# **Brazosport College**

#### Syllabus for PTAC 1302 – Introduction to Process Technology

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# I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

#### PTAC 1302 - Introduction to Process Technology CIP 4103010003

Introduction to chemical and refinery plant operations. Topics include process technician duties, responsibilities, and expectations; plant organizations; plant process and utility systems; and the physical and mental requirements of the process technician. **Credit Hours:** 3 (3 lecture, 0 lab)

**A. Required skill level:** College-level reading and writing. Math: College-level with corequisite (placement code 3).

# II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Topic Name	Objectives
Course Overview	1. Describe the following components (aspects) of the PTAC Program:
	Individual expectations
	Program purpose
	Program value
	Industry involvement
	2. Review course objectives
History of the Process	1. Explain the growth and development of the process industries.
Industry	2. Report the impact of the industry on:
	• The community
	Other industries
	• The environment
	• The economy
	3. Identify industry responses to current issues and trends such as:
	Global competition
	<ul> <li>Safety and environmental regulations</li> </ul>
	Technology advancements
	4. Explain and describe the responsibility of the following regulatory
	agencies:
	• EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)
	OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Administration
	• DOT (Department of Transportation)
	NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission)
	Homeland Security
	Local and state regulatory agencies
Green Technologies	1. Describe Green technologies relevant to the industries in your area.
and Related	• BioMass
Industries (Optional)	• Solar
	• Wind
	• Hydro/Water
	• Nuclear
	Recycling Technology
Your Career as a	1. Describe the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of the process
Process Technician	technician:
	• Work environment (all weather, drug and alcohol free, team-
	structured, and constantly changing and 24 hours per day
	operations).
	• Employer expectations.

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Your Career as a	• Equipment and process operations, maintenance and control.
Process Technician	• Physical requirements (lifting, pulling, climbing, etc.).
(cont.)	• Following all procedures, safety systems, and rules for
	everyone's safety and the protection of the environment
	• Housekeeping/Auditing is 24/7
	2. Describe the impact of shift work on:
	<ul> <li>Individual (Health and Safety)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Family relationships.</li> </ul>
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	3. Describe changes and future trends in the role of the process technician.
	<ol> <li>List the factors responsible for future role changes of the process</li> </ol>
	technician.
	5. Describe the difference between organized and non-organized (union
	and non-union) operations.
Working as Teams	1. Describe the differences between work groups and teams.
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	2. Describe the different types of teams encountered in the process industries.
	3. Identify the characteristics of a "High Performance" or an effective
	team.
	4. Define the terms:
	• Synergy
	• Team Dynamics
	5. Describe the steps or stages through which a team evolves (forming,
	storming, norming, and performing).
	6. Identify factors that contribute to the failure of a team including:
	• Failure to achieve the defined outcome
	• Failure as a team to work together and achieve full synergy
	7. Define workforce diversity and its impact on workplace relations:
	• In a team environment
	Work group (co-worker)
Basic Physics	1. Define the application of physics in the process industries.
	2. Define matter and the states in which it exists.
	3. Use physical property characteristics to describe various states of
	matter (liquid, gas, and solids).
	4. Define and provide examples of the following terms:
	• Mass
	• Density
	• Elasticity
	• Viscosity
	• Buoyancy
	Specific Gravity
	<ul> <li>Flow</li> </ul>
	Evaporation
	<ul> <li>Evaporation</li> <li>Pressure</li> </ul>
	Velocity

Topic Name	Objectives
Basic Physics (cont.)	• Friction
	• Temperature
	British Thermal Unit
	Calorie
	• Electricity
	5. Describe the three (3) methods of BTU (British Thermal Unit)
	transfer:
	Convection
	Conduction
	Radiation
	6. Describe how Boyle's Law explains the relationship between pressure and volume of gases.
	7. Describe how Charles' Law explains the relationship between
	temperature and volume of gases.
	8. Describe how Dalton's Law explains the relationship between total
	and partial pressure of a gas.
	9. Describe how the General Gas Law explains the relationship between
	temperature, pressure, and volume of gas.
	10. Describe how Bernoulli's Law explains the flow of liquids and
	gasses. 11. Describe force and leverage and their application to the process
	industry.
	12. Convert between scales using mass, flow and temperature which are
	commonly used in the process industry.
Basic Chemistry	1. Define the application of chemistry in the process industries.
	2. Describe the relationship between molecules, atoms, protons,
	neutrons, and electrons.
	3. Define the difference between organic and inorganic chemistry.
	4. Explain the difference between chemical properties and physical
	properties.
	5. Define and provide examples of the following terms:
	Hydrocarbon
	Boiling Point
	Chemical Reaction
	Oxidation/ Reduction
	• Acidic
	• Alkaline
	• Exothermic
	• Endothermic
	Compounds
	Mixtures
	Solutions
	Homogenous
	Equilibrium
	• Catalyst
	6. Describe the difference between an acid and a base (caustic).

Topic Name	Objectives
Basic Chemistry	7. Describe the method of measurement for acids and bases. (What is
(cont.)	pH?).
Safety, Health, and	1. Discuss the safety, health, and environmental hazards found in the
the Environment	process industries.
	2. Describe the intent and application of the primary regulations
	impacting the process industries:
	CFR (Code of Federal Regulations)
	• CFR 29
	• OSHA 1910.119 – Process Safety Management (PSM)
	• OSHA 1910.132 – Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
	OSHA 1910.1200 – Hazard Communication (HAZCOM)
	• OSHA 1910.120 – Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency
	Response (HAZWOPER)
	• DOT CFR 49.173.1 – Hazardous Materials – General
	Requirements for Shipments and Packaging
	• EPA CFR 260 - 270 – Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
	(RCRA)
	• 40 CFR 60-63 – Clean Air Act
	3. Describe the role of the process technician in achieving successful
	compliance with regulations.
	4. Describe the personal attitudes and behaviors that can help to prevent
	workplace accidents and incidents.
	5. Describe the components of the fire triangle and the fire and fire
	tetrahedron.
	6. Identify the consequences of non-compliance with regulations:
	• Legal
	Moral and Ethical
	• Safety, Health, and Environmental
	• Economics
	7. Explain the managerial and engineering controls used in the industry
	to minimize hazards and maximize worker and system protection in
	the workplace.
	8. Describe (demonstrate, if possible) the correct use of personal
	protective equipment (PPE).
	9. Describe the intent of the OSHA – Voluntary Protection Program
	(VPP).
	10. Describe the application of the International Organization of
	Standards (ISO)-14000 as it relates to the process industries.
Principles of Quality	1. Identify responses in the process industries to quality issues.
	2. Describe the role each of the following played in quality
	implementation:
	• W. E. Deming
	• Joseph Juran
	Philip Crosby
	3. Describe the four (4) components of Total Quality Management
	(TQM) and how it is applied in today's workplace.

Topic Name	Objectives
Principles of Quality	4. Describe the application of the International Organization of
(cont.)	Standards, ISO-9000, as it relates to the process industries.
	5. Describe the use of Statistical Process Control (SPC) in the
	workplace.
	Describe the roles and responsibilities of the process technician in
<b>D</b> <sup>1</sup> <b>1 1 1 1</b>	supporting quality improvement within the workplace.
Piping and Valves	1. Describe the purpose or function of piping and valves in the process
	industries.
	2. Identify the different materials used to manufacture piping and valve
	components:
	• Carbon Steel
	• Stainless Steel
	• Iron
	• Plastic
	• Exotic Metals (alloys)
	3. Identify the different types of piping and valve connecting methods:
	• Screwed
	• Flanged
	• Welded
	• Glued or bonded
	4. Identify the different types of pipe fittings used in the industry and
	their application:
	<ul><li>Coupling</li><li>Elbow</li></ul>
	• Tee
	Cross
	Union
	• Nipple
	Bushing
	• Plug
	• Cap 5. Identify the different tensor of veloce used in the inductor and their
	5. Identify the different types of valves used in the industry and their application:
	Ball
	<ul><li>Butterfly</li><li>Check</li></ul>
	<ul><li>Diaphragm</li><li>Gate</li></ul>
	• Globe
	• Plug $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P} = 1 + \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}$
	Relief/Safety
	6. Discuss the hazards associated with the improper operation of a
	valve:
	Personnel hazards

Topic Name	Objectives
Piping and Valves	Equipment hazards
(cont.)	Production Loss or Product Damage
	Environmental Damage and Cost of Cleanup
	7. Describe the monitoring and maintenance activities associated with
	piping and valves:
	Look:
	<ul> <li>Inspect for connection leaks</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Inspect for wear from corrosion or erosion</li> </ul>
	• Check for loose valve parts
	• Verify proper positioning of valves
	Do:
	• Grease and lubricate
	• Adjust packing
	• Labeling
	8. Identify the symbols used to represent the different types of piping and valve components presented in this session.
Tanks, Drums, and	1. Describe the purpose or function of tanks, drums, and vessels in the
Vessels	process industries.
V C35C15	<ol> <li>Explain the relationship of pressure to the vessel shape and wall</li> </ol>
	thickness.
	3. Describe the purpose of dikes, firewalls and containment walls
	around tanks, drums, and vessels.
	4. Define and provide examples of the following terms as they relate to
	tanks, drums, and vessels:
	Floating Roof
	• Sphere
	• Blanket
	Vapor Recovery
	Foam Chamber
	Vortex Breaker
	• Sump (Possum Belly)
	• Baffle
	• Mixer
	• Weir
	Gauge Hatch
	• Boot
	• Manway
	Heat Tracing (steam or electrical)
	5. Describe the monitoring and maintenance activities associated with
	tank farm operations:
	Listen: abnormal noise
	Touch: abnormal heat on vessels and piping
	Look:
	Monitor levels
	Check firewalls and sumps     Correction and Discolaration
	Corrosion and Discoloration

Topic Name	Objectives
Tanks, Drums, and	Feel: excessive vibration-pumps/mixers
Vessels (cont.)	Smell: abnormal odors-leaks
	6. Identify the symbols used to represent the different types of tanks,
	drums, and vessels presented in this session.
	7. Identify and describe the various types of reactors and their purpose.
	8. Identify possible impacts from the following:
	Improper valve lineup
	<ul> <li>Loss of nitrogen flow</li> </ul>
	Cross contamination
	Failure of vent system
	<ul> <li>Leaks/Spills</li> </ul>
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Dummera	Chemical Reactions (such as corrosion, pH, etc.)
Pumps	1. Describe the purpose or function of pumps in the process industries.
	2. Explain the difference between the two common types of pumps used
	in the process industries:
	Centrifugal (horizontal and vertical)
	• Positive displacement (rotary and reciprocating)
	3. Identify the primary parts of a typical centrifugal pump:
	4. Describe the operations of a centrifugal pump.
	5. Explain the difference between the rotary and reciprocating positive
	displacement pumps.
	6. 6. Identify the primary parts of various positive displacement pumps:
	7. Describe the operations of a positive displacement pump.
	8. Discuss the hazards associated with the improper operation of both
	the positive displacement and centrifugal pump:
	Personnel hazards
	• Equipment hazards
	• Production
	• Environment
	9. Describe the monitoring and maintenance activities associated with
	pumps:
	Listen: abnormal noise
	Inspect: excessive heat and vibration (be aware of high
	temperatures)
	Look: Check oil levels
	Look: Check for Leaks at seals and flanges
	Look: Discharge Pressure
	10. Identify the symbols used to represent the different types of pumps.
Compressors	1. Describe the purpose or function of compressors in the process
	industries.
	2. Explain the difference between a pump and compressor in terms of
	what function each performs.
	3. Explain the difference between the two (2) more common types of
	compressors used in the process industries:
	• Dynamic (centrifugal and axial)
	Positive Displacement (rotary and reciprocating)

Topic Name	Objectives
Topic Name Compressors (cont.)	Objectives         4. Identify the primary parts of a typical centrifugal compressor:         5. Describe the operations of a centrifugal compressor.         6. Explain the difference between rotary and reciprocating positive displacement compressors.         7. Identify the primary parts of a positive displacement compressor.         8. Describe the operations of a positive displacement compressor.         9. Discuss the hazards associated with the improper operation of both the positive displacement and centrifugal compressor:         • Personnel hazards         • Equipment hazards         • Production         • Environment         10. Describe the monitoring and maintenance activities associated with compressors:         Look:         • Check oil levels, check for leaks at seals and flange         • Check suction and discharge pressures         Listen: Inspect for abnormal noise         Inspect: Inspect for excessive heat and vibration (be aware of high temperatures)
	11. Identify the symbols used to represent the different types of
Steam Turbines	<ul> <li>compressors presented in this session.</li> <li>1. Describe the purpose or function of steam turbines in the process industries.</li> <li>2. Identify the primary parts of a typical (non-condensing) steam turbine: <ul> <li>Casing</li> <li>Shaft</li> <li>Moving and fixed blades</li> <li>Governor</li> <li>Nozzle</li> <li>Inlet (Suction)</li> <li>Outlet (Discharge)</li> <li>Trip and Throttle Valve</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Describe how a steam turbine operates.</li> <li>4. Discuss the hazards associated with the improper operation of a steam turbine: <ul> <li>Personnel hazards</li> <li>Equipment hazards</li> <li>Production</li> <li>Environment</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Describe the monitoring and maintenance activities associated with a steam turbine: <ul> <li>Check oil levels-lubrication</li> <li>Check bearings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Steam Turbines	• Check for leaks at seals and flanges
(cont.)	<ul> <li>Check RPMs</li> </ul>
	• Listen: for abnormal noise
	• <b>Inspect:</b> Check for excessive vibration (be aware of high
	temperatures)
	6. Identify the symbols used to represent the steam turbine and
	associated equipment presented in this session.
Electricity and	1. Explain the difference between AC and DC current.
Motors	2. Identify what current (AC, DC, 3-phase, single phase) is most
	commonly used in the Processing Industry.
	3. Explain basic motor controllers
	4. Describe the purpose or function of the electric motor in the process
	industries.
	5. Identify the primary parts of a typical electric motor:
	6. Discuss the hazards associated with the improper inspection and
	operation of an AC motor:
	• Personnel hazards
	• Equipment hazards
	• Production
	• Environment
	7. Describe the monitoring and maintenance activities associated with
	an electric motor:
	• Look:
	• Check lubrication
	• Check for loose covers and shrouds
	• Listen: for abnormal noise
	• Inspect:
	• Check for excessive heat
	<ul> <li>Check for excessive vibration (be aware of high</li> </ul>
	temperatures)
	8. Identify the symbols used to represent electric motors and associated
	equipment presented in this session.
Heat Exchangers	<ol> <li>Describe the purpose or function of heat exchangers in the process</li> </ol>
(Part 1) Shell and	industries.
Tube	<ol> <li>Recall the three (3) methods of heat (BTU) transfer:</li> </ol>
Tube	<ul> <li>Convection</li> </ul>
	Conduction
	• Radiation
	3. Identify the primary parts of a typical shell and tube exchanger.
	4. Describe the operations of a typical shell and tube exchanger.
	5. Describe the different applications of a typical shell and tube
	exchanger:
	• Reboiler (forced feed and thermo siphon)
	• Heater/preheater
	• After-cooler
	• Condenser

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Heat Exchangers	• Chiller
(Part I) Shell and	• Interchanger
Tube (cont.)	6. Discuss the hazards associated with the improper operation of a heat
	exchanger:
	Personnel hazards
	• Equipment hazards
	• Production
	• Environmental
	7. Describe the monitoring and maintenance activities associated with a
	heat exchanger:
	Look:
	• Check for external leaks – head, flanges, and bleeders
	• Check for internal tube leaks – sample results
	<ul> <li>Check inlet and outlet pressures</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Check inlet and outlet temperatures</li> </ul>
	• Listen: Inspect for abnormal noise
	• Inspect: Check for excessive vibration (be aware of high
	temperatures)
	8. Identify the symbols used to represent the heat exchanger and
<b>** •</b> 1	associated equipment presented in this session.
Heat Exchangers	1. Describe the purpose or function of an air cooled heat exchanger in the
(Part 2) Air Cooled	process industries.
Exchangers	2. Identify the primary parts and support systems of a typical air cooled exchanger.
	3. Describe the operation of an air cooled exchanger
	4. Describe the different applications or use of water from a cooling
	tower:
	Process condensers
	Lubricating system coolers (Rotating Equipment)
	5. Discuss the hazards associated with the improper operation of an air
	cooled exchanger
	Personnel hazards
	Equipment hazards
	Production
	• Environment
	6. Describe the monitoring and maintenance activities associated with an
	air cooled exchanger:
	Look: Leaks
	Listen: Inspect for abnormal noise (fans and motors)
	<b>Inspect:</b> Check for excessive vibration (fans and motors) be aware of
	high temperatures
	Identify the symbols used to represent air cooled exchangers, and
	associated equipment.
Heat Exchangers	1. Describe the purpose or function of a cooling tower in the process
(Part 3) Cooling	industries.
Towers	

Topic Name	Objectives
Heat Exchangers	2. Identify the primary parts and support systems of a typical cooling
(Part 3) Cooling	tower.
Towers (cont.)	3. Describe the operation of a Cooling Tower
	4. Discuss the hazards associated with improper operation of a Cooling
	tower and the potential fire hazard when shutting one down.
	5. Describe the monitoring and maintenance activities associated with a
	Cooling Tower:
	Look: Leaks
	Listen: for abnormal noise (fans and motors) be aware of high
	temperatures
	6. Identify the symbols used with cooling towers and associated
	equipment presented in this session
Furnaces	1. Describe the purpose or function of a furnace in the process industries.
	2. Describe the types of fuel used in a furnace
	Natural gas
	• Fuel oil
	Process oil
	Process gas
	• Fuel gas
	3. Identify the primary parts of a typical furnace.
	4. Describe the different types of furnaces by draft:
	<ul> <li>Natural draft</li> </ul>
	Forced draft
	Induced draft
	Balanced draft
	5. Describe the different furnace designs:
	Cylindrical
	Cabin
	• A-Frame
	6. Describe the monitoring and maintenance activities associated with a
	furnace.
	<b>Look:</b> positive/negative pressure, flame inspection, hot spots
	<b>Listen:</b> abnormal noise (i.e., incomplete combustion
	<b>Inspect:</b> visible emissions, on-line analysis
	7. Discuss the hazards associated with the improper operation of a
	furnace:
	Personnel hazards
	<ul> <li>Equipment hazards</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Protection (PPE)</li></ul>
	Environment
	Identify the symbols used with furnaces and associated equipment
	presented in this session
Boilers	
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	2. Describe the operation of boilers in different applications in the process industries
	process industries.
	3. Identify the primary parts and support systems of a typical fuel-fired
	boiler.

Topic Name	Objectives
Boilers (cont.)	4. Describe the types of fuel used in a boiler:
	Natural gas
	• Fuel oil
	• Fuel gas
	• Process oil
	Process gas
	5. Describe the different types of boilers by draft:
	Natural draft
	Forced draft
	Induced draft
	Balanced draft
	6. Describe the difference in fire tube and water tube boilers.
	7. Describe the monitoring and maintenance activities associated with
	operating boilers:
	Look: Fire eye, boiler level, boiler pressure •
	Listen: abnormal noises
	Check: safety systems associated with a boiler
	Inspect: water level, water quality
	8. Discuss the hazards associated with the improper operation of a
	boiler:
	Personnel hazards
	Equipment hazards
	• Production
	• Environment
	9. Identify the symbols used with boilers and associated equipment
	presented in this session
Distillation	1. Describe the purpose or function of a distillation column or tower in
	the process industries.
	2. Identify the primary parts and support systems of a typical tray-type
	distillation column:
	3. Describe the distillation process.
	4. Describe the use of packing as it pertains to distillation.
	5. Discuss the hazards associated with the improper operation of a
	distillation column:
	Personnel hazards
	Equipment hazards
	• Production
	• Environment
	6. Describe the monitoring and maintenance activities associated with
	distillation column operations:
	<b>Listen:</b> Inspect for abnormal noise (pumps and reboilers)
	Look: Check for leaks
	Look: Check samples for separation
	Look: Check temperature and pressure differentials (be aware of
	high temperatures)

<b>Topic Name</b>	Objectives
Distillation (cont.)	Identify the symbols used with distillation columns and associated
	equipment presented in this session.
Process Control Instrumentation	<ol> <li>Describe the purpose or function of process control instrumentation in the process industries.</li> <li>Describe the difference between process control indicators and control loop inputs.</li> <li>Describe the major types of process control instrumentation:         <ul> <li>Electronic</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
	<ul> <li>Pneumatic</li> <li>Digital</li> <li>Analog</li> <li>4. Define a generic control loop and provide an example.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>5. Identify four key variables which are controlled by process control instrumentation:</li> <li>Temperature</li> <li>Pressure</li> <li>Level</li> <li>Flow</li> </ul>
	<ol> <li>Identify typical process control instruments, their applications and functions.</li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>Describe distributive control systems and how they are applied in the process industries.</li> <li>Diagonal data and the state of the system of the syste</li></ol>
	<ul> <li>8. Discuss the hazards associated with process control instruments (i.e., positioners, fail open/fail closed, leaks).</li> <li>Look: Valve position</li> <li>Listen: Leaks on pneumatic air systems</li> <li>Check: valve stroke</li> <li>9. Describe the monitoring and maintenance activities associated with process control instrumentation.</li> <li>Identify symbols used to represent process control instruments.</li> </ul>
Process Utilities	<ol> <li>Discuss the different types of process utilities and their applications:         <ul> <li>Water Systems (Boiler feed water, Drinking water, Cooling water, Fire water, Service water, Process water, Potable water, Condensate)</li> <li>Steam</li> <li>Electrical</li> <li>Air Systems (Plant, instrument air, breathing)</li> <li>Sour water</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
	<ul> <li>Gas Systems (Fuel Gas, Natural gas, nitrogen, etc.)</li> <li>CO2 (carbon monoxide)</li> <li>Describe the different types of equipment associated with each of the utility systems found in the process industries.</li> <li>Identify symbols used to represent process utilities.</li> </ul>
Process Auxiliaries	<ol> <li>Describe the purpose or function of the different process auxiliary systems and their applications.</li> <li>Discuss the different types of waste water systems and their applications in process:</li> </ol>

Topic Name	Objectives
Process Auxiliaries	Treated water
(cont.)	• Waste water (Sewer, Storm, Oily)
	3. Discuss the equipment associated with flare systems found in the
	process industries.
	4. Discuss the parts associated with refrigeration systems found in the process industries.
	5. Discuss the parts associated with lubrication systems found in the process industries.
	<ul><li>6. Discuss the parts associated with hot oil systems found in the process industries.</li></ul>
	Identify symbols used to represent process auxiliary systems.
Process Print Reading	<ol> <li>Describe the purpose or function of process systems drawings.</li> <li>Identify the common components and information within process systems drawings.</li> <li>Identify the different drawing types and their uses:</li> </ol>
	Block Flow Diagrams
	Process Flow Diagrams (PFD)
	Piping and Instrument Diagrams (P&ID)
	Plan drawing
	Engineering Flow Drawing (EFD)
	• Electrical Drawings: –Mechanical - Wiring Diagrams
	-Schematics
	• Isometrics
	Identify the different components and their symbols in each of the
Dragona Facility Tour	drawings listed above.
Process Facility Tour (optional)	Establish the relationship between content in the course and actual equipment in a process by conducting a facility tour. Consider the
(optional)	following:
	1. Transportation
	2. Access to the facility/safety orientation
	3. Tour Guide
	4. Proper clothing (PPE)
	*Suggested alternatives to touring process facility:
	College physical plant
	Public/municipal utilities

#### III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

OUTCOME	METHOD OF ASSESSMENT
Soft skills. This should include knowledge	Individual Assignments
of what the job of process operator	Closed book Exams
includes, teamwork, quality, safety, and	Final Exam
the history of the process industry.	
The vocabulary of the process industry.	Individual Assignments
This should include common terms for	Closed book Exams
both activities and for pieces of equipment	Final Exam
and equipment operation.	
Equipment such as valves, heat	Individual Assignments
exchangers pumps, compressors, etc. This	Closed book Exams
knowledge should include operation and	Final Exam
the names of the equipment and the parts	
of the equipment.	
Safety is an issue of primary concern to	Individual Assignments
the chemical industry. Doing the job	Closed book Exams
safely is one of the objectives in the	Final Exam
Introduction to Process Technology	
course.	
Process operations such as distillation,	Individual Assignments
utilities and other "auxiliary" equipment,	Closed book Exams
basic reactor flows, furnace and boiler	Final Exam
operation and process control. Process	
control should include the basic symbols	
used in process control.	
Beginning analytical thinking trouble	Individual Assignments
shooting of simple operations problems.	Closed book Exams
	Final Exam

# IV. TEXTBOOK OR COURSE MATERIAL INFORMATION

#### A. Textbook

- Introduction to Process Technology. CAPT, Inc., 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Pearson Publisher 2018 ISBN: 978-0-13-480824-6 (required)
- 2. Safety Glasses (Optional)

Required course materials are available at the Brazosport College bookstore, on campus or online at <u>http://brazosport.edu/bookstore/home.html.</u> 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:<u>bookstore@brazosport.edu</u>. Website: <u>http://brazosport.edu/bookstore/home.html.</u>

Introduction to Process Technology is the first process technology course that a student will take in the degree program for an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Chemical Technology – Process Operations Option. This curriculum is designed as a 2-year (full time) program to train students for careers as Process Technicians in the chemical and refining process industries. This course is the foundation course for the program.

Introduction to Process Technology provides a general overview of the process industry, the roles and responsibilities of Process Technicians, types of equipment and processes handled on the job, and the general knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to succeed as a Process Technician.

# **B.** Course Outline

This is a sample outline which may vary with individual instructors. It will also vary based on whether the course is a summer course or a fall/spring course. Students should contact their instructor for the outline of the course they are taking.

WEEK #	ТОРІС
1	Introductions, Overview of Course
2	Process Technology Overview
	Oil and Gas Industry Overview
	Chemical Industry Overview
3	Mining Industry Overview
	Power Generation Industry Overview
	Pulp and Paper Industry Overview
4	Water and Wastewater Treatment Industry Overview
	Food and Beverage Industry Overview
	Pharmaceutical Industry Overview
	*Exam 1
5	Basic Physics
6	Basic Chemistry
7	Safety, Health, Environment, and Security
	Quality
	Teams
8	Process Drawings
	Piping and Valves
	Vessels
	Exam 2
9	Pumps
	Compressors
10	Turbines
	Electricity and Motors
	*Exam 3
11	Heat Exchangers
	Cooling Towers

WEEK #	TOPIC
12	Furnaces
	Boilers
	*Exam 4
13	Holiday
14	Distillation
	Process Utilities
15	Process Auxiliaries
	Instrumentation
	Exam 5
16	Final Exam (for Online course this is required to be proctored at
	Learning Services on campus and you will be responsible for
	scheduling your appointment with them. Spots are limited and are
	first come, first serve.

#### **Important Semester Dates:**

Last Day to Withdraw from Classes– Check BC Academic Calendar at <u>http://catalog.brazosport.edu/index.php</u>

#### **Office Hours:**

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

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: <u>https://brazosport.edu/faculty-and-staff/resources/course-syllabi-instructor-information/</u>

#### C. Virtual Campus/D2L: (for Online and Hybrid courses only)

Knowing how to use Virtual Campus is an <u>absolute must</u> to succeed in this course. Locations of technical support information on the Virtual Campus are on the school website, the Virtual Campus login page, on the My Home page, and Course Home areas of each online course. These areas contain links to:

- technical support
- manuals & videos
- orientation to online courses
- distance learning website

Here is one of several links you can use to review and learn how to use Virtual Campus: <u>http://brazosport.edu/DL</u>

# D. Check "Contents" in D2L to keep up with weekly assignments starting your first week.

Check D2L for up-to-date due dates/deadlines.

- Deadlines are not flexible. Only negotiable due to emergencies/event out of your control, and with written excuse from employer, doctor, etc.
- Students must use D2L to keep up with announcements, assignments, etc.
- I'd highly recommend forwarding your D2L email to whatever email account you check regularly. This way, you won't miss communications from me in a timely manner.
- Several elements of D2L may be used including Dropbox, Discussions, Contents, Quizzes and more.
- The assignments and quizzes should all appear in "Contents". Contents are a key area for you to check.
- E. Weekly Homework is due every Sunday night by 11:59 pm. The link to submit homework can be found in "Content" (see top menu bar) and the associated week folder. Submit this in Dropbox in a Word document (created and saved on your PC or flashdrive) with title as Week 1 HW.doc (Note: include <u>all</u> chapters for that week's assignment in <u>one</u> document. Please type questions and answers and <u>make sure numbering matches textbook and a separate line for each question answer</u>).
- See the HW format example document at top of "Content" section for a guideline to format your HW. Points will be deducted if homework not submitted in ONE weekly document. Points also deducted for not typing questions AND answers and for any missed answers. Homework will be graded within 5 days of submission.
- **F. Weekly Chapter Quizzes** are also due weekly per schedule and can be accessed by Content tab <u>or</u> Assessment/Quizzes (see top menu bar in D2L). You can take these ahead of time if desired. Each quiz can be taken only once and is timed. They are due every week on Sunday no later than 11:59 p.m. Quizzes are automatically graded in D2L. You can review scores upon submission or in Assessment/Grades section of D2L.
- **G. Major Exams** are assigned per schedule in Contents and have a start and end date allowed. These can only be taken using Respondus Browser. You must download this software onto your home computer so I would advise doing this right away in case you need to get the Help Desk involved. I have provided a practice Respondus exam to ensure you get the system working before the first major exam is due.

The other option is to take the exam at Learning Services on campus (these must be scheduled and I must be notified AHEAD of time). For information on Respondus, try this link: <u>http://brazosport.edu/students/for-students/bc-online/respondus-lockdown-browser/</u>

**H. Final Exam** is required to be proctored by Learning Services. It will be your responsibility to call Learning Services ASAP in order to secure an appointment. Their appointment spots are limited, so you will need to not delay in scheduling.

I. Misc.: The schedule will vary from semester to semester. In summer sessions the schedule will be adjusted to have more contact hours per week to accommodate the shorter semester.

# J. Communications with Instructor

- Please send any emails to me through D2L or brazosport email.
- <u>Make sure and identify which course and section you are in because I instruct more</u> than one course/section and need this information to locate your information online.
- I would highly recommend forwarding your D2L emails to an email account that you check regularly. Instructions for this are on D2L along with other useful resource.
- I would also recommend using the D2L notifications feature to remind you of upcoming assignments and other available topics.

#### K. Classroom Expectations

- Integrity: Always maintain your personal integrity by being truthful and by honoring your commitments. Follow the Brazosport Academic policy. Do not jeopardize your future employment opportunities by cheating.
- Safety: Never do anything that would jeopardize the safety of yourself or anyone else. If you are not sure about something, ask first! Remind each other of your mutual commitment to keep each other safe.
- Attire/PPE: Long paints, Closed-toe shoes, shirt with sleeves. Safety glasses as needed.
- Cell Phone: Cell phones are to be on silent and stowed in the student's personal bag or other suitable location, not on person. At no time should the cell phone be visible during class time. If cell phone use is detected, this will result in a student earning a zero for all graded content for the current week the infraction is committed.
- Sleeping: Sleeping is not allowed and will reduce your attendance/participation grade. During lecture, you may stand instead of sitting to help stay alert.
- Food/Drink: Drinks and food are allowed, however, clean up after yourself and don't become a distraction. Otherwise, the privilege will be taken away.
- Respect for Others: Everyone is expected to treat each other with respect. This includes appropriate language and tone.

# 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.

Alex Crouse, Director of Student Life and Title IX Coordinator 979-230-3355; alex.crouse@brazosport.edu

Mareille Rolon, HR Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinator 979-230-3303; <u>mareille.rolon@brazosport.edu</u>

# 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 <a href="http://brazosport.edu/students/for-students/student-services/">http://brazosport.edu/students/for-students/student-services/</a>.

# 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. 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 Policy:

Discussion Questions	15 %
Exams	30%
D2L Homework/Quizzes	30%
Final Exam	25%

Grades are assigned as follows:

Grade	Final Average
А	89.5-100
В	79.5-89.4
С	69.5-79.4
D	59.5-69.4
F	Below 59.5

# 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. 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.

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#### XIV. 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.

#### XV. OTHER STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATION

Information about the Library is available at <u>http://brazosport.edu/students/for-students/places-</u> 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 <u>http://brazosport.edu/students/for-students/places-services/learning-services/</u>.

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 <u>http://brazosport.edu/students/for-students/student-success-center/math-center/.</u>

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

The Student Services provides assistance in the following:

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 <u>http://geni.us/BRAZO</u> 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.

# \*\*Submit acknowledgement of having read this syllabus per instructions. This is a grade. Read and Sign Syllabus and submit in D2L Week 1 Dropbox for grade

PTAC-1302: I have read this syllabus and understand the course content and expectations of my instructor for this class.

Print (Type) Name:

Date:

Note: Submit this page only as a Word document and place in dropbox for homework grade