

Alternative Energy Technology (ALT)

ALT 110. Biofuels I. 3.0 Credits. Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course is designed to provide an introduction to the fundamentals of biobased fuels. Emphasis is placed on proper handling and use guidelines, basic chemistry of biofuels, production methods, and the social, environmental, and economic impacts of biofuels. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate a general understanding of biofuels.

ALT 120. Renewable Energy Technologies. 3.0 Credits. Class-2.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-2.0. Work-0.0

This course provides an introduction to multiple technologies that allow for the production and conservation of energy from renewable sources. Topics include hydro-electric, wind power, passive and active solar energy, tidal energy, appropriate building techniques, and energy conservation methods. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of renewable energy production and its impact on humans and their environment.

ALT 250. Thermal Systems. 3.0 Credits. Class-2.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-2.0. Work-0.0

This course introduces concepts, tools, techniques, and materials used to convert thermal energy into a viable, renewable energy resource. Topics include forced convection, heat flow and exchange, radiation, the various elements of thermal system design, regulations, and system installation and maintenance. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of geothermal and solar thermal systems and corresponding regulations.