and adheres to all federal and state guidelines. The College intends to stay open for the duration of the semester and provide access to classes and support services on campus in the safest way possible. The College will also comply with lawful orders given by applicable authorities, including the Governor of Texas, up to and including campus closure. It is possible that on campus activities may be moved online and/or postpone if such orders are given.

## **XIII. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Students are expected to fully participate in this course. The following criteria are intended to assist you in being successful in this course:

1. Understand the syllabus requirements
2. Use appropriate time management skills
3. Communicate with the instructor
4. Complete course work on time, and
5. Utilize online components (such as Desire2Learn) as required.

## **XIV. OTHER STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATION**

Information about the Library is available at <http://brazosport.edu/students/for-students/places-services/library/about-the-library/> or by calling 979-230-3310.

For assistance with online courses, an open computer lab, online and make-up testing, audio/visual services, and study skills, visit Learning Services next to the Library, call 979-230-3253, or visit <http://brazosport.edu/students/for-students/places-services/learning-services/>

For drop-in math tutoring, the writing center, supplemental instruction and other tutoring including e-tutoring, visit the Student Success Center, call 979-230-3527, or visit <http://brazosport.edu/students/for-students/student-success-center/>

To contact the Physical Sciences and Process Technology Department call 979-230-3618.

The Student Services provides assistance in the following:

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Counseling and Advising	979-230-3040
Financial Aid	979-230-3294
Student Life	979-230-3355

To reach the Information Technology Department for computer, email, or other technical assistance call the Helpdesk at 979-230-3266.



Get the information you need – when you need it. Click <http://geni.us/BRAZO> to install **BC Connect** on your mobile device to receive reminders, explore careers, map your educational plan, be in the know about events, find out about scholarships, achieve your goals and much more.