

HVAC A104: AIR BALANCE

Item	Value
Curriculum Committee Approval Date	10/30/2024
Top Code	094600 - Environmental Control Technology
Units	3 Total Units
Hours	72 Total Hours (Lecture Hours 45; Lab Hours 27)
Total Outside of Class Hours	0
Course Credit Status	Credit: Degree Applicable (D)
Material Fee	No
Basic Skills	Not Basic Skills (N)
Repeatable	No
Open Entry/Open Exit	No
Grading Policy	Standard Letter (S)

Course Description

Operation and maintenance of air conditioning and heating ducts and their controls; various methods of distribution and the means to deliver proper air flow. PREREQUISITE: HVAC A100 and HVAC A101. ADVISORY: HVAC A103 and HVAC A105. Transfer Credit: CSU.

Course Level Student Learning Outcome(s)

1. Describe a complete air distribution system including air flow characteristics.
2. Demonstrate the use of air flow instruments and interpret results.

Course Objectives

- 1. Describe a complete air distribution system.
- 2. Describe air flow characteristics.
- 3. Demonstrate the use of air flow instruments and interpret results.
- 4. Explain the process of balancing air flow for comfort conditioning.
- 5. Take basic air measurements.
- 6. Measure air quantities.
- 7. Describe duct systems.
- 8. Describe a return air system.
- 9. Describe trouble shooting techniques.

Lecture Content

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Lab Content

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Method(s) of Instruction

- Lecture (02)
- Lab (04)

Instructional Techniques

Lectures from the book (s), videos from various suppliers of equipment, hands on demonstrations of the equipment, and homework.

Reading Assignments

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Writing Assignments

Written descriptions of the various pieces of equipment involved in air balance, homework, and hands on demonstrations to validate an understanding of the instructional objectives. 1-3 hours per week

Out-of-class Assignments

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Demonstration of Critical Thinking

Written tests including multiple choice, true/false, fill in the blanks, and some hands on demonstrations of diagnostic tools.

Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration

Written descriptions of the various pieces of equipment involved in air balance, homework, and hands on demonstrations to validate an understanding of the instructional objectives.

Eligible Disciplines

Air conditioning, refrigeration, heating (solar energy technician): Any bachelor's degree and two years of professional experience, or any associate degree and six years of professional experience.

Other Resources

1. Handouts provided by Instructor