Course Syllabus

GM Automatic Transmission I
AMT- 2130
3 Credits, 2 Class Hours, 3 Laboratory Hours
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Textbook and Other Materials:

Supplemental material All Computer Based Training CD’s, Service Know How videos, and Web Based Training IDLs are required to be completed for GM hands-on certification to be granted.

Course Description

This is an introductory course in GM automatic transmissions. Topics include the theory, operation, and diagnosis of automatic transmissions and the rebuilding of automatic transmissions. Corequisite: AMT 2140

Course Outcomes:
Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Explain the operations of transmission, hydraulics, torque converters, clutches and bands.

2. Remove and install an automatic transmission (on-car removal/installation required for course completion).

3. Using an actual transmission, answer questions about band and clutch application and power flow.

4. Service and adjust an automatic transmission.

5. Replace automatic transmission components.
Course Assessments:
The student will be required to pass a series of on-the-car hands-on tasks set by the GM Service Technical College and the NATEF task list. (Task II. Automatic Transmission and Transaxle) Evidence that the tasks have been met, the student will identify and interpret transmission/transaxle concern; assure proper engine operation; determine necessary action. Research applicable vehicle and service information, such as transmission/transaxle system operation, vehicle service history, service precautions and technical service bulletins. Locate and interpret vehicle and major component identification numbers (VIN, vehicle certification labels, calibration decals.) Diagnose fluid usage, level and condition concerns; determine necessary action. Perform pressure tests; determine necessary action. Perform lock-up converter systems tests; determine necessary action. Diagnose electronic, mechanical, hydraulic, vacuum control system concerns; determine necessary action. Diagnose transmission/transaxle gear reduction/multiplication concerns using driving, driven and held member (power flow) principles. Inspect, adjust or replace throttle valve (TV) linkages or cables; manual shift linkages or cables; transmission range sensor; check gear select indicator (as applicable). Service transmission; perform visual inspection; replace fluid and filters. Diagnose electronic transmission control systems using a scan tool; determine necessary action. Remove and reinstall transmission and torque converter (rear-wheel drive). Disassembly, clean and inspect transmission/transaxle. Assemble transmission/transaxle. Inspect, measure and reseal oil pump assembly and components. Measure endplay or preload; determine necessary action. Inspect and measure planetary gear assembly (includes sun, ring gear, thrust washers, planetary gears and carrier assembly; determine necessary action. Measure clutch pack clearance; determine necessary action. Air test operation of clutch and servo assemblies. Inspect roller and sprag clutch, races, rollers, sprags, springs, cages and retainers; replace as needed. All these tasks will be observe by me on a one-on-one basic when in the shop.

Grading Policy:
Grading of class: Letter grade conversions:
Assignment /Lab Sheets 10% A (90-100)
Unit & Mid-Term Tests (4) 20% B (80-89)
Hands-on Components 40% C (70-79)
Final Test 30% D (60-69)

Lab Sheets are based on hands-on performance tasks per the GM Service Technical College and the NATEF task list.

NOTE: If the AVERAGE TOWARD FINAL GRADE is 90 or above (+ - assignments and lab sheets) you do not have to take the FINAL TEST.
If you have to take the FINAL TEST, the AVERAGE TOWARD FINAL GRADE and FINAL TEST are averaged for the FINAL LETTER GRADE.

Laboratory Guidelines
- Horseplay will not be tolerated
- When working under an automobile, you must use a creeper
- Use all hand or special tools properly
- Do not sit in an automobile unless you are making a check or test that requires
you to
• Do not run the radio or change radio setting
• Do not move the seat unless necessary
• You must use fender covers when working under the hood
• Do not use any part of an automobile for a work bench
• Every automobile must have a work order on it
• Every automobile jacked up must have jack stands under it
• You must wear safety glasses when doing the following
  Turning a drum/rotor     Balancing a wheel
  Grinding                  Drilling holes
  Re-facing a valve         Using a blow gun

Topics to Be Covered:

1 - Introduction
   - History
   - Torque converter
   - Bands/clutches
   - Hydraulic systems
   - Job sheet

Week 2 - Torque converter
   - construction/operation
   - Hydraulic circuits
   - Diagnosis and repairs
   - Clutch

Week 3 - Components
   - Planetaries
   - Multiple Disc Clutch Assembly

Week 4 - Bands
   - Single/Double Wrap
   - Servo Piston
   - Adjustments
   - Diagnosis

Week 5 - Assemblies
   - Sprag
   - Roller Clutch

Week 6 - Seals
   - Neoprene
   - Metal Piston
   - Teflon
   - Retaining Rings
   - Washers
Week 7 - Hydraulic System
- Pump
- Pressure Regulator Valve
- Balanced Valves
- Filters
- Special Valves
- Measurements
- Power Flow for Various Gears
- Diagnosis
- Slippage (Various Gears)
- Shifting Problems
- No Gear Situation
- High/Low Oil Pressure

Attendance Policy
A student is expected to attend all scheduled classes and laboratories. Each instructor will formulate an attendance policy and provide it on the course syllabus. Absences are counted from the first scheduled meeting of the class, and it is the responsibility of each student to know the attendance policy of each instructor in whose class he/she is enrolled. If a student is absent from a class, he/she should give an advanced explanation to the instructor. Absences in a course may affect a student’s final grade. The student is responsible for all assigned work in the course regardless of excused or unexcused absences. Tardiness may also affect a student’s final grade.
Failure to attend class will result in a final course grade of “FA” or “FN” (see explanation below) depending on the individual instructor’s course policy.
FA= failure, attendance-related (unofficial withdrawal) Last recorded date of attendance required.
FN= failure, never attended class (unofficial withdrawal)

Student Communication Channels
It is the student’s responsibility to check D2L and MyNSCC email on a regular basis. These are the official communication channels between the college and students. Students are responsible for the information communicated through those channels. D2L contains specific course information and MyNSCC contains information important for other purposes.

Early Warning System
Nashville State Community College has implemented an Early Warning System to notify students via e-mail about academic problems such as poor classroom attendance, poor performance on assignments/tests, poor communication skills, late/missing assignments, and/or lack of classroom participation. Please note that Early Warning Alerts do not affect a student’s academic standing.

ADA Compliance Statement
Nashville State complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you wish to request any special accommodations for any courses in which you are enrolled, contact the Student Disabilities Office at 353.3721.
Classroom Misconduct
Nashville State Community College has a zero tolerance policy for disruptive conduct in the classroom. Students whose behavior disrupts the classroom will be subject to disciplinary sanctions. Please consult your Student Handbook for more specific details.
The instructor has primary responsibility for control over classroom behavior and maintenance of academic integrity. He/she can order temporary removal or exclusion from the classroom of any student engaged in disruptive conduct or in conduct which violates the general rules and regulations of the College.
Disruptive behavior in the classroom may be defined as, but is not limited to, behavior that obstructs or disrupts the learning environment (e.g., offensive language, harassment of students and professors, repeated outbursts from a student which disrupt the flow of instruction or prevent concentration on the subject taught, failure to cooperate in maintaining classroom decorum, etc.), the continued use of any electronic or other noise or light emitting device which disturbs others (e.g., disturbing noises from beepers, cell phones, palm pilots, lap-top computers, games, etc.).
Please be aware that children are not allowed in class or unattended on campus.

Academic Dishonesty (Honor Code)
Any form of academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarizing, or other academic misconduct is prohibited. “Plagiarism may result from: (1) failing to cite quotations and borrowed ideas, (2) failing to enclose borrowed language in quotation marks, and (3) failing to put summaries and paraphrases in your own words (A Writer’s Reference 331). Academic dishonesty may be defined as, but is not limited to, intentionally trying to deceive by claiming credit for the work of another person, using information from a web page or source without citing the reference, fraudulently using someone else’s work on an exam, paper, or assignment, recycling your own work from another course, purchasing papers or materials from another source and presenting them as your own, attempting to obtain exams/materials/assignments in advance of the date of administration by the instructor, impersonating someone else in a testing situation, providing confidential test information to someone else, submitting the same assignment in two different classes without requesting both instructor’s permission, allowing someone else to copy or use your work, using someone else’s work to complete your own, altering documents, transcripts or grades, and forging a faculty/staff member’s signature.
In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed through regular college procedures as a result of academic dishonesty the instructor has the authority to assign an “F” or a “Zero” for the exercise, paper, or examination or to assign an “F” for the course. Students may appeal through the appropriate college grade appeal procedures.

Inclement Weather Policy
In the event of an inclement weather event, check the Nashville State web site home page at www.nscc.edu for announcements on campus closures. Campus closures will also be announced on local television stations (channels 2, 4, 5, and 17).
When classes are cancelled, an online assignment will be posted in NS Online. Check your NS Online email for a message from your instructor regarding your online assignment requirements. Even though classes may be cancelled, some areas, i.e. Testing Center, may be open. However, you should check before commuting to campus.
The Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Director of Security are responsible for
cancellation decisions during an inclement weather event for the Nashville State main campus
and the Southeast campus. Cookeville, Waverly, and Dickson Campus Directors will make class
cancellation decisions based on conditions in their respective areas. Decisions about class
cancellations are based on actual conditions, not forecasts. The perspective used for making
decisions is that of the college as an employer, not as a K-12 institution. Students should use
their own best judgment in determining whether to report to campus during inclement weather
when classes are not cancelled.

**NOTE:** This syllabus is meant simply as a guide and overview of the course. Some items are
subject to change or may be revised at the instructor’s discretion. Each instructor will further
clarify their criteria for grading, classroom procedures, attendance, exams and dates, etc. on
his/her course syllabus.